



Principals' Staff Committee Meeting: FINAL Agenda

May 23, 2025

9:00 am – 1:00 PM

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Maryland Department of the Environment
1800 Washington Blvd, Baltimore, MD 21230*

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I. Order of the Day and Introductions **9:00 – 9:05 AM**

Secretary Josh Kurtz, PSC Chair, will kick-off the meeting and facilitate agenda topics.

Requested Action: None

Presenters: Josh Kurtz, MDNR

Materials: None

II. Business Meeting & Partner Updates **9:05 – 9:15 AM**

The purpose of this agenda item is to provide an opportunity for the signatories to offer any quick updates on items of interest to the PSC.

Requested Action: None; discussion only.

Presenters: Josh Kurtz, MDNR and PSC members

Materials: None

III. Discussion of Indigenous Conservation Council Resolution **9:15 – 9:45 AM**

The purpose of this agenda item is to discuss the January 2025 resolution from the Indigenous Conservation Council (ICC) and discuss and approve the proposed PSC response.

Requested Action: **Decisional**; approval of PSC response to the ICC resolution.

Presenters: Josh Kurtz, MDNR and PSC members

Materials: III. Proposed PSC Response to ICC

- IV. Approval of Agreement Vision, Preamble, and Principles** **9:45 – 10:05 AM**
 The purpose of this agenda item is to review and approve the proposed revisions to the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement’s Vision, Preamble, and Principles.
- Requested Action: **Decisional**; approve revisions to the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement’s Vision, Preamble, and Principles.
Presenters: Secretary Josh Kurtz, MD DNR and Leila Duman, MD DNR
Materials: IV. Revisions to Vision, Preamble, and Principles
- V. Discussion of Outcome/Output Standardization** **10:05 – 10:20 AM**
 The purpose of this agenda item is to receive an update of the Management Board decisions on the descriptions of an outcome and an target, and where they are placed in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement.
- Requested Action: None; discussion only.
Presenter: Anna Killius, CBC and Lee McDonnell, EPA CBPO
Materials: V. Outcome/Target Standardization Presentation
- VI. Approval of Management Board’s Recommended Language for Outcomes** **10:20 – 11:20 AM**
 The purpose of this agenda item is to review and discuss the updated and recommended language for the Agreement’s outcomes, which were language proposed at the May 7-8 Management Board Retreat. The PSC will be asked to approve the outcome language for inclusion into the Agreement, in preparation of the public feedback period.
- Requested Action: **Decisional**; approval of updated outcome language to be included in the Agreement.
Presenters: Lee McDonnell, EPA CBPO and Amy Handen, EPA CBPO
Materials: VI. Watershed Agreement Revised Outcome Language (posted on Tuesday, May 20)
- BREAK** **11:20 – 11:30 AM**
- VII. Approval of Changes to Agreement Goals and Management Strategies Sections of the Agreement** **11:30 – 12:20 AM**
 The purpose of this agenda item is to review and approve the revised goal structure under the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement, as well as any proposed changes to the Management Strategies section of the Agreement.
- Requested Action: **Decisional**; approval of revised goal structure and changes to Management Strategies in preparation of the public feedback period.
Facilitators: Josh Kurtz, MD DNR and Anna Killius, CBC
Materials:
- VII. Changes to Agreement Goals Section
 - VII. Draft Goal Statements and Introductions
 - VII. Changes to Agreement Management Strategies Section
- VIII. Update on Governance and Structure Work** **12:20 – 12:35 PM**
 The purpose of this agenda item is to receive an update on the PSC direction to GIT 6 to address the following activities as part of the structure and governance component of the 2024

Executive Council Charge on Beyond 2025: (1) Collect meeting operations' best practices from staffers, coordinators, and other entities; (2) Review other regional partnership programs and restoration initiatives to gain insights for MB and PSC consideration; and (3) Identify the skillsets needed to help draft and execute the Scope(s) of Work to fulfill the structure and governance components of the 2024 EC Charge.

Requested Action: **Decisional**; approval for GIT 6 to continue the work on structure and governance, as directed by the PSC.

Presenters: James Martin and Lucinda Power, GIT 6 Co-chairs

Materials: VIII. Governance and Structure Updates from GIT 6

IX. Updates from the Executive Council (EC) Planning Committee 12:35 – 12:40 PM

The purpose of this agenda item is to hear updates from the EC Planning Committee on the status of 2025 EC meeting planning.

Requested Action: None; discussion only.

Presenters: Rachel Felver, ACB

Materials: IX. Presentation: Updates from EC Planning Committee

X. Overview of Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week 12:40 – 12:45 PM

Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week is June 7 – June 15, 2025. Michael Augustin, Chesapeake Conservancy, is the lead planner and will provide an overview of the theme and events planned to celebrate our national treasure.

Requested Action: None; discussion only.

Presenter: Michael Augustin, Chesapeake Conservancy

Materials: X. Presentation on 2025 Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week

XI. Feedback from the Advisory Committees 12:45 – 12:55 PM

The purpose of this agenda item is to hear feedback from the partnership's four Advisory Committees on the day's discussions and decisions.

Requested Action: None; discussion only.

Presenters: Advisory Committee Chairs

Materials: None.

XII. Review Actions & Decisions 12:55 – 1:00 PM

Secretary Josh Kurtz, PSC Chair, will review the actions and decisions from the meeting.

XIII. Wrap Up & Adjourn 1:00 PM