



Management Board Retreat

DRAFT Agenda

September 30 – October 2, 2025

<p>Day 1: September 30 9:30 a.m.– 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>Meeting Link: Join the meeting now</p> <p>Join By Phone: 202-991-0477 Meeting ID: 258 516 122 873 2 Password: Ft3re9VF</p> <p>Materials: Management Board Retreat – Fall 2025 – Day 1</p>	<p>Day 2: October 1 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>Meeting Link: Join the meeting now</p> <p>Join By Phone: 202-991-0477 Meeting ID: 237 142 165 111 5 Password: Jz65y3bb</p> <p>Materials: Management Board Retreat – Fall 2025 – Day 2</p>	<p>Day 3: October 2 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.</p> <p>Meeting Link: Join the meeting now</p> <p>Join By Phone: 202-991-0477 Meeting ID: 237 551 650 715 4 Password: KE7vW6qU</p> <p>Materials: Management Board Retreat – Fall 2025 – Day 3</p>
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Meeting Location: Susquehanna River Basin Commission: 4423 N. Front Street Harrisburg, Pa 17110

*The in-person attendance for this meeting will be limited to Management Board members. We welcome all others interested in participating to please join virtually. *

Meeting Objectives: The Management Board (MB) will (1) Review, discuss and decide upon proposed changes to the revised Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement. Identify remaining topics for resolution and path forward to resolve and reach consensus by October 9th, and (2) Review, discuss and decide upon recommendations on governance and structure proposed by the Governance and Accountability Team.

Decision Making Process: (1) The MB will utilize the consensus continuum on all sections of the Agreement to obtain the MB positions on the redline version of the revised Agreement, (2) Consensus will be used to decide upon the edits to the revised Agreement, (3) If consensus is not able to be reached, voting by signatory supermajority will be used.

Facilitator Role:

Manage the agenda, ensure proper time is kept, protect all voices, prompt participation and facilitate decision making processes.

Management Board Members' Role:

- Be advocates – share your ideas and positions
- Be curious – ask questions, listen to others perspective, be curious and non-judgmental

- Be respectful – of the process, of others and the facilitator

DAYS 1 and 2

Breaks will occur at natural pauses within the meeting

I. Meeting Introductions and Agenda Overview

Purpose: Lee McDonnell, MB Acting Chair, will kick-off the meeting. Amy Handen, EPA, will administer roll call. The facilitator for Days 1 and 2, Jennifer Handke, will be introduced.

Requested Action: Non-decisional; Discussion and presentation only

Presenters: Lee McDonnell, EPA; Jennifer Handke, Facilitator

Materials: TBD

II. Revised Agreement Edit Summary and Consensus Position Assessment

Purpose: The MB members will receive a high-level overview of the public feedback process, themes that were addressed in the revised version of the Agreement, and high-level results of the consensus positions. The process for reviewing and resolving topics throughout the retreat will be reviewed as well as the process for decision making if consensus is not reached.

Requested Action: Non-decisional; Discussion and presentation only

Presenters: Rachel Felver, ACB; Jennifer Handke, Facilitator

Materials: TBD

III. Agreement Vision, Principles, Preamble, Goals and Management Strategy Sections

Purpose: The MB will receive a high-level overview of the public feedback provided for the Vision, Preamble, Principles and Management Strategies. The changes that were made and the rationale behind those changes will be provided. The MB will review and approve edits to these sections. In addition to text edits, the MB will make specific decisions on:

- Agreement time horizon (Decision: 2035 or 2040)
- Management Strategies – Timeline for initial MS development (Decision: 1 year, 18 months, or 2 years)
- Management Strategies – Timeframe for the cycle for MS implementation, partner commitment updates, and strategy evaluation/updates (Decision: 2 years, 3 years, 4 years, or 5 years)

Requested Action: Decisional

Presenters: Rachel Felver, ACB; Anna Killius, CBC; Sarah Brzezinski, EPA

Materials: TBD

(The Outcome groupings may be discussed in a different order, pending MB pre-retreat pulse check.)

IV. Healthy Landscapes Goal

Purpose: The MB will receive a high-level overview of the public feedback provided for the Healthy Landscapes Goal, Outcomes and Targets, rationale for suggested changes, overview of consensus positions and feedback from MB members provided in the pre-retreat exercise. The MB will review and approve edits to these sections.

Requested Action: Decisional

Presenters: Cassandra Davis, NY DEC

Materials: TBD

V. Engaged Communities Goal

Purpose: The MB will receive a high-level overview of the public feedback provided for the Engaged Communities Goal, Outcomes and Targets, rationale for suggested changes, overview of consensus positions and feedback from MB members provided in the pre-retreat exercise. The MB will review and approve edits to these sections.

Requested Action: Decisional

Presenters: Leila Duman, MD DNR

Materials: TBD

VI. Clean Water Goal

Purpose: The MB will receive a high-level overview of the public feedback provided for the Clean Water Goal, Outcomes and Targets, rationale for suggested changes, overview of consensus positions and feedback from MB members provided in the pre-retreat exercise. The MB will review and approve edits to these sections.

Requested Action: Decisional

Presenters: Peter Tango, USGS

Materials: TBD

VII. Thriving Habitat and Wildlife Goal

Purpose: The MB will receive a high-level overview of the public feedback provided for the Thriving Habitat and Wildlife Goal, Outcomes and Targets, rationale for suggested changes, overview of consensus positions and feedback from MB members provided in the pre-retreat exercise. The MB will review and approve edits to these sections.

Requested Action: Decisional

Presenters: Ken Hyer, USGS

Materials: TBD

Day 3: October 2:

VIII. Meeting Introductions

9:00 a.m. – 9:10 a.m.

Purpose: Lee McDonnell, MB Acting Chair, will kick-off the meeting and review the day's agenda. Amy Handen, EPA, will administer roll call.

Requested Action: Non-decisional; Discussion and presentation only

Presenters: Lee McDonnell, EPA, Amy Handen, EPA

Materials: None

IX. Remaining Decisions from CBWA Approval Process

9:10 a.m. – 9:40 a.m.

Purpose: Management Board will perform any decision making that was identified on Day 2 that requires supermajority voting and minor coordination between signatory delegations.

Requested Action: Decisional

Presenters: Lee McDonnell, EPA

Materials: Identified on Day 2

X. Governance and Structure Recommendations

9:40 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.

Purpose: Management Board will seek consensus on recommendations put forth by the Governance and Accountability Team.

Requested Action: Decisional

Presenters: Governance and Accountability Team Members

Materials: Governance and Accountability Recommendations

XI. Lunch

12:10 p.m. – 12:40 p.m.

XII. Structure Discussion

12:40 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Purpose: Management Board will discuss guidance from Principal Staff Committee on the program's Structure and identify options for progressing structure recommendations.

Requested Action: Discussion

Presenters: Anna Killius, CBC; Leila Duman, MD

Materials: PSC Guidance

XIII. Break

2:00 p.m. – 2:10 p.m.

XIV. Review Actions and Next Steps

2:10 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Purpose: Management Board will review actions that need to be executed before the December Executive Council meeting.

Requested Action: Decisional

Presenters: Lee McDonnell, EPA

Materials: None

XV. Adjourn

3:00 p.m.