



Principals' Staff Committee Meeting Final Agenda

November 6, 2025
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

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Purpose: The purpose of this meeting will be to make final decisions in preparation of the December 2, 2025 Chesapeake Executive Council meeting, including: (1) Approval of technical edits to the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement; (2) Approval of the Indigenous Charge, (3) Approval of the structure recommendations, and (4) Approval of the governance recommendations.

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. Approval of Technical Edits to the Watershed Agreement **9:05 – 9:10 AM**

In a final, grammatical review of the Watershed Agreement, proposed technical edits were identified that require PSC review. Secretary Kurtz will provide an overview of these proposed technical edits and seek approval to make these changes to the Watershed Agreement.

Requested Action: Approval of the technical edits to the Watershed Agreement

Presenters: Josh Kurtz, MDNR

Materials: Presentation

III. Approval of the Chesapeake Executive Council Charge: Tribes as a Formal and Enduring Partner in Chesapeake Bay Program Partnership **9:10 – 9:30 AM**

The purpose of this agenda item is to approve the Executive Council charge to develop

recommendations on how best to involve federally recognized tribes across the watershed as partners through formal channels of the Chesapeake Bay Program partnership. The discussion will also focus on ensuring there are clear next steps to implement the Indigenous Charge and the lead partner(s) overseeing this work.

Requested Action: Approval of the Executive Council's Indigenous Charge

Presenters: Anna Killius, CBC

Materials: Final Executive Council's Indigenous Charge

IV. Finalize and Approve Structure and Governance Recommendations 9:30 – 10:15 AM

The purpose of this agenda item is to approve the recommendations for a structure for the partnership and the recommendations to simplify and streamline the partnership's governance processes and procedures, knowing that this work will continue in the early 2026 timeframe. If approved, these recommendations will go before the Executive Council at their December 2, 2025 annual meeting. Clear direction will be provided on the process, timing, and lead partner(s) responsible for implementing the structure and governance recommendations in a step-wise fashion between now and June 2026, when final adoption and full implementation of these structure and governance recommendations are expected to occur.

Requested Action: Approval of the a) structure and b) governance recommendations for submission to the Executive Council.

Presenters: Anna Killius, CBC, Leila Duman, MDNR, and Dan Coogan, EPA

Materials: Structure and Governance Recommendations

V. Chesapeake Executive Council Meeting Update 10:15 – 10:25 AM

The purpose of this agenda item is to provide updates on the Executive Council meeting including the status of confirmed attendees, materials and logistical information. The meeting will be held at the National Aquarium in Baltimore, Maryland on December 2, 2025.

Requested Action: Non-decisional; Discussion and presentation only

Presenters: Rachel Felver, ACB

Materials: Presentation

VI. Review Actions & Decisions 10:25 – 10:30 AM

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

VII. Wrap Up & Adjourn 10:30 AM