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Policy Steering Committee Meeting
Final Agenda

November 5, 2026
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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Purpose: The Policy Steering Committee (PSC) will be asked to review, discuss, and approve the PSC Priority Setting Framework; Governance and Operations Team at-large membership; minor edits to the Watershed Agreement; Executive Council meeting agendas; and the PSC Monitoring Strategy Report. Finally, the PSC will review and discuss the management strategy chapters within the Strategic Plan.

I. Meeting Introductions **9:00 a.m. – 9:05 a.m.**
Secretary Shirley, PSC Chair, will kick off the meeting and will review the meeting purpose. Dan Coogan will administer the roll call.

Requested Action: Non-decisional; Discussion and presentation only
Presenters: Secretary Shirley, PA DEP
Materials:
I. Actions and Decisions: September 21, 2026

II. Partnership Updates **9:05 a.m. – 9:25 a.m.**
The purpose of this agenda topic is to solicit Partnership updates from all PSC members, including voting and nonvoting Jurisdictional representatives and Advisory Committee Chairs.

Requested Action: Non-decisional; Discussion and/or presentation only
Facilitator: Secretary Shirley, PA DEP
Materials: none.

III. Goal Team Updates **9:25 a.m. – 9:35 a.m.**
The purpose of this agenda topic is to invite the four Goal Team co-chairs to present updates on

their respective Goal Team and Workgroup activities and priorities.

Requested Action: Non-decisional; Discussion and/or presentation only
Facilitator: Ken Hyer, USGS, Claire Jantz, PA DCNR; Becky Gwynn, VADWR; Kevin Schabow, NOAA; Lee McDonnell, EPA, Greg Sandi, MDE; Julie Lawson, DC DOEE, Julia Wakeling, DC DOEE
Materials: TBD

IV. Advisory Committee Reflections 9:35 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.
The purpose of this agenda topic is to invite the four Advisory Committee Chairs to share reflections on topics they would like to raise.

Requested Action: Non-decisional; Discussion and presentation only
Facilitator: Secretary Shirley, PA DEP; Abel Olivo, SAC; Josh Hastings, LGAC; Bill Fink, AAC; Bill Dennison, STAC
Materials: None.

V. Public Feedback Period 9:50 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
The purpose of this agenda topic is to provide an opportunity for members of the interested public and Chesapeake Bay Program partners to ask questions or offer comments on materials discussed during today's meeting.

Requested Action: Non-decisional
Facilitator: Secretary Shirley, PA DEP
Materials: None.

VI. Governance and Operations (GO) Team - Priority Setting Framework and At Large Membership Approval 10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
The purpose of this agenda topic is to review and approve the PSC Priority Setting Framework, as well as the GO Workgroup at large member nominations.

Requested Action: Decisional; Approve Priority Setting Framework and at large members.
Facilitator: Khesha Reed, EPA; Anna Killius, CBC
Materials:
VI.a. Presentation: Priority Setting Framework to the PSC November 2026
VI.b. Draft Priority Setting Framework Clean
VI.c. Presentation: At Large Membership Nominations GO 2026

VII. Watershed Agreement Edit Approval 10:15 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.
The purpose of this agenda topic is to approve minor edits (e.g., typos, grammatical errors) in the Watershed Agreement.

Requested Action: Decisional; Approve of edits to Watershed Agreement
Facilitator: Anna Killius, CBC; and Khesha Reed, EPA
Materials:
VII. Presentation: CBWA Edits to the PSC November 2026

VIII. Completion of the Executive Council Charge on Tribal Partnership 10:20 a.m. – 10:25 a.m.
The purpose of this agenda topic is to share and confirm the completion status of the 2025

Executive Council Charge on Tribal Partnership.

Requested Action: Acknowledge decision
Facilitator: Secretary Shirley, PA DEP
Materials: none.

IX. Approval of Executive Council (EC) Meeting Agendas 10:25 a.m. – 10:35 a.m.
The purpose of this agenda item is to review and approve both the public and private EC meeting agendas. The annual EC meeting will be held on December 8 in Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania.

Requested Action: Decisional; approve public and private EC meeting agendas
Facilitator: Marisa Baldine, ACB
Materials:
IX. Draft Executive Council Meeting Agendas

X. Break 10:35 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

XI. Strategic Plan Review and PSC Feedback 10:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
The purpose of this agenda topic is for PSC members to provide specific feedback on revisions that need to be made to the Strategic Plan prior to its release for public feedback. To support this discussion, Goal Team Chairs will provide presentations on their chapters of the Strategic Plan. The process and timeline for approving the plan for public feedback will also be reviewed.

Requested Action: Non-decisional; Discussion and/or presentation only
Facilitator: Sarah Brzezinski, EPA; Ken Hyer, USGS, Claire Jantz, PA DCNR; Kevin Schabow, NOAA, Becky Gwynn, VADWR; Lee McDonnell, EPA, Greg Sandi, MDE; Julie Lawson, DC DOEE, Julia Wakeling, DC DOEE
Materials:
XI.a CBWA Strategic Plan Draft 2026.10.22 PDF
XI.b CBWA Strategic Plan Draft 2026.10.22 Word
XI.c Strategic Plan PSC Briefing 2026.10.22

XII. PSC Monitoring Strategy Team Final Report Presentation 12:30 p.m. – 12:55 p.m.
During the June 2024 PSC meeting, the CBP was charged with assigning a team to develop a Phase II monitoring strategy team to address vulnerabilities and protect investments in CBP monitoring networks through assessment and partner coordination. The PSC Monitoring Strategy Team formed in January 2025 to address this charge and includes state, federal, and other partners. Members of the Steering Committee will provide a brief overview of the report (*Strategic Approaches for Maintaining Core Partnership Monitoring Networks in the Chesapeake Bay Program*) and be seeking endorsement of the report by the PSC.

Requested Action: Decisional; Endorsement of final Monitoring Report.
Facilitator: Ken Hyer, USGS; Kevin Schabow, NOAA
Materials:
XII.a Strategic Approaches for Maintaining Core Partnership Monitoring Networks in the Chesapeake Bay Program
XII.b Monitoring Strategy Report Presentation

XIII. Review of Actions and Decisions **12:55 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

The purpose of this agenda topic is to recap the decisions and actions captured from the day's discussions and deliberations.

Requested Action: Non-decisional; Discussion only.
Facilitator: Amy Handen, EPA
Materials: none.

XIV. Wrap Up and Adjourn **1:00 p.m.**