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Policy Steering Committee Meeting Agenda

September 21, 2026
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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Purpose: The September Policy Steering Committee (PSC) meeting will provide members with updates on Partnership and Goal Team activities, implementation of the revised Governance and Management Framework, and development and timeline of the Strategic Plan. Additional agenda topics include CBP Support Team updates, Executive Council planning, the Chesapeake Bay Program Office budget, Conowingo Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) implementation, and recent Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) activities.

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; and Amy Handen, EPA

Materials:

I. Actions and Decisions: June 30 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; 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** **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; Discussion and/or presentation only
Facilitator: Secretary Shirley, PA DEP
Materials: None.
- VI. CBP Support Groups Introductions and Updates** **10:00 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.**
The purpose of this agenda topic is to review the scope of work and membership of the CBP Support Groups: Governance and Operations (GO) Workgroup, Outreach and Engagement Support Team (*Formerly* SET) & Science Support Team (SST).
- Requested Action: Non-decisional; Discussion and/or presentation only
Facilitator: Khesha Reed, EPA; Anna Killius, CBC; Lee McDonnell, EPA; Ken Hyer, USGS; Amy Handen, EPA; Marisa Baldine, ACB; Kayli Ottomanelli, ACB
Materials:
VI. Presentation: CBP Support Team Introductions and Updates
- VII. Updates on the Priority Setting Framework** **10:20 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.**
The purpose of this agenda topic is for GO to update the PSC on their efforts to begin executing the PSC Priority Setting Framework and to answer any questions from PSC membership on the revised Governance and Management Framework.

Requested Action: Non-decisional; Discussion and/or presentation only

Facilitator: Khesha Reed, EPA; Anna Killius, CBC

Materials:

VII. Presentation: Priority Setting Framework

VIII. Updates on Strategic Plan

10:40 a.m. – 11:25 a.m.

The purpose of this agenda topic is to hear updates on the development of each of chapter of the Strategic Plan and to agree to deadlines for PSC feedback and decisions that will support timely release of the document for public feedback.

Requested Action: None.

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:

VIII.a Presentation: Strategic Plan Updates

VIII.b Strategic Plan Deadlines

IX. Break

11:25 a.m. – 11:35 a.m.

X. EC Meeting Planning Update

11:35 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.

The purpose of this agenda topic is to provide an update on the status of the EC meeting planning, meeting themes, etc.

Requested Action: Non-decisional; Discussion and/or presentation only

Facilitator: Marisa Baldine, ACB

Materials:

X.Presentation: EC Meeting Planning Update

XI. Chesapeake Bay Program Office Budget Review

11:50 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.

The purpose of this agenda topic is to share with partners how EPA's Chesapeake Bay Program Office has realigned its budget for appropriated funding to best support the Watershed Agreement goals and outcomes.

Requested Action: Non-decisional; Discussion and/or presentation only

Facilitator: Dan Coogan, EPA

Materials:

XI. Presentation: CBPO Budget Review

XII. Conowingo WIP Update & Extending Phased Implementation

12:20 p.m. – 12:35 p.m.

In this agenda topic EPA will present the results of its evaluation and EPA's recommendation regarding continuing the phased implementation of the Conowingo WIP. As part of the guidance, *EPA expectations for the Conowingo Watershed Implementation Plan's (CWIP) phased approach'*,

EPA was required to conduct an evaluation of the CWIP programmatic commitments, including funding, policies, (regulatory and/or voluntary) programs, staffing, and resources, that have been implemented by 2025. Based on the assessment of progress, EPA was required to provide recommendations to the CBP partnership on a path forward for the Conowingo WIP (i.e., whether this phased approach should continue until a date certain or whether an alternative path needs to be pursued).

Requested Action: Non-decisional; Discussion and/or presentation only

Facilitator: Dan Coogan, EPA

Materials:

XII.a Presentation: Conowingo WIP Update & Extending Phased Implementation

XII.b Milestone Evaluation document

XIII. Update on STAC Workshop – Advancing Market-Based Approaches in the Agricultural Sector to Support Chesapeake Bay Watershed Restoration **12:35 p.m. – 12:55 p.m.**

The purpose of this agenda topic is to provide STAC leadership the opportunity to update the PSC on their July [Workshop](#) and report on [Advancing Market-Based Approaches in the Agricultural Sector to Support Chesapeake Bay Watershed Restoration](#); Download [here](#).

Requested Action: Non-decisional; Discussion and/or presentation only

Facilitator: Leah H. Palm-Forster, STAC member, UDEL

Materials:

XIII. Presentation

XIV. 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.

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