



Principals' Staff Committee

Location: CBPO Office Conference room, 1750 Forest Drive, Annapolis Md. 21403.

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March 12, 2024

10:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Meeting Purpose: To identify and agree upon top-tier PSC priorities and how to accomplish them in preparation for the 2024 Executive Council meeting.

AGENDA

- I. Welcome and Introductions** (10:00 a.m. – 10:10 a.m.)
Principals' Staff Committee Chair, Josh Kurtz, will open the meeting, welcome PSC members, and review the agenda and actions/decisions from the September 2023, PSC meeting.
Materials:
I. Actions/Decisions from December 8, 2023 PSC meeting
- II. Success Sharing: Building on Partnership Successes Over the Years** (10:10 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.)
Each signatory will share three positive success stories from the past decade—the three top programs, initiatives, or changes that made them successful in their Chesapeake Bay Program restoration/ protection work. The purpose of this session will be to learn from each other and amplify and build even more success throughout the watershed.
Requested decision: none; discussion only.
Facilitator: Josh Kurtz (MD DNR), PSC Chair
Relevant Outcomes: All
- III. Beyond 2025: Update & Discussion of Progress and Report out from Symposium** (11:10 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)
This session is an opportunity to hear about recent work, including a report out from the February Beyond 2025 Symposium, to ask questions, and to provide PSC direction to the Steering Committee in preparation for the 2024 EC meeting.
Requested decision: none; feedback on direction and next steps.
Presenter: Anna Killius (CBC) and Martha Shimkin (EPA), Steering Committee Co-Chairs
Relevant Outcomes: All
Materials:
III. Presentation: Beyond 2025

IV. Advisory Committee Reports (12:00 p.m. - 12:20 p.m.)

This session is an opportunity for committee chairs to collectively provide input to the PSC about the advisory committee role and contribution to the partnership and any other topics of interest.

Requested decision: None expected; discussion only.

Presenters: Larry Sanford (STAC Chair), Daniel Chao (LGAC Chairperson), Charles Herrick (Stakeholders Chair)

Materials:

IV. Input on Advisory Committee Process

BREAK (12:20 p.m. – 12:25 p.m.)

V. USDA-EPA Task Force on Crediting Chesapeake Bay Conservation Investments (12:25 p.m. – 12:40 p.m.)

The USDA-EPA Task Force on Crediting Chesapeake Bay Conservation Investments was charged with developing solutions to address States' challenges they face in crediting and verifying USDA practices. The Task Force Chairs will present the Task Force's final recommendations.

Requested decision: None. PSC will receive a report and assign recommendations to the appropriate CBP committee(s).

Presenters: Kelly Shenk (EPA) and Leon Tillman (USDA)

Relevant Outcomes: Water quality and others

Materials:

V. Presentation: USDA-EPA Task Force Solutions

VI. Overview of the CBPO budget and CBARA Submission (12:40 p.m. – 1:10 p.m.)

A high-level overview on the 2024 Chesapeake Bay Program budget.

Requested decision: none; update only.

Presenters: Autumn Rose (EPA) and other partnership representatives

Relevant Outcomes: All

Materials:

VI. Presentation: 2024 CBP Budget

VII. Business Meeting (1:10 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.)

PSC Chair Josh Kurtz will facilitate a discussion on the following topics:

- Review actions/decisions from today
- Partnership Updates
 - Planning for December 2024 Executive Council Meeting
 - Draft 2023 CBP Report to Congress
 - Update from Agriculture Advisory Committee Action Team
 - Conowingo Phased Approach
 - Update on Milestones: federal and state
 - DEIJ Efforts: New consultant
- PSC Member Updates
- Future Agenda Items

VIII. Concluding Remarks – Adjourn (1:30 p.m.)