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**FINAL AGENDA**  
**ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY**  
**March 13, 2025**

Agency Meeting Thursday, March 13, 2025 at 9:30 am

<https://tinyurl.com/APAMar2025Thu>

Access Code: 2824 302 0022

Join by Phone: 415-527-5035

**FULL AGENCY**

**9:30 AM – 10:00 AM\***

1. Call to Order
2. Welcoming Remarks (John Ernst, Chair)
3. Public Comment

Public comment will be available to members of the public who attend the Agency meeting in person as well as those who attend the meeting remotely. If you would like the opportunity to speak remotely during public comment, please send your name, the phone number you will be using to call into the WebEx (noted above), and the topic on which you will be commenting to [AgencyMeeting.PublicComment@apa.ny.gov](mailto:AgencyMeeting.PublicComment@apa.ny.gov). Commentators will be limited to no more than three minutes each.

*The Agency encourages public comment that will assist us in improving our practices, procedures, and our responsibility to the public. However, to promote fundamental fairness, and in consideration of the substantial time available for written comment, the policy of the Agency is to exclude public comment on matters pending decision until the conclusion of Agency business. This includes: (1) any matter which is before the*



*Agency for action at this meeting; (2) any enforcement case which is before the Agency; (3) any matter for which an adjudicatory public hearing has been convened. Conduct of the meeting is always at the discretion of the Chair or Committee Chair.*

4. Approval of February 13, 2025, Draft Agency Minutes
5. Recusals
6. Motion for Executive Session
7. Executive Director's Report (Barbara Rice)
8. Motion to Adjourn into Committees

## **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

The Agency Chair may serve as a voting member of any of the committees.

### **10:00 AM – 10:45 AM\***

#### **Public Awareness and Communication Committee**

Mark Hall, Chair; Benita Law-Diao; Dan Wilt; Steve Hunt (ESD)

1. Public Awareness and Communication Report (Ben Brosseau, APA)
2. Adirondack Climate Outreach and Resilience Network (ACORN): Rural Climate Resilience Network (Sunita Halasz, ACORN; Jen Kretser, Wild Center)

For information: ACORN is a collaboration of Paul Smith's College, The Wild Center, and the Adirondack Research Consortium with funding from NYSEERDA and the Adirondack Foundation. ACORN's goal is to plant the seeds that will get the regional climate conversation going, connect neighbors with neighbors, and foster community-level leadership that builds on the strength of our region from the ground up. The ACORN team will present findings from our work, thus far, from community listening sessions, an online survey, and focus groups. We will solicit input from Agency Members and Designees on visions for a climate resilient Park.

### **10:45 AM – 11:45 AM**

#### **Park Policy and Planning Committee**

Benita Law-Diao, Chair; Mark Hall; Steve Hunt (ESD)



1. Planning Division Report (Megan Phillips, APA)
2. Office of Renewable Energy and Siting (ORES) Overview (Sarah Crowell, New York State Office of Renewable Energy Siting)

For information: The Chief of Renewable Energy Siting at NYS ORES will give an overview of ORES regulations for renewable energy siting and transmission and how their work intersects with the Agency's jurisdiction.

### **Full Agency – 11:45 AM**

#### 9. Committee Reports

Public Awareness and Communication (Mark Hall)  
Park Policy and Planning (Benita Law-Diao)

#### 10. Interim Reports

Enforcement (Art Lussi)  
Economic Affairs (Mark Hall)  
Legal Affairs (Art Lussi)  
Administration (John Ernst)  
Local Government Services (Dan Wilt)  
State Land (Ken Lynch)  
Park Ecology (Zoë Smith)  
Local Government Review Board Report (Gerald Delaney, LGRB)

#### 11. Member Comment

#### 12. Old Business

#### 13. New Business



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Park Agency**

**KATHY HOCHUL**  
Governor

**BARBARA RICE**  
Executive Director

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**ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY  
AGENCY MEMBER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

**John Ernst, Chair<sup>1</sup>**

Regulatory Programs

Dan Wilt, Chair  
Art Lussi  
Ken Lynch  
Matthew Tebo (DOS)

Legal Affairs

Art Lussi, Chair  
Ken Lynch  
Matthew Tebo (DOS)

Enforcement

Art Lussi, Chair  
Ken Lynch  
Zoë Smith  
Steve Hunt (ESD)

Park Policy and Planning

Benita Law-Diao, Chair  
Mark Hall  
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State Land

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Benita Law-Diao  
Zoë Smith  
Joe Zalewski (DEC)

Park Ecology

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