

PRELIMINARY DRAFT AGENDA
ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY
September 11, 2025

Agency Meeting Thursday, September 11, 2025
at 9:30 am

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FULL AGENCY

9:30 AM – 10:00 AM*

1. Call to Order
2. Welcoming Remarks (Matthew Tebo, Presiding Member)
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. 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.

3. August 14, 2025, Draft Agency Minutes
4. Recusals
5. Motion for Executive Session
6. Executive Director's Report (Barbara Rice)
7. Motion to Adjourn into Committees

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

10:00 AM – 11:30AM*

State Land Committee

Ken Lynch, Chair; Benita Law-Diao; Zoë Smith; Joe Zalewski (DEC)

1. Planning Division Report (Megan Phillips, APA)
2. Proposed Final Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan Amendments (Megan Phillips, APA)

For action: Agency staff will summarize changes from the draft to the proposed final 2024-2025 Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan amendments package and share a staff recommendation and resolution for board action.

3. DEC Adirondack Rail Trail (Rob Daley, DEC)

For information: Department staff will provide background on the Adirondack Rail Trail, an update regarding Phase 3 construction, and plans for future improvements.

11:30AM – 12:00PM*

Park Policy and Planning

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

1. Adirondack Rail Trail Association Presentation (Julia Goren, ARTA)

For information: ARTA staff will provide an overview of the organization's mission and how they work collaboratively under a volunteer stewardship agreement with DEC to maintain the rail trail as an accessible recreational asset. Observations and data from the first year of the trail's use will be shared.

12:00 AM – 12:30 PM*

Public Awareness and Communication

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

1. Communications Report (Keith McKeever, APA; Ben Brosseau, APA)
2. Headquarters Status Update (Keith McKeever, APA; Ben Brosseau, APA)

For information: APA communications staff will provide a presentation on conceptional proposals to relocate its headquarters to the Village of Saranac Lake. Staff will brief the board on proposals to renovative the Paul Smith's Power and Light building and the construction of a new office building at 1-3 Main Street.

12:30 PM – 1:00PM*

Regulatory Programs

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

1. Regulatory Programs Report (John Burth, APA)
2. P2025-0015 – Catalyze Solar, Town of Ausable – Clinton County (Devan Korn, APA)

For Action: Proposal of a 5.0MW solar generation facility in the Town of Ausable, Clinton County.

Full Agency – 1:00 PM*

9. Committee Reports

- State Land (Ken Lynch)
- Park Policy and Planning (Benita Law-Diao)
- Public Awareness and Communication (Mark Hall)
- Regulatory Programs (Dan Wilt)
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10. Interim Reports

- Economic Affairs (Mark Hall)
- Enforcement (Art Lussi)
- Administration (Matthew Tebo, Presiding Member)
- Legal Affairs (Art Lussi)
- Local Government Services (Dan Wilt)
- Park Ecology (Zoë Smith)

Local Government Review Board Report (Gerald Delaney, LGRB)

11. Member Comment

12. Old Business

13. New Business

14. Public Comment

15. Executive Session

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