

**DRAFT AGENDA**  
**ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY**  
**February 19, 2026**

Agency Meeting Thursday, February 19, 2026

At 9:30 AM

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**FULL AGENCY**

**9:30 AM to 10:00 AM\***

1. Call to Order
2. Welcoming Remarks (Mark Hall, Chairperson)
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. January 22, 2026, 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 – 11:00\***

### **Public Awareness and Communication**

Chair: Benita Law-Diao, Rush Holt, Dan Wilt, Steve Hunt (ESD)

1. Communications Report (Keith McKeever, APA)
2. Community Spotlight – Village of Speculator, Hamilton County (Mayor Jeannette Barrett)

For information: Overview presentation and discussion about the Village of Speculator, presented by Village Mayor Jeannette Barrett.

**11:00 – 12:30\***

**Regulatory Programs**

Chair: Dan Wilt, Art Lussi, Ken Lynch, Jose Almanzar

1. Regulatory Programs Report (John Burth, APA)
2. P2025-0122 – Homestead Development Corp – Town of North Elba, Essex County (Devan Korn, APA)

For Action: Review of permit application involving the construction of 22 dwellings and an associated access road extending from Algonquin Drive in the Town of North Elba, Essex County. The development will be served by municipal sewer, water and electric utilities.

3. P2021-0276 Unconventional Concepts

For Action: Board Determination regarding Sponsor's appeal of ALJ's Determination granting Party Status to the organization Adirondack Wild: Friends of the Forest Preserve.

**12:30 PM – 1:30 PM**

**Lunch**

**Full Agency – 1:30 PM \***

9. **Committee Reports**

Public Awareness and Communication (Benita Law-Diao)  
Regulatory Programs (Dan Wilt)

10. **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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AGENCY MEMBER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

**Mark Hall, Chairperson**

*Regulatory Programs*

Dan Wilt, Chair  
Jose Almanzar  
Art Lussi  
Ken Lynch

*Enforcement*

Art Lussi, Chair  
Jose Almanzar  
Ken Lynch  
Joe Zalewski (DEC)

*State Land*

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

*Local Government Services*

Dan Wilt, Chair  
Jose Almanzar  
Zoë Smith  
Matthew Tebo (DOS)

*Public Awareness and Communication*

Benita Law-Diao, Chair  
Rush Holt  
Dan Wilt  
Steve Hunt (ESD)

*Legal Affairs*

Art Lussi, Chair  
Jose Almanzar  
Ken Lynch  
Matthew Tebo (DOS)

*Park Policy and Planning*

Benita Law-Diao, Chair  
Rush Holt  
Steve Hunt (ESD)  
Matthew Tebo (DOS)

*Park Ecology*

Zoë Smith, Chair  
Rush Holt  
Dan Wilt  
Joe Zalewski (DEC)

*Economic Affairs*

Zoë Smith, Chair  
Rush Holt  
Steve Hunt (ESD)  
Joe Zalewski (DEC)

*Administration*

Mark Hall, Chair  
Benita Law-Diao  
Art Lussi