

AGENDA
ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY
May 14, 2026

We've changed the way our meeting is accessed remotely.

Agency Meeting Thursday, May 14, 2026 At 9:30 AM

<https://www.youtube.com/live/Lb0CZZNqCyM>

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If you wish to make a remote public comment, please note the updated public comment section below.

FULL AGENCY

9:30 AM to 10:00 AM*

1. Call to Order
2. Membership
Member Jose Almanzar will be appearing remotely due to extraordinary circumstances.
3. Welcoming Remarks (Mark Hall, Chairperson)



4. 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 remotely. If you would like the opportunity to speak remotely during public comment, please email your name, phone number, and the topic on which you will be comment to AgencyMeeting.PublicComment@apa.ny.gov prior to the meeting. Commentators will be limited to no more than three minutes each.

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Livestream Process

After joining, you will be placed “backstage” where you will not be visible or heard by the Board or the public. Please be prepared to speak at any time, as comment order may change. When it is your turn, staff will announce your name and add you to the livestream, at which time you will become visible and heard to everyone in the meeting room and viewers online.

After Your Comment

Once your three minutes has concluded, you will be removed from the livestream and placed back in the “backstage” area of StreamYard studio. At which point you are free to leave the studio and watch the remainder of the meeting using the general livestream link.

Technical Issues

If you experience technical difficulties, rejoin using the same invitation link. Participation cannot be guaranteed if technical issues on your side prevent connection.

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.



5. March 19, 2026, Draft Agency Minutes
6. Recusals
7. Motion for Executive Session
8. Executive Director's Report (Barbara Rice)
9. 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*

State Land

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

1. Planning Division Report – Megan Phillips
2. High Peaks Visitor Use Management Report – Josh Clague (DEC)

For information: DEC staff will present a summary of the final Visitor Use Management (VUM) Recommendations Report for the High Peaks Wilderness, which highlight findings related to visitor use patterns, behaviors, and preferences while recreating within the area, and provide recommendations on adaptive management strategies that support a safe and high-quality visitor experience. The report can be found online:

<https://dec.ny.gov/sites/default/files/2026-04/highpeaksvum.pdf>.

11:00 – 12:30 PM*

Regulatory Programs

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

1. Regulatory Programs Report (John Burth, APA)



2. Management of Invasive Milfoil in the Adirondack Park – Overview of treatment options (Aaron Ziemann)

For Information

3. P2026-0034 – Eagle Lake Property Owners – Town of Ticonderoga, Essex County (Aaron Ziemann)

For Action: The action involves use of the aquatic herbicide ProcellaCor EC to control the aquatic invasive species Eurasian watermilfoil within two treatment areas in Eagle Lake.

4. P2026-0074 – Town of Minerva – Town of Minerva, Essex County (Aaron Ziemann)

For Action: The action involves the use of the aquatic herbicide ProcellaCor EC to control the aquatic invasive species Eurasian watermilfoil within five treatment areas in Minerva Lake.

Break for Lunch – 12:30 PM*

Full Agency – 1:30 PM *

9. Committee Reports

- Park Policy and Planning (Benita Law-Diao)
- Regulatory Programs (Dan Wilt)

10. Local Government Review Board Report (Gerald Delaney, LGRB)

11. Member Comment



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KATHY HOCHUL
Governor

BARBARA RICE
Executive Director

12. Old Business

13. New Business

14. Public Comment

15. Executive Session

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