

**PRELIMINARY DRAFT AGENDA
ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY
June 11, 2026**

Agency Meeting

Thursday, June 11, 2026 At 9:30 AM

<https://tinyurl.com/APAJune2026Thu>

Please note that the Agency has updated the way meetings are live streamed to the public, resulting in minor changes to the remote public comment process outlined 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. Commenters will be limited to no more than three minutes each.

Please note that the Agency is transitioning the software used used to livestream Agency meetings from a Zoom webinar to a Streamyard livestream. As part of this change, the remote public comment process has been updated slightly. **Individuals giving public comment remotely will now be be emailed a guest access link with instructions for joining and providing comment during the meeting.**

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. May 14, 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 AM – 12:00 AM*

Park Policy and Planning

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

1. Planning Division Report – Megan Phillips
2. State Office of for the Aging – John Cochran (SOFA)

For information: John Cochran, Chief of Staff at the New York State Office for Aging (SOFA), will provide an overview of the New York State Master Plan for Aging. Released in 2025, the plan details recommendations to help improve the lives of older adults living in rural communities.

Read the plan in full here: <https://planforaging.ny.gov/>

3. New York State Energy Research and Development Authority – Jennifer Manierre (NYSERDA)

For information: Jennifer Manierre, Director of Clean Energy Siting at the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA), will give a battery energy storage presentation followed by Q&A. The session will address key topics of interest, including energy storage drivers in New York, how energy storage supports the grid, an introduction to relevant energy storage technologies, an overview of planning and zoning considerations, and fire safety and incident management.

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM*

Break for lunch

1:00 – 2:00 PM*

Regulatory Programs

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

1. Regulatory Programs Report (John Burth, APA)



2. P2026-0063 – CIDC Essex, LLC – Town of Moriah, Essex County (Devan Korn, APA)

For Action: Construction of an educational facility including an approximately 107,600 square-foot building, a sugar house, salt shed, operations & maintenance garage and greenhouse. Parking for 195 cars will be provided in addition to dedicated parking for fleet vehicles, buses and tractor trailers. A new access driveway is proposed for the site from Plank Road.

Full Agency – 2:00 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

12. Old Business

13. New Business

14. Public Comment

15. Executive Session

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