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- **The Chesapeake Bay Commission Is Commission Dedicated To The Restoration Of The Chesapeake Bay Watershed, Coordinating With The State Legislatures Of Virginia, Maryland And Pennsylvania.** “The Chesapeake Bay Commission was created in the early 1980s through the establishment of similar state laws in Maryland, Pennsylvania and Virginia. Its goal then – and now – was to be a catalyst for the coordination and leadership of State legislative and policy action to restore the Bay watershed. As a formal signatory to every Bay agreement, the Commission serves as the legislative voice in the multi-jurisdictional Chesapeake Bay Program Partnership and as a liaison to the U.S. Congress on policy and budgetary matters related to the restoration of the Bay and its watershed.” (“About Us,” [The Chesapeake Bay Commission](#), Accessed 2/1/24)
- **The Board Consists Of 21 Members; 15 Members Are State Legislators From Virginia, Maryland And Pennsylvania While The Remaining 6 Are Either Citizen Representatives Or Cabinet Secretaries.** “Twenty-one members from three states define the Commission's identity and its work. Fifteen of the members are state legislators, five each from Maryland, Pennsylvania and Virginia. Completing the ranks are cabinet secretaries from each state who are directly responsible for managing their states' natural resources, as well as three citizen representatives who bring with them a unique perspective and expertise. The full range of urban, suburban and rural life enjoyed in the watershed is represented on the bipartisan Commission, with each member contributing his or her unique perspective knowledge and expertise.” (“About Us,” [The Chesapeake Bay Commission](#), Accessed 2/1/24)

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MEETING DATE	LOCATION	ATTENDANCE
May 6-7, 2021	Teleconference	Present
July 19-20, 2021	VA Delegation Retreat	Absent
September 9-10, 2021	Easton, MD	Absent
November 4-5, 2021	Irvington, VA	Present
January 6-7, 2022	Annapolis, MD	Present
May 5-6, 2022	Lancaster, PA	Absent
August 11-12, 2022	VA Delegation Retreat	Absent
September 8-9, 2022	Charlottesville, VA	Present
November 17-18, 2022	Annapolis, MD	Present
January 5-6, 2023	Annapolis, MD	Absent
May 4-5, 2023	Washington, DC	Present
September 7-8, 2023	Harrisburg, PA	Absent
August 9-10, 2023	VA Delegation Retreat	Present
November 9-10, 2023	Richmond, VA	Present
December 19, 2023	VA Delegation Retreat	Present

(“Schedule Of Commission Meetings,” [Chesapeake Bay Commission](#), Accessed 2/1/24)