**AGENDA**

**ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY**
**August 13, 2026**

Agency Meeting

Thursday, August 13, 2026 At 9:30 AM

https://tinyurl.com/APAAug2026Thu

**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 attending 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. June 11, 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. 30 x 30 (Charles Cochran, DEC)

   For information: Earlier this spring DEC and the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation announced the finalization of the 30x30 open space conservation strategies and methodology to enable New York State to reach its goal of conserving 30% of its lands and waters by the year 2030. DEC staff will provide an overview of the recently released strategies and methodology, which can be accessed here: https://dec.ny.gov/nature/open-space/30x30. The document outlines the State's scientific framework, criteria, and strategic approach to identify, measure, and advance conservation efforts. The final document reflects extensive collaboration with State agencies, local governments, Tribal Nations, landowners, conservation organizations, and community stakeholders.

3. Conservation Easements (Kramer Kwaczala, DEC)

   For information: One tool DEC staff is actively using to achieve the State's 30x30 goal is the acquisition of conservation easements. DEC staff will provide an overview and history of its Conservation Easement Program. The Conservation Easement Program aims to provide long term sustainable forest management, prohibit subdivision and provide for public recreational opportunities, while keeping lands in private ownership.

### 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM*

Break for lunch

**1:00 – 3:00 PM***

**Regulatory Programs**
Chair: Dan Wilt, Art Lussi, Ken Lynch, Jose Almanzar

1. Regulatory Programs Report (John Burth, APA)

2. P2026-0048 – Village of Saranac Lake – Essex County (Benjimin Amos, APA)

   For Action: Proposed permit and variance request for the construction of a dock involving wetlands to provide public ADA-accessible canoe and kayak access to Lake Flower.

3. P2026-0108 – Lyme Timber – Town of Colton, St. Lawrence County (Aaron Ziemann, APA)

   For Action: Proposed regenerative timber harvest of 680 acres accessed by Mink Brook Road in the Town of Colton, St. Lawrence County.

**Full Agency – 3:00 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 (If necessary)

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