



2021 Great Lakes Commission Semiannual Meeting

ONLINE MEETING – REMOTE ACCESS TO BE ANNOUNCED

DRAFT AGENDA – May 3, 2021

Tuesday, May 11 All times are Eastern		
9:30 a.m.	Call to Order and Roll Call	Sharon Jackson Great Lakes Commission Chair, Deputy General Counsel, Office of the Governor of Indiana Commissioners
9:40 a.m.	Opening Remarks / Report of the Chair	Sharon Jackson , Chair
9:55 a.m.	Business of the Great Lakes Commission <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and Approval of Agenda • Approval of Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2020 Annual Meeting – November 17-19, 2020 • Presentation of Action Items 	Sharon Jackson , Chair
10:25 a.m.	Interim Executive Director Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commission Program/Project Updates 	Erika Jensen , Interim Executive Director
10:40 a.m.	Health Break	
10:50 a.m.	Keynote Remarks	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
11:00 a.m.	Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Update	Chris Korleski , U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Great Lakes National Program Office
11:30 a.m.	Great Lakes Advisory Board (GLAB) Update	Steve Galarneau , GLAB Co-Chair, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
12:00 p.m.	Adjourn morning session	Sharon Jackson , Chair
2:00 p.m.	Reconvene	Sharon Jackson , Chair
2:05 p.m.	Keynote Remarks	U.S. Department of Transportation (Invited)

2:25 p.m.	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Update: Soo Locks, Brandon Road, and Coastal Resiliency	Moderator: Kay Nelson , Director, Environmental Affairs, Northwest Indiana Forum Speakers: Mollie Mahoney , Project Manager, Detroit District Andrew Leichty , Project Manager, Rock Island District David F. Bucaro , Chief, Project Management Section, Chicago District
3:10 p.m.	Québec's Maritime Strategy	Minister Rouleau , Ministère des Transports (Invited)
3:30 p.m.	Health Break	
3:40 p.m.	Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Maritime Transportation Panel Discussion: Modernization, Sustainability and Resiliency	Moderator: David Naftzger , Executive Director, Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Governors and Premiers Speakers: BJ Murray , Section Chief, Aviation & Marine Transportation Program Planning, Illinois Department of Transportation Other Speakers TBA
5:00 p.m.	Adjourn for the day	
5:15 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Commissioner Networking	

Wednesday, May 12

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9:30 a.m.	Call to Order	Sharon Jackson , Chair
9:35 a.m.	Keynote Remarks	Terry Cosby , Natural Resources Conservation Service-U.S. Department of Agriculture (Invited)
9:55 a.m.	U.S. Legislative Updates: Climate and Infrastructure	TBA
10:20 a.m.	Water Infrastructure Investment + Community Input = Positive Impact	Crystal Davis , Policy Director, Alliance for the Great Lakes
10:40 a.m.	Health Break	
10:50 a.m.	Water Quality and Infrastructure Panel Discussion: Equity, Access and Affordability	Moderator: Crystal Davis Speakers: Jim McGoff , COO & Director of Environmental Programs, Indiana Finance Authority Laurie Stevenson , Director, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Invited) Brenda Coley , Milwaukee Water Commons (Invited) Paul Vojtek , Erie Water Works Diane VanDe Hei , Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies (Invited) TBA , Univ. of North Carolina Environmental Finance Center

12:05 p.m.	Observer Comments (1)	GLC Observers
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2:00 p.m.	Reconvene	Sharon Jackson, Chair
2:05 p.m.	Keynote Remarks	U.S. Department of Interior (Invited)
2:30 p.m.	Traditional/Indigenous Ecologic Knowledge	Melonee Montano , Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) Outreach Specialist, Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission
3:00 p.m.	Health Break	
3:10 p.m.	Harmful Algal Blooms and Nutrient Management Panel Discussion	Moderator: Santina Wortman , U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Speakers: Eric Saas , Ohio Department of Natural Resources Dr. Merrin Macrae , University of Waterloo Gregory Baneck , Outagamie County (WI) Land Conservation Department Dr. Maria Bowman , USDA-Economic Research Service Dr. Robert Sterner , University of Minnesota Duluth
4:10 p.m.	Observer Comments (2)	GLC Observers
4:40 p.m.	Business of the Great Lakes Commission • Action Items	Sharon Jackson, Chair
4:55 p.m.	Invitation to 2021 Annual Meeting	Erika Jensen , Interim Executive Director
5:00 p.m.	Closing Remarks and Adjournment	Sharon Jackson, Chair