

Case 10-T-0139

Champlain Hudson Power Express Project

Environmental Trust Governance Committee Meeting Minutes

September 29, 2025

On September 29, 2025, the Governance Committee for the Hudson River and Lake Champlain Habitat Enhancement, Restoration, and Research/Habitat Improvement Project Trust (the "Trust") held a regular meeting.

Pursuant to New York State's Open Meetings Law, as amended, the meeting took place at the Department of Public Services Albany and NYC Offices, DEC's New Paltz Office and APA's Raybrook office (via remote connection)

Attendees and (location)

Certificate Holders (CHPE): Josh Bagnato (remote), Sara Villagomez (DPS NYC)

Department of Public Service (DPS): Noreena Chaudari, Matthew Smith, Chase Chaskey (DPS Albany)

Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC): Sita Crouse (DPS Albany), Heather Gierloff (DEC New Paltz)

Department of State (DOS): Jennifer Street (DPS Albany)

Scenic Hudson: Jonathan Clark, Alex Wolf (DEC New Paltz)

Riverkeeper: Drew Gamils and David Stormer (remote)

Trout Unlimited (TU): Roger Olson (remote)

Adirondack Park Agency (APA): Liz Schulyer (APA Raybrook)

New York City (NYC): Rebecca Swadek, Robert Loughney (remote), Jay Goodman (DPS Albany)

Hudson River Foundation (HRF): Jim Lodge, Jon Kramer, Laura Logozzo (remote)

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. and a quorum was confirmed.

1. A motion to approve the June meeting minutes was made by DEC, seconded by APA - unanimously approved
2. CHPE provided a project update
 - a. 85% constructed
 - b. Terrestrial
 - i. 150 miles of cable buried with restoration underway
 - ii. Rockland County work continues
 - c. Marine
 - i. Lake Champlain nearly complete
 - ii. Harlem River installation is done
 - iii. Hudson River work continues to reach permit required depth
 - d. Metro
 - i. Converter station and Rainey Cable are about 85% complete
 - ii. Pre-commissioning/testing beginning later this year
 - e. Questions
 - i. On terrestrial restoration what work is being done?
 1. Removing access roads, closing out stormwater permits, ensuring 80% revegetation, etc

3. Hudson River Foundation - Proposed Motions for Consideration
 - a. Approve CHET Habitat Restoration and Enhancement Letters of Intent to invite to submit full proposals
 - i. Current Recommendation: Invite
 1. Pool of five entities recommended for invitation
 - ii. Current Recommendation: Decline
 1. Pool of nine entities not recommended for invitation
 - iii. Current Recommendation: Discuss
 1. Pool of four entities presented for discussion
 2. For discussion: nexus to the cable, timing, requested dollar amounts
 - iv. A motion to invite all five Invite recs plus all four Discuss recs was made by APA and seconded by CHPE, all in favor
 1. Invitation for full proposal will be extended to all five Invite recs and 2/4 Discuss recs
 2. Remaining 2 Discuss recs will be invited to submit proposals for a portion of their respective proposals based on requested dollar amounts and feasibility
 3. The Decline recs will be provided with specific feedback for why they were not invited to submit a proposal
 - b. Approve release of CHET Project G: Chambly Canal AIS RFP for \$200,000
 - i. RFP for Chambly Canal AIS drafted and reviewed by PAG
 - ii. City moved to approve the release of the RFP, DOS seconded, all in favor
 - c. Award \$249,145 to University of Delaware/USGS for Project A: Fish Habitat Mapping
 - i. Full proposal on habitat mapping was reviewed by PAG
 - ii. Gov Committee question – will the data be fully publicly available or will it have a proprietary tag?
 1. Required to be fully publicly available
 - iii. APA moved to approve the award, Scenic Hudson seconded, all in favor
4. Priority Project Updates from HRF
 - a. Project C: Harlem River Designing the Edge Project
 - i. Awardee (EDC) signing agreements for N. Cove Living Shorelines
 - b. Project F: Oyster Reef Development and Restoration
 - i. Sampling started summer 2025
 - ii. 38% complete
 - c. Project H: Academic Research Focused on Lake Champlain Fish Habitat Assessments
 - i. HRF received revisions to full proposal
 - ii. Peer review of revised proposal
5. DOS made a motion to adjourn, City seconded, all in favor