
Path Forward Committee (PFC) and Rules Review Meeting Agenda
December 2, 2025, 9:30 AM

Virtual Meeting

Meeting information is provided on the last page of this agenda.

Materials related to the PFC Meeting will be placed on the UNRBA website unless noted otherwise: [UNRBA Meetings Page](#).

I. Opening Comments, Agenda Review/Revisions — Co-Chairs Michelle Woolfolk and Terry Hackett

II. Status and Timeline of Falls Lake Rules Readoption Process

Item Summary (Forrest Westall): The PFC reviewed the latest draft UNRBA draft Falls Rules during the November 4, 2025, PFC meeting. These drafts had previously been distributed and discussed by the UNRBA Board at their meeting on October 21, 2025. These “October drafts” were developed following discussion with NC Division of Water Resources (DWR) Leadership and the Chair of the Environmental Management Commission (EMC) on October 7th. So far, DWR has not provided feedback on the October drafts. We are also waiting for a proposal from DWR on the wastewater rule. UNRBA provided an evaluation of annual nitrogen load delivered to Falls Lake with a reduction of nearly 400,000 pounds per year. We have a meeting scheduled with DWR Leadership and the EMC Chair on December 2nd to discuss DWR’s proposal and status of the rules.

On November 12, 2025, the UNRBA provided an information item to the EMC Water Quality Committee regarding approval of the UNRBA Models. The presentation slides were attached to the distribution email from the Executive Director regarding this meeting. The UNRBA submitted the modeling reports for the watershed and lake models to EMC and DWR for review and approval in December 2023 and December 2024, respectively. DWR provided email confirmation that the models were developed in accordance with the DWR-Approved UNRBA Modeling Quality Assurance Project Plan in July 2024 and February 2025. The UNRBA is developing a summary of the work of the Association relative to the requirements of the adaptive management provision of the Falls Rules. This document demonstrates the extensive effort that the UNRBA conducted to build updated scientific tools and incorporate feedback from stakeholders into the re-examination process. We will provide a copy of this when it is complete.

We have a meeting with DWR Leadership and the Chair of the EMC in the afternoon of December 2nd. Therefore, it is unlikely that we will have a significant update for the PFC at their December 2nd meeting. For this reason, the PFC Co-Chairs decided to hold an abbreviated virtual meeting rather than a full, in-person meeting. The UNRBA Board met November 19th to discuss this status. We refer to the PFC to the November 19th Board meeting [presentation](#) for the latest information. These slides also include the meeting dates for the PFC and Board that were approved by the Board.

Background on the Status of the Falls Rules Readoption Process:

Per [NC Session Law 2018-5](#), the Falls Lake Rules Readoption process was triggered by the NC Collaboratory report submittal in December 2023 and the UNRBA submittal of the [UNRBA Concepts and Principles for the](#)

[Reexamination](#) and [Consensus Principles II](#). These UNRBA documents were sent to NC Division of Water Resources (DWR) and the Environmental Management Commission (EMC) on November 22, 2023. The UNRBA submitted their [final watershed model report](#) in December 2023 and [final lake model report](#) in December 2024. DWR has responded that the reports have been accepted and approved under the reexamination provision of the Falls Lake Rules. Relative to rule readoption work, the UNRBA initiated an informal stakeholder process started in December 2024 with four rule workgroups. A summary of the drafts produced by the workgroups was presented to the PFC at their May 6, 2025; June 3, 2025; July 1, 2025; August 5, 2025; September 2, 2025; and October 7, 2025, meetings. On June 24th, the DWR hosted a Falls Rules Readoption Stakeholder Meeting. DWR provided the UNRBA with their draft rules on August 25th. The Executive Director, support team, and PFC Co-Chairs met with DWR staff on August 28th, August 29th, and September 16th to discuss DWR's drafts.

A detailed description of this topic is provided in the November 19th Board meeting agenda and presentation ([BOD-Meeting-Agenda-2025-11-19.pdf](#), [PowerPoint Presentation](#)).

III. **Extension of IAIA Program and Annual Reports**

Item Summary (Forrest Westall): The IAIA was developed as a five-year program with an option to extend the program until the Falls Rules are readopted. The five-year period ends June 2026, and the schedule for Falls Rules readoption prospectively is March 2027. During the November 19, 2025, UNRBA Board meeting, the Compliance Group Committee (CGC) approved an addendum to the IAIA Program Document to extend the duration of the Program (by five years, or until the Falls Rules are readopted and an updated watershed protection plan is developed and approved by the Commission). The CGC also approved the UNRBA Year 4 Annual Summary Report and a letter submitting the Year 4 report to DWR and the EMC. The CGC approved a letter submitting the Year 4 Report and requesting an extension of the IAIA program by the EMC, pending approval of amendments to the Bylaws by the UNRBA Board. The UNRBA Board approved the amendments to the Bylaws. The Chair executed the letter, and the Executive Director submitted it on her behalf.

IV. **Discuss Budget for FY2027**

Item Summary (Forrest Westall): The PFC reviewed a planning-level budget for FY2027, and the Board discussed at their November meeting. A five-year projection was also provided. The Board concurred with the request that this projection be used by our members for budget planning and dues for the UNRBA. The Board will approve a final budget at their March 2026 meeting. Any further comments on the budget are requested as soon as possible to provide the jurisdictions with the best information for their planning purposes.

V. **Planning PFC Workshop on Best Practices for Implementing Falls Rules**

Item Summary (Forrest Westall): Granville County and Wake County have requested a comparison and best practices across local governments for their implementation of stormwater rules and regulatory requirements within the Falls Lake Watershed. Earlier this year, the PFC discussed a workshop approach for UNRBA members to discuss and gather information. We continue planning for this workshop.

VI. **Communications**

Item Summary (Forrest Westall): In addition to the efforts described earlier, ongoing or upcoming activities are noted below:

- Continue meeting with DWR to work toward a joint set of rules to submit to the EMC
- Status updates to the EMC WQC or EMC (January 7 or 8, 2026)

- Planning a meeting with the new Secretary of DEQ
- Planning a meeting with staff from the NC Office of State Budget Management
- Planning a meeting with EPA

The “open” nature of all UNRBA meetings remains a key component of a transparent communications approach. We encourage member representatives and interested individuals to speak up about ideas and opportunities to communicate our work and the importance of our recommendations on a revised strategy and a site-specific standard. We also continue to look to our engaged membership representatives to use materials developed to help with communication within their jurisdictions. We remain available to assist with any presentations/meetings that are set up to discuss Falls Lake and the status of our work and the rules readoption process.

VII. Other Items

VIII. Closing Comments— Co-Chairs Michelle Woolfolk and Terry Hackett

Upcoming meetings

Next PFC Meeting Scheduled for January 6, 2026; 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM

Next Board Meeting Scheduled for January 21, 2026; 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM

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