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## VCNAA MEETING AGENDA

February 14, 2024

1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

One National Life Drive, Davis Building – 6<sup>th</sup> Floor

Calvin Coolidge Conference Room

Montpelier, VT

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1. Commission members and guest welcome and reminder to sign-in (5 min)
2. Changes to the Agenda (5 min)
3. Approve January meeting minutes (5 min)
4. Commissioner's annual priorities, goals, & suggestions (open)

### OLD BUSINESS

1. VT Legislature in session; Native Caucus participation (5 min)
2. VT Dept of Health 5-year assessment – contacting communities individually
3. Act 182 (2022) Land Access & Opportunity Board report (Dan Coutu) (5 min)
4. Act 142 (2022) Racial Justice Statistics Advisory Council (Stacy Gould) (5 min)
5. Act 154 (2022) Environmental Justice Advisory Council (Rich Holschuh) (5 min)
6. Act 174 (2020) Vermont State Parks - Abenaki signage (5 min)
7. Act 128 (2022) VT Truth & Reconciliation Commission -TRC (Melody Mackin) (10 min)
8. Act 152 (2022) Nondiscriminatory school branding/mascots (5 min)
9. Act 33 (2021) VT Health Equity Advisory Council (HEAC) ongoing (Deb Reger) (5 min)
10. Seventh Generation Curriculum Grant Committee report (Jeff Benay) (5 min)
11. Vermont Mental Health Professional Licensing update (Jeff Benay) (5 min)
12. VCNAA part-time staff position, job description, posting, timeline (10 min):  
<https://careers.vermont.gov/job/Montpelier-Administrative-Director-for-the-Vermont-Commission-on-Native-American-Affairs-VT-05601/1128669300/>

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Guest: VT Agency of Education Martha Diess, Global Citizenship specialist (10 min)
2. Act 126 (2023) Community Resilience & Biodiversity Protection - working group (10 min)
3. Vermont 250<sup>th</sup> Commission Appointment: Melody Mackin steps down, Jill Adams (Elnu) has volunteered (5 min)
4. VCNAA at State House Card Room 3/12/24: protocol, staffing, handouts, goals (10 min)
5. Native American Law Clinic at Univ of CO student research on state tribal recognition processes & commissions (10 min)
6. March meeting guest speakers: Fred Wiseman annual report, Educational Justice Coalition dialogue (5 min)
7. Tribal Representative Reports
8. Announcements/Upcoming Events – UVM upcoming April symposium
9. Public comments