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VCNAA MEETING AGENDA

March 13, 2024

1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

One National Life Drive, Davis Building – 6th 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 February 14, 2024 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. Act 182 (2022) Land Access & Opportunity Board report (Dan Coutu) (5 min)
3. Act 142 (2022) Racial Justice Statistics Advisory Council (Stacy Gould) (5 min)
4. Act 154 (2022) Environmental Justice Advisory Council (Rich Holschuh) (5 min)
5. Act 174 (2020) Vermont State Parks - Abenaki signage (5 min)
6. Act 128 (2022) VT Truth & Reconciliation Commission -TRC (Melody Mackin) (10 min)
7. Act 152 (2022) Nondiscriminatory school branding/mascots – no report
8. Act 33 (2021) VT Health Equity Advisory Council (HEAC) ongoing (Deb Reger) (5 min)
9. Act 126 (2023) Community Resilience & Biodiversity Protection - focus groups (10 min)
10. Seventh Generation Curriculum Grant Committee report (Jeff Benay) (5 min)
11. VCNAA at State House Card Room – 3/12/2024 report (10 min)
12. Native American Law Clinic at Univ of CO student research on state tribal recognition processes & commissions (10 min)
13. VCNAA admin position had 12 applicants, interview process has begun (10 min)

NEW BUSINESS

1. Guest dialogue with Alyssa Chen & Kayla Loving, Co-Coordiators – Education Justice Coalition of VT re Indigenous community relationship & knowledge base (20 min)
2. Guest presenter: Fred Wiseman annual cultural & community research report (30 min)
3. Dan Coutu – VCNAA support for LAOB budget request (5 min)
4. Tribal Representative Reports
5. Announcements/Upcoming Events – UVM upcoming April symposium
6. Public comments