

Vermont Climate Council Steering Committee Meeting
Feb 16, 2022 – Minutes

Zoom Virtual Meeting – Meeting was recorded and [posted online](#)

Steering Committee Members Present: Kristin Clouser, Jared Duval, Liz Miller, Lauren Oates, Chris Company, Julie Moore

Staff members present: David Plumb, Jane Lazorchak, Marian Wolz

Minutes by: Marian Wolz

8:00 AM Welcome and approval of agenda

David Plumb, Consensus Building Institute

- Staff requested the addition of an item to the agenda regarding scheduling of Climate Council meetings. Agenda approved with that addition.

8:05 AM Review draft notification to the Vermont General Assembly on process to further consider the ongoing technical analyses priorities of the Vermont Climate Council.

- Administration noted that if Governor's proposed budget is fully funded, \$100k will be available for unfunded technical analysis priorities.
- Administration noted that the proposed Climate Office does not have the capacity to administer additional contracts beyond what is listed in the governors proposed budget.
- Steering Committee members agreed to share the [letter drafted by the administration](#) with the legislature. Staff will assist in getting that letter to the appropriate members of the legislature.
- Steering Committee members agreed that the establishment of a budget process is needed; recommendation to develop a process that is completed in the fall. There was agreement to work on that after this initial process is completed.
- A question was raised as to whether the Steering Committee has a role in recommending the next technical analysis piece for which the \$100k could be used.
- Steering Committee member recommended that the lifecycle emissions RFI be proposed to the Council for the additional \$100k of funding.
- Steering Committee members agreed that the framework for the next Council meeting should be as follows: understand prioritization process for the additional \$100k of funding, determine whether there is a need to request additional funding, begin to discuss the larger process of budget decisions.
- Scheduling: Recommendation and approval to move the March Council meeting to the 7th.

8:25 AM Public Comment

- No public comment provided

8:30 AM Adjourn