

**Vermont Climate Council Steering Committee Meeting
September 11, 2023, 8:30 am ET – Minutes**

Zoom Virtual Meeting: Meeting was recorded and [posted online](#)
Steering Committee Members Present: Julie Moore, Jared Duval, Kelly Klein, Liz Miller, and Kristin Clouser
Staff Members Present: Jane Lazorchak,
David Plumb
Minutes by: David Plumb

8:30 AM Welcome/Overview of Agenda/Approval of [August, 28, 2023](#) minutes.

Kristin Clouser, Agency of Administration & David Plumb, CBI

- Minutes approved as drafted.

8:35 AM [Council Governance Document](#)

David Plumb, CBI

- Committee approved the document as drafted. Committee requested for a paragraph be sent indicating key changes for the full Council to review and see the changes from the original to the approved version of the document.

8:50 AM [Council Agenda Sept. 25 Meeting](#)

David Plumb, CBI

- The Committee approved the agenda with the following changes:
 - Biomass will be moved to the front of the meeting.
 - Work planning will follow after the break followed by the governance agenda items
 - An extra half-hour will be added to the meeting
- The Committee mentioned for future Just Transition reflections to reach out to members of impacted communities going forward.

9:00 AM Request for facilitation assistance by the Science and Data Subcommittee

Jared Duval, Science and Data Subcommittee

- The Committee approved the request have additional facilitation services for the Science and Data Subcommittee.

9:30 AM Public Comment

One member of the public made comment:

- Richard Hopkins stated that the Washington Post stated information about heat stress. Vermont should plan for a doubling in population between 2025 and 2045. It all shows many impacts we will have from climate refugees that the Council will need to focus on.

9:40 AM [Work Planning for the Council](#)
David Plumb, CBI

- The Committee suggested the following changes for the next draft of the Work Plan ahead of the full Council meeting
 - Adding more language to set the context of the known available budget and constraints
 - Incorporate into the analysis the July 1, 2024 deadline requirement for ANR to implement revised rules.
 - Adding a plan around cross-cutting issues that do not fit into any individual subcommittee (i.e. coordinate calendar, rule-making, etc.)
 - Interim language of work plan may need to be updated
- Committee members discussed other aspects around the Work Plan including:
 - Working on the vacancy of the Rural Resilience and Adaptation sub-committee
 - The Full Council is welcome to attend the meeting of the subcommittee.
 - With the work-plan, the Committee discussed making sure there is a proper awareness of the process, updates as it goes, and any analysis that underpins it.

10:00 AM Adjourn