

Vermont Climate Council Steering Committee Meeting
Jan. 22, 2024, 8:30am – 10am ET- Minutes

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

8:30 AM Welcome/Overview of Agenda/Approval of [1/4/2024 Minutes](#)
Kristin Clouser, Agency of Administration & David Plumb, CBI

Minutes approved by the Steering Committee.

8:35 AM Agenda for [January 29, 2024](#) Council In-Person Meeting
David Plumb, CBI

- The Committee approved the agenda with the following changes:
 - Confirm that EAN will present
 - Move the technical work on BAU and EAN to after Leslie-Ann’s presentation on National Climate Assessment
 - Add time for the Just Transitions sub-committee prior to the break-out conversations in the afternoon to discuss how the Guiding Principles can be woven into the work.
 - Add a very short orientation to each subcommittee prior to the break-out conversations. Include more detail as a document.
 - Move the Initial Sketch of budget priorities to the afternoon.
- In addition, the Committee made several overall notes for the agenda:
 - When considering the workplan and sub-committee planning, there are likely four big questions:
 - Whether want to define biomass as a renewable or not going forward?
 - What number are we going to use for the social cost of carbon?
 - Do we believe we will hit the 2025 goals without further rule-making?
 - Finally, is there a legal opinion on whether the Climate Council is advisory or mandatory?
 - Be mindful of ensuring the agenda helps new members get up to speed
 - On a practical level, develop and clearly define how the breakout groups will work.
 - Work with presenters to tighten presentations due to the tight timing of the morning presentations, and get any PowerPoints made and available prior to next week’s meeting.

9:05 AM [Sub-committee Membership and Leadership](#)

Jane Lazorchak, Climate Action Office

- The Steering Committee approved Jaiel Pulskamp as co-chair of Agriculture and Ecosystems subcommittee

9:10 AM Public Comment

No members of the public made comment.

9:15 AM Adjourn