

**Vermont Climate Council Steering Committee Meeting**  
**February 26, 2024, 8:30am – 9:30am**  
**Minutes**

Join Zoom Meeting

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**Participants:**

Steering Committee members:

- Secretary Kristen Clouser, Secretary Julie Moore, Jared Duval, Liz Miller, Kelly Klein

Staff and support:

- Sophi Veltrop, David Plumb

8:30 AM Welcome/Overview of Agenda/Approval of [minutes](#)<sup>1</sup>.  
*Kristin Clouser, Agency of Administration & David Plumb, CBI*

- Minutes approved

8:35 AM Reflections on the January 29, 2024 Council In-Person Meeting  
*David Plumb, CBI*

**Specific action needed by the Steering Committee:**

- Offer reflections on key take-ways from the day-long meeting and implications for the work going forward.
- Steering Committee reflections included:
  - The ability to get together in person was really important. Once a year may not be enough. Maybe twice a year. Really push in-person attendance (maybe only a hybrid option for emergencies.) Hold meetings in more central locations (Randolph?). Probably highest value moments for these in-person meetings will be key milestones in CAP revision process.
  - Within the in-person meetings, the small-group get-togethers in the afternoon were the most productive.

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<sup>1</sup> [https://outside.vermont.gov/agency/anr/climatecouncil/Shared%20Documents/1-22-2024Minutes\\_SteeringCommittee\\_VermontClimateCouncil.pdf](https://outside.vermont.gov/agency/anr/climatecouncil/Shared%20Documents/1-22-2024Minutes_SteeringCommittee_VermontClimateCouncil.pdf)

8:50 AM Next steps in [nominations process](#)<sup>2</sup> for subcommittee membership  
*Sophi Veltrop, Climate Action Office*

**Specific action needed by the Steering Committee:**

- Understand process. Approve minor change in membership last month.
- Membership changes approved.

9:00 AM [Plan](#)<sup>3</sup> for March 18 Council meeting  
*David Plumb, CBI*

**Specific action needed by the Steering Committee:**

- Provide input on the proposed approach
- Steering Committee members provided input including:
  - Include the notes from the January 29 small groups with the document
  - The Progress Report will be an important tool. Ask all subcommittees to review it in detail in their first meeting.
  - The suggested substantive areas aren't exhaustive. However, the Council and Subcommittees will need to signal a realistic level of effort.
  - Emphasize the major milestones over the next 18 months in the document
  - For the next Council Meeting, include a space for key policy updates, in particular the Public Utility Commission's first check-back on the Clean Heat Standard. Some updates can be handled with a pre-read.

9:20 AM Public Comment

- No public comment

9:30 AM Adjourn

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<sup>2</sup>[https://outside.vermont.gov/agency/anr/climatecouncil/Shared%20Documents/Measuring%20and%20Assessing%20Progress%20Proposals/Subcommittee\\_Process\\_Update.pdf](https://outside.vermont.gov/agency/anr/climatecouncil/Shared%20Documents/Measuring%20and%20Assessing%20Progress%20Proposals/Subcommittee_Process_Update.pdf)

<sup>3</sup>[https://outside.vermont.gov/agency/anr/climatecouncil/Shared%20Documents/Plan%20for%20Developing%20Council%20Guidance\\_Feb%202024.pdf](https://outside.vermont.gov/agency/anr/climatecouncil/Shared%20Documents/Plan%20for%20Developing%20Council%20Guidance_Feb%202024.pdf)