

Vermont Climate Council Steering Committee Meeting
March 11, 2024, 8:30am – 9:30am
Minutes

Join Zoom Meeting

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Steering Committee members:

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

Staff and support:

- Jane Lazorchak, David Plumb, Charlotte Goodman

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

David Plumb, CBI

- Minutes approved

8:35 AM Review of draft Climate Council agenda for March 18, 2024

David Plumb, CBI

Specific action needed by the Steering Committee:

- Offer feedback on the draft agenda. Confirm the approach.
- Steering Committee reflections included:
 - Better to save legislative updates until the June meeting when the session is over (and invite legislative leaders).
 - Change the Just Transitions Reflections to be from an impacted community member or leader, rather than a state government person. Kelly Klein will help to identify someone based on Just Transition Subcommittee recommendations. Invite Mia Watson to be part of conversation on Clean Heat Standard.
 - Invite subcommittee chairs to the meeting to participate in the Guidance Document section.
 - Use an updated version of the Progress Report document during the meeting to ground the discussion on the Guidance Document.
 - Updated data and modeling will be a key step to gauge whether Vermont is on track to meeting its statutory goals.

9:00 AM Review of draft Guidance Document for Sub Committees

David Plumb, CBI

Specific action needed by the Steering Committee:

- Offer feedback on the [document](#).

- Steering Committee reflections included:

- Correct typos:
 - Date on page 2
 - Under Ag & Ecosystems, the second sub bullet is missing its ending
 - On pg. 3 under Substantive areas of focus, missing an “are”
- Needs mention about how all the recommendations must come together to meet the state’s statutory goals. Relatedly, cross-sector mitigation substance needs to mention other areas beyond transportation. Science and Data Subcommittee needs to be overseeing the Business As Usual study.
- Mention the resilience implementation strategy in Rural Resilience & Adaptation section, and how it can be additive without being duplicative.
- Public engagement: would be good to have opportunities for councilors and subcommittee members to attend webinars and in-person meetings to hear viewpoints first-hand and answer the public’s questions.

9:35 AM Confirm updates to subcommittee membership
Jane Lazorchak, Climate Action Office

Specific action needed by the Steering Committee:

- Confirm the updates

- Nominations approved
- Outstanding: additional youth nominees and science and data vacant space

9:40 AM Public Comment

- None

9:40 AM Next steps and Adjourn

- Agreed to keep and shorten the next Steering Committee meeting, focused on looking ahead to June meeting and confirm final nominations.