

Vermont Climate Council

March 13, 2023 Meeting Agenda

Councilors Strongly Encouraged to Attend in Person: AOT Conference Room in Berlin

Virtual Meeting Option to Attend via Zoom:

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Meeting ID: 812 6015 3957

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Meeting objectives:

The Vermont Climate Council will meet for the first time in person to discuss and determine work priorities for the coming year and more broadly consider how to conduct its business in the coming 1-2 years, with a particular focus on:

- 1) Reflect on how equity and justice can be better integrated into the work of the Council
- 2) Identify the core components of the Council's strategy in this next phase of work with an eye to updating the Initial Climate Action Plan by July 1, 2025, as well as addressing pending issues that may require an addendum to the initial plan (see separate document that lays out key questions on Tasks, Roles, Capacity and Process/Governance.)
- 3) Taking advantage of the Council's first-ever in-person meeting by taking steps to strengthen working relationships and welcoming new Councilors.

Agenda

9:15 AM Coffee: Climate Council Members gather

9:30 AM Convene/Welcome/Overview and Approval of Agenda
Kristin Clouser, Agency of Administration & Catherine Morris, Consensus Building Institute

9:35 AM Introductions of New Councilors

9:45 AM Just Transition Reflection – Learning from the Jan 9, 2023 discussion and further reflection on the REJOICE Letter
Catherine Morris, Consensus Building Institute

Detail: Individually, in pairs, and then all together, reflect on the concerns expressed in the previous VCC meeting, their implications for planning for the future, and articulate any response needed.

10:15 AM Opening Discussion – Review the core focus of the meeting
Catherine Morris, Consensus Building Institute

Detail: In plenary, confirm the core questions and expected outcomes that will guide the discussions of this in-person meeting. (See questions under Meeting Objectives above and [Supporting One-Pager](#) provided ahead of time).

10:30 AM Sketching out the next 1-2 years: What are the elements of a successful process and how does that translate to [Tasks, Roles, Capacity, & Process](#)
Catherine Morris, Consensus Building Institute

Detail: Start with what are the elements that would make this feel successful and workable? Using a worksheet based on the core questions, Councilors reflect independently and then in plenary about the core components of their work in the coming 2 years. Councilors are encouraged to discuss the connections between the components. What process is needed to support priority tasks? Confirm available capacity is adequate to support priority tasks. Is there capacity amongst Councilors to expand scope beyond priority tasks? Etc. Facilitator takes real-time notes on main points.

11:30 AM STRETCH BREAK

11:45 AM Refining the strategy and timeline
Catherine Morris, Consensus Building Institute

Detail: Using a shared template, Councilors will work in groups of 4-5 to develop a draft timeline of Council activity. After 25 minutes, Councilors review each other's work.

- What should a basic timeline of Council activity look like for the next 2 years?

Participants review their colleagues work, which will be posted around the room.

12:30 PM LUNCH

1:00 PM Review and Approval of [January 9, 2023 minutes](#)
Catherine Morris, Consensus Building Institute

1:05 PM Public engagement approach – presentation and discussion
David Plumb, Consensus Building Institute

Detail: As contractor, CBI shares its planned approach to conducting meaningful engagement and weaving its outputs into the Council decision-making process. Councilors consider how these ideas fit within their strategy, and offer feedback to CBI.

1:45 PM Public comment

2:00 PM Final reflections and next steps

Detail: Initial discussion to clarify roles of the Council, Steering Committee, Subcommittees and Task Groups over the next year to plan to finalize and identify tools needed to accomplish Council's work in coming year including revisions to process roadmap, work planning, and capacity needs.

Confirm that next meeting will be in April to deliberate on Biomass Recommendations, to review a workplan based on today's conversation, and proposed revisions to the Process Roadmap.

2:30 PM Adjourn

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