

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 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) Clarifying the ongoing role of the Council, Steering Committee, Subcommittees and Task Groups during the period between updates to the Climate Action Plan.
- 2) Consider the tools needed to carry out this work (e.g. an updated Process Roadmap)
- 3) Developing a strategy to prepare for an update to the Initial Climate Action Plan in the coming years, as well as any final addendums to the existing plan. Important details include:
 - a. Establishing a process for determining when an addendum(s) to the current plan is necessitated and the mechanism for doing that.
 - b. Ensuring the process includes timely and meaningful public engagement, as well as embodies the Just Transition Principles developed in 2021.
 - c. Sketching out an overall timeline and roadmap for preparing for the plan's statutorily-mandated revision, by July 1, 2025.

The meeting is also an opportunity for the Council to engage face to face for the first time, strengthen working relationships, and welcome new Councilors.

Agenda

- 9:50 AM Coffee: Climate Council Members gather
- 10:00 AM Convene/Welcome/Overview and Approval of Agenda
Kristin Clouser, Agency of Administration & Catherine Morris, Consensus Building Institute
- 10:05 AM Introductions of New Councilors

- 10:10 AM Opening Discussion – The questions that will guide our reflection
Catherine Morris, Consensus Building Institute and Jane Lazorchak, Climate Action Office
- Detail: In plenary, confirm the core questions that will guide the discussions of this in-person workshop.
- 10:25 AM Just Transition Reflection – Learning from the Jan 9, 2023 discussion
Catherine Morris, Consensus Building Institute
- Detail: Individually, in pairs, and then all together, reflect on the concerns expressed in the previous VCC meeting and their implications for planning for the future.
- 10:45 AM Level set expectations for capacity for next iteration of Climate Action Plan
Catherine Morris, Consensus Building Institute
- Detail: Discussion on expectations for Council and Subcommittee capacity and State Agency support for future iterations of Climate Action Plans to inform the strategy we will develop throughout the day.
- 11:00 AM Sketching out a strategy for the next 1-2 years
Catherine Morris, Consensus Building Institute
- Detail: Using a shared template, Councilors will work in groups of 4-5 to sketch out core elements of the work ahead, with an eye to preparing for a revision of the Initial Climate Action Plan and developing any addendums to the current plan.
- 11:30 AM Refining core elements of the strategy
Catherine Morris, Consensus Building Institute
- Detail: Gallery walk through the output of the different groups, seeing where there are similarities, what is different. In plenary, consider the core elements that are emerging.
- 12:00 PM LUNCH
- 12:30 PM Review and Approval of [January 9, 2023 minutes](#)
Catherine Morris, Consensus Building Institute
- 12:35 PM Public engagement approach – presentation and discussion
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.

1:15 PM Public comment

1:30 PM Clarifying roles
Catherine Morris, Consensus Building Institute and Jane Lazorchak, Climate Action Office

Detail: Clarifying roles of the Council, Steering Committee, Subcommittees and Task Groups over the next year.

1:45 PM Final reflections and next steps

Detail: Set meeting schedule and identify tools needed to accomplish Council's work in coming year including revisions to process roadmap, work planning, and capacity needs.

2:00 PM Adjourn

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