

Just Transitions Subcommittee of the Vermont Climate Council May 12, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: May 12, 2022 4–6 PM: Meeting recorded and [posted online](#).

Subcommittee Members Present: Abbey Willard, Sue Minter, Iris Hsiang, Kashka Orlow, Kelly Klein, Mona Tolba, Danielle Bombardier, Sarah Phillip

Staff Present: Jane Lazorchak, Amanda Carlson, Marian Wolz, Carey Hengstenberg, Ross MacDonald, Clare McIlvennie

- 4:00 PM Welcome & Check In
- Acceptance of Agenda and Minutes from 4/21/22 – Approved
 - Iris announced she is stepping down from this subcommittee as she is going off to college in the Fall
- 4:07 PM Welcome New Subcommittee members
- Brief introductions from each member
 - Sebbi Wu, works at VPIRG – working on many of the climate bills that came out of Climate Action Plan, has lived all over the State of VT
 - Anna Guenther, works at Vital Communities on transportation and energy projects, moved to VT from GA
 - Jenna Hirschman, sophomore at Essex HS, student member of Youth Climate Lobby, member of student Anti-racism Network, passionate about environmental and equity work
 - Indra Acharya, works as a freelancer and with graduate students on advocacy/policy, strong believer of inviting others to the table
 - Chase Whiting, from ME came to VT to go to UVM, worked as teacher on southern border of US, worked on human rights issues in Sub-Saharan Africa, works as an attorney on clean energy
 - Existing subcommittee members introduced themselves and gave a word of wisdom to oncoming subcommittee members
- 4:42 PM Dartmouth student presentation - “Improving Weatherization Access in Vermont”
- Group of class of 22’ students in Sr. Design Programs presented their final project
 - Gave overview of methods, process and findings from research project
 - Subcommittee members were enthusiastic about presentation and asked for materials to be shared, as they thought they would be relevant for other purposes
 - Q&A between subcommittee and student
 - Main finding: word of mouth is most effective – trust in friends and family members
- 5:16 PM Climate Council Updates
- Updates and progress from various Task Groups & Work Groups

- Kashka gave update from the Public Engagement Task Group, shared that group is looking forward to the FT position of the outreach coordinator in the climate office. David is planning effort with partner organizations. Marian shared document outlining three-prong plan
- Marian gave update on Climate Toolkit Task Group, they are creating a resource that will act as a hub of information for municipalities - with the hope to build capacity for towns implementing this work
- Abbey shared Office of Racial Equity, revamping equity index tool, were influenced by JT principles, though they are not totally applicable to all State agencies
- EJ bill will go to Governor, it appears that it he may sign it
- Rulemaking requires robust engagement, specific interest in transportation policies

5:17 PM Public comment

- No comment

5:18 PM Subcommittee Priorities Discussion

- Review Jam board priority tasks

What do we want to focus on now through September?

What capacity do we have to do these tasks?

- Marian gave overview of tasks and where work lies
- Sarah mentioned importance of equity metrics missing – added as a to-do
- Jane is actively recruiting for biomass and transportation task group

6:05 Adjourn