

**Just Transitions Subcommittee of the Vermont Climate Council
August 18, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

Meeting recorded and [posted online](#).
Minutes by: Sarah Phillips

Welcome & Check In

Agenda was accepted and Minutes from 7/21/22 were approved with the addition of Carey Hengstenberg as notetaker. Sarah Phillips agreed to take minutes during the meeting.

Climate Council Updates

Director Lazorchak updated the Just Transitions subcommittee on the work of the Council. Areas of work:

- A recent [memo](#) clarifying legal assistance
- Recommended priorities and anticipated funding needs presented to the Governor to consider for inclusion in the budget. Subcommittees may list up some priorities in September with the Council's priorities identified in October
- Transportation addendum to the Climate Action Plan
- There is a new youth Council member

Transportation – Public Engagement

Rachel Stevens from ANR presented on the scheduled events regarding electric vehicle rulemaking.

<https://anr.vermont.gov/content/low-emission-and-electric-vehicle-rulemaking-public-events>

Dates and events for the events are also on the calendar here:

<https://climatechange.vermont.gov/getinvolved/calendar/month/202209>

Subcommittee members were encouraged to share and mobilize their respective communities to participate in the events. Participant support is available. ANR is working on a flyer that can be shared to encourage participation.

Any Updates from Task Groups?

- Biomass group is planning to hold a listening session to hear from community members, based on input from JT subcommittee members and others
- Contract procurement and negotiations is almost complete for identifying a developer for the Municipal Vulnerability Index

Review of Sub Committee priorities and focus

David provided a summary of our reflective work last month and some suggestions on future work of the subcommittee.

There was discussion about what work the subcommittee might do moving forward and how members conduct their work. There was discussion about how the committee can best accomplish its goals.

Ideas discussed include: an in-person meeting, less and/or more frequent meetings, thinking the JT subcommittee might be a place where others (subcommittees, departments, etc) come to present their equity analysis for review and feedback, continuing to encourage subcommittee members to bring their lens and expertise to other subcommittee meetings. There was some agreement that the committee is advisory in nature, but also wants to maintain accountability within the Climate Council by systematizing JT work.

There were no public comments.

Discussion on budget request and priority needs

The subcommittee discussed the need for funding to move forward key work within the Council. A number of areas were identified and a small group will produce a memo with a short explanation/justification and a dollar amount for each. The items to include in the September request to the Climate Council include:

- Establishing metrics
- Compensation for participation in meetings
- Training for legislators, state agency implementers and others
- Administrative staff support for the JT sub-committee
- Public engagement, including youth engagement
- Training/Capacity Building for JT subcommittee
- Communications, marketing
- Translation services
- Community Grant program to support climate action engagement efforts

The Subcommittee will meet in September.