

Just Transitions Subcommittee of the Vermont Climate Council September 23, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: September 23, 2021 4–5 PM: Meeting recorded to be [posted online](#).

Subcommittee Members Present: Sarah Phillips, Sue Minter, Kelly Klein, Virginie Diambou, Iris Hsiang, Danielle Bombardier, Mona Tolba, Beverly Little Thunder, Kashka Orlov
Staff Present: Jane Lazorchak, Amanda Carlson, Claire McLevennie, Abbey Willard, Ross MacDonald, Carey Hengstenberg, David Plumb

- 4:00 PM Welcome & Check-in
Approval of Agenda and Minutes from 8/26/2021- **Approved**
Announcement – still looking for an additional co-chair
- 4:18 PM Public Comment – Vanessa Rule from 350.org spoke, asked to use ‘Just Transition Moments’ in full council meeting to share comments they have taken – discussion amongst subcommittee members about creating specific event for other orgs. that represent a cohort of people to share comments
- The Subcommittee expressed gratitude to 350.org for their public engagement work and then discussed how best to capture the comments from 350 and other organizations conducting public engagement. There was agreement that a future meeting where groups could share information from their communities would be valuable.
- 4:40 PM Climate Council Equity Consultant Review & Discussion of Consultant’s Fall Work and Role
- Kiah Morris introduced as consultant to full council on this topic
 - She spoke about holding space for equity as strategies and actions are brought forward
 - Brought up that ideas and recommendations brought to legislature need to be **clear**
- 4:52 PM Climate Action Plan Draft
- Sarah spoke about section we are responsible for within the Climate Action Plan Draft. This Section is to provide a summary of the guiding principles (definitions, impacted/frontline communities, principles, scoring rubric) as the full document will be included as an appendix
 - Section is due Oct 5. The proposal is to use language from the subcommittee’s existing document for the summary. There was an ask for staff assistance and for consensus from the group to move forward with a summary before the next sub committee meeting instead of calling an additional special meeting. Consensus was given.

- 4:50 PM Other Business & Updates:
- Reporting Back from Other Sub Committees, Steering Committee & Full Council – Deferred
 - Additional Updates from Director Lazorchak – Deferred
 - Future Subcommittee Work & Meetings – Continue with biweekly meeting schedule
 - Legislative hearing scheduled for 10/22 to talk about Just Transitions
- 5:09 PM Adjourn

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