

Just Transitions Subcommittee of the Vermont Climate Council
March 6, 2025, 4:00-6:00 PM
Zoom Meeting
Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Danielle Bombardier, Sam Lash, Mona Tolba, Kelly Klein, Abbey Willard, Sophi Veltrop, Claire McIlvennie

- Note that JTSC didn't have a quorum at the meeting

- 4:00 PM Introduction (Kelly)
- Reviewed and revised Agenda based on smaller group for the meeting
 - Decided to table discussion topics for next meeting with larger group
 - We didn't discuss 2/13/25 meeting minutes without a quorum present
- 4:10 PM Climate Action Office Update (Sophi and Liz)
- Upcoming 3/17 VCC meeting will focus on cap and invest market study
 - o What will it look like for VT to join
 - o VCC plans to use portion of meeting to hear from those involved in existing carbon market programs as well as those programs under development
 - o There are equity considerations in this study that are relevant to the JTSC
 - o Sam shared concern that report discussions didn't capture analysis that included redirection of revenue sources to serve as a stable form of program funding
 - o Currently no program for VT to join
 - Public input sessions in April are under development and scheduling
 - o RPCs will help with promotion and other community-based organizations to get the word out more broadly
 - o There will be 7 in-person session across the state and 2 virtual sessions that will bookend the in-person sessions
 - o Hope to have final dates, times and locations published by end of week (Sophi will share by email)
 - o Will share information around whether these are per diem eligible events for JTSC members
 - o Role for JTSC members to play: assist with promotion; attend; ask clarifying questions; support other attendees to ensure engagement and comprehension
 - Liaisons share discussions and takeaways from attendance at other subcommittee meetings
 - o Not discussed at this meeting
- 4:25 PM Climate Action Plan Revisions
- Finalize Just Transitions chapter (Abbey)
 - o Not discussed at this meeting due to lack of quorum
 - o Discussion of call out boxes to be finalized – Sam needs due date and welcomes others to get involved. Sophi and Abbey

offered to be involved; Claire has in the past mentioned doing her piece about data.

- Upcoming 3/10 VCC meeting will focus on draft chapters
 - o Kelly will raise JT's interest in supporting broader review of the CAP and its actions from an equity/justice lens
 - o Callie: for next update, make it a charge of JT to specifically review the recommendations and give feedback on the equity implications of them – Kelly will bring this to VCC 3/10 meeting
 - o Can JT review actions and other parts of the Plan? Has this been brought up at Steering Committee? Kelly remembers it's been talked about a little bit. Abbey asked if at 3/10 whether subcommittees will talk through their chapter contributions.
- Discuss Public Engagement chapter (Sophi)
 - o Review draft chapter outline – postpone to next meeting due to lack of quorum
 - o Brainstorm discussion of what to include – postpone to next meeting due to lack of quorum
 - o Sam: what's Just Transitions role in this? Sophi: helping report on how community engagement was actually used/implemented
 - o Sam & Danielle: can we get to the specific review component? We keep talking around it but not actually getting to do it.

5:30 PM Public comment

5:35 PM Just Transition time during VCC and Steering Committee meetings (Kelly)

- Review March VCC meetings and align with guiding principles
- Discuss just transition principles to consider during input sessions

5:55 PM What's Next (Abbey)

- Finalize JT chapter
- Upcoming JTSC meetings
 - o Will meet April, May, June, then take July & August off
 - o Kelly notes that potential changes to GWSA may impact JT and other subcommittees' charge; we'll keep updated on that.
- Other items
 - o Mona asked about equity language in CAP/VCC; Abbey & Sophi will inquire.

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