

Just Transitions Subcommittee of the Vermont Climate Council
April 3, 2025, 4:00-6:00 PM
Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Kelly Klein, Sophi Veltrop, Liz Amler, Aleks Cirovic, Abbey Willard, Carey Hengstenberg, Danielle Bombardier, Claire McIlvennie, Mona Tolba

- 4:00 PM Introduction (Kelly)
- **Review Agenda and accept [3/6 minutes](#) and [2/13 minutes](#)**
 - o No quorum, minutes not approved.
- 4:10 PM Climate Action Office Update (Sophi and Liz)
- **Outcomes from VCC meetings (3/10, 3/17 & 3/31) – Liz & Kelly**
 - o There have been a lot of meetings happening including a special meeting on cap and invest. There are slides that were shared that included priority actions put together by other subcommittees. There are cross cutting issues including education, workforce development, compact development, public health.
 - o JTSC Chapter will not be part of the public comment review process. Sophi will follow up to see if information about chapters drafted by JTSC and the JT process throughout the CAP can be part of the event presentations for public awareness.
 - **Update on legislative status around Global Warming Solutions Act (GWSA) – Sophi**
 - o *In case the potential GWSA changes is news, here's a [VTDigger article](#) with more info*
 - o Sophi shared a list of bills that relate to climate action.
 - o H.289 – An act related to affordable climate initiatives, testimony is ongoing. Will not be passed this year. [Link to climate bill summary document.](#)
- 4:20 PM Focus of Just Transitions time during upcoming Climate Council and Steering Committee meetings
- o Kelly is on the steering committee. Climate Council has Just Transitions reflection. Currently, this time is spent reading a public comment that was submitted.
 - o Are there any items that JTSC members would like to be elevated to a full council meeting?
- 4:30 PM Just Transitions components of Climate Action Plan (Kelly & Abbey)
- JT chapter call out box topics*
- o Sam and Sophi to share examples

- Team to draft remaining topics
- These weren't ready for the JTSC to review yet.

JTSC opportunity to review priority actions from other subcommittees

- Is there capacity for this to occur in April? **Must be done by early May!**
 - Kelly reported the climate council members are interested in having JTSC review.
 - [Priority Actions DRAFT Summary](#) – Kelly asked if members of JTSC would be interested to review to see if we had questions or feedback? How would JTSC like to be involved?
 - Thursday May 1st is the next JTSC meeting. Subcommittee members will read through priority actions and bring thoughts to the May meeting.
 - Members can send comments for compilation to co-chairs or staff in advance of May meeting
 - Members of JTSC can also comment during the public comment period.
- [Review Public Engagement chapter outline](#)
 - Sophi summarized an outline and would like JTSC members help on some of the sections. Specifically looking for assistance on Section 3 - Results – How subcommittees & Council incorporated/referred to engagement in their work
 - Sophi requested that liaisons connect with co-chairs send a few sentences or one short paragraph about their experiences and observations of how public engagement (and Just Transitions principles) considered/incorporated during the Subcommittee planning process.
 - Kelly will help with sentences/paragraph about how the Council considered/incorporated public input (and Just Transitions principles) during their process.

5:15 PM

What's Next (Abbey)

- Upcoming meeting schedule
 - May 1st Meeting –
 - Review priority action plans and draft public engagement chapter
 - June 5th Meeting –
 - Ideas for topics or actions
 - Finalize public engagement chapter (?)
 - Take July, August, September months off from meetings
 - Meet again in September

Meeting adjourned at 5:25pm

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