

Just Transitions Subcommittee (JTSC) of the Vermont Climate Council
September 5, 2024, 4:00-6:00 PM
Meeting Minutes

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Attendance

Subcommittee Members: Abbey Willard, Kelly Klein, Callie Fishburn, Matthew LaFluer, Danielle Bombardier, Beverly Little Thunder, Sam Lash
State Staff: Sophi Veltrop, Liz Amler, Claire McIlvennie, Carey Hengstenberg

Introduction (Abbey)

- Welcome and check-in (Sophi)
 - o *Members talked about the fact that getting quorum is an issue; per diem amount or flexibility of time are issues.*
 - o *Members checked in and shared a just transitions related reflection after a reading from “All We Can Save”*
 - o *A member recommended the [Automotive Emissions Repair Assistance Program](#) as an example*
- Review Agenda and Accept [Minutes from 6/11/24 meeting](#)
- Accept [Minutes from 5/16/24 meeting](#)
 - o *May and June Minutes were accepted*
 - o *Noted that Paula Melton & Kelsey Pasteris have stepped down from the subcommittee*

Climate Action Office Update (Sophi and Liz)

- Summer engagement overview (Sophi)
- Demonstration of how to use Just Transitions Subcommittee resources folders (Liz)
- Per diem reminder (Liz)
- Orientation to subcommittee/task group templates for Climate Action Plan (CAP) Update (Liz)
- CAP process overview, including fall engagement (Liz and Sophi)
 - o *Sophi and Liz gave updates and overviews of Climate Action Plan subcommittee process, engagement, and per diem/folders*

Outcomes from summer training sessions (Carey and Claire)

- Summary of the summer trainings
- Equity training collaboration with Office of Racial Equity – for all Climate Councilors and subcommittee members
- Review and finalize the Just Transitions visual guidance
 - Incorporated into CAP templates
 - Needs approval from Steering Committee (at their 9/9 meeting)
 - Available for liaisons to share in subcommittee meetings
- *Carey gave overview of summer practice sessions about the Guiding Principles for a Just Transition and the outcomes*
- *Carey reviewed the visual guidance & checklist drafts*
- *Leaving it up to the subcommittee about how they document their process and considerations—could be recorded meeting or written document*
- *Sophi will run this by co-chairs of other subcommittees once Just Transitions has approved*
- *There's some urgency around this because co-chairs expressed at summer sessions that the subcommittees feel behind and like they should be doing more*
- *FEEDBACK on visual guide*
 - *Simplify review quarterly report bubbles as one*
 - *Add check boxes*
 - *Arrow of where we are now*
 - *Further design/plain language improvements can be made*
 - *Add person/contact info & deadlines for when things are due*
 - *Add footer for what do to/who to contact with questions*
 - *Move 'How to use this document' to the top*
 - *Make a front/back instead of squished on one page*
 - *One small language change could be under Step 04 "How have you included frontline and impacted..."*
 - *Add something that indicates there will be more to come after December 2024*
- *Overall concern and feeling of pressure about the timeline and that we're already in September*
- *Have we heard from people who are really going to be affected? Maybe there have been calls in bigger cities but there are so many little towns; have we brought their voices in? Don't know that we've had the time to do that.*
- *We keep meeting and talking but not doing action...hearing people is important but we need to actually do something with that. We already know a lot of what people are saying. Where's the action?*
- *Can Just Transitions' future charge include moving a particular action forward that has tangible results?*
- *Could we (Just Transitions) review community feedback and provide recommendations to be included in the pathways, strategies, and actions and/or re implementation? Highlight the recommendations as coming from Just Transitions?*

- *PROCESS:*
 - JTSC approved small team to do some editing prior to Monday 9/9 (Claire, Carey, Sophi, Sam)*
 - Updated draft of new visual document to the steering committee in advance of their Monday 9/9 meeting*
 - On Monday, the same updated version will be shared back with full JTSC*
 - If JTSC members have any edits, they can share edits back to Kelly, Abbey, Sophi, Carey, and Claire*
 - Steering Committee may have edits or approve as seen*
 - Document will next be shared with VCC and then other subcommittees to be brought into use*

Public comment – *No members of the public were present*

Just Transitions Subcommittee (JTSC) process and priorities for fall 2024 (Abbey and Kelly)

- Role of liaisons
 - o Science and Data: Claire
 - o Rural Resilience and Adaptation: Anna, Danielle
 - o Agriculture and Ecosystems: Abbey
 - o Cross-Sector Mitigation: Callie, Sam
- JTSC approve simplified Guiding Principles assessment questions and share with all subcommittees. Emphasize need to incorporate public engagement results into the work, use the Guiding Principles assessment questions, and use plain language.
- Invite subcommittee members to attend JTSC meetings October through December to ask questions and work through specific challenges.
- Recommend that each subcommittee dedicate a portion of each meeting for JTSC liaisons to help them respond to questions on the assessment.
 - o *Abbey briefly gave overview*
 - o *Suggestion for next meeting: we could bring the draft pathways/strategies/actions from each subcommittee for super brief summary and see if any top issues come up? or just bring particular ones of note?*

What's Next (Abbey)

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