

Vermont Climate Council
Science and Data Subcommittee
January 14, 2025, Meeting Minutes
1:00pm-3:00pm

Virtual Meeting Option to Attend via Zoom: All participants (Subcommittee members and observers) use the following Zoom link: Join Zoom Meeting:

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Meeting ID: 860 4118 2468

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Science & Data Subcommittee Members Present:

Breck Bowden, Jared Duval, Ken Jones, Clare McIlvennie, David Grass, Amy Redman, Richard Hopkins, Tara Kulkarni, Jay Shafer

1:00 PM: Welcome/Agenda Overview

- Jared Duval provided overview of Subcommittee Agenda

1:05 PM: Approval of Minutes

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- No comments/edits were raised
- Minutes approved by Subcommittee

1:15 PM: Review & Discuss Drafting Chapters for Update to Climate Action Plan

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[CAP2025 Drafting Expectations Presentation](#)

- Jared Duval shared the current status of drafting responsibilities for the Climate Action Plan, including due dates and lead authors.
- Discussion of the timeline for chapter drafts, with a focus on the March 1st deadline for submission to the Climate Action Office.

- Ken Jones raised a question about the relationship between actions and outcomes, emphasizing the need for analysis on the effectiveness of past strategies.
- David Grass discussed the scope of the health chapter, noting the challenge of comprehensively inventorying health benefits from mitigation actions.
- Lesley-Ann highlighted that the climate and climate change section involves contributions from multiple subcommittees, including rural resilience and adaptation, and agriculture and ecosystems, to ensure a comprehensive perspective.
- Lesley-Ann emphasized the importance of making the Climate Action Plan accessible and relevant to the public, addressing feedback about its implementation and ensuring it is clear and actionable.
- Lesley-Ann clarified that health and well-being aspects are being integrated into the health chapter led by David Grass, while economic aspects are being incorporated into Ken Jones's chapter, to streamline the document.
- The group agreed to hold two meetings: February 14th to review chapter drafts and February 28th for an update on emissions reduction pathways analysis and the business-as-usual (BAU) baseline assessment
- Jared Duval will coordinate the sharing of drafts by February 12th for review before the February 14th meeting.

2:45 PM: Discuss Next Meeting Agenda

- The next Subcommittee meetings are scheduled for February 14th and February 28th, with the February 14th meeting focusing on reviewing chapter drafts.

2:50 PM: Public comment

- No public comment

3:00 PM: Adjourn