

Steering Committee Self-Nominations

Note: The Steering Committee is composed of six members: two council members from the administration (Sec. Julie Moore and Sec. Kristin Clouser), two councilors appointed by the House, and two by the Senate. Below are the self-nominations for the House and Senate appointees, which match the number of available seats.

Senate appointees

Kelly Klein	"I'd like to bring additional areas of experience and expertise to the Steering Committee as well as to help with maintaining continuity to the direction and leadership of the Council as we welcome new members."
Jared Duval	"I would like to continue serving on the Steering Committee. I would like to help to continue to connect the work of the different Council subcommittees and continue building on the work that the entire Council did in crafting Vermont's first Climate Action Plan. The next couple of years will be important as we simultaneously focus on implementation of the first CAP while also preparing to craft the 2nd CAP. I believe that I bring valuable institutional memory and knowledge to the Steering Committee while also being open to feedback and new ideas for how the Steering Committee can best support the Council. And I have the capacity and commitment to keep showing up and doing this work on behalf of the whole Council and our fellow Vermonters."

House appointees

Bram Kleppner	"The rural manufacturing business I lead has 85 employees, and they and their families count on our company for income and health insurance; at the same time, I believe global warming could cause more suffering than anything humanity has ever faced. Those two facts combined may let me contribute a valuable perspective to the Steering Committee as we plan a just transition to a clean energy future."
Paula Melton*	"I'm interested in using my organizational skills to keep this work moving, and more specifically, I'd like to help the council manifest our commitment to justice, making it part of every process and decision. Moreover, it seems that some members need relief from the work load, and I'm happy to step in—especially considering the fact that I don't yet have a subcommittee assignment."

* Since the Steering Committee met, follow-up was done with Paula and she has decided to engage on both the Just Transitions and Rural Resilience and Adaptation Subcommittees, and not step onto the Steering Committee at this time. As a result, Liz Miller has expressed interest in continuing to serve as a House-appointed member.