

Vermont Climate Council Steering Committee Meeting
Dec 9, 2024, 8:30am – 10:00am
Minutes

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Steering Committee members: Secretary Julie Moore, Bram Kleppner, Liz Miller, Kelly Klein, Jared Duval

Staff and facilitation: Liz Amler, Jane Lazorchak, David Plumb, Charlotte Goodman

8:30 AM Welcome/Overview of Agenda/[Approval of minutes](#).

David Plumb, CBI

Minutes were approved by the Steering Committee.

8:35 AM Introduction from Secretary Clark

Secretary Clark, Agency of Administration

8:40 AM [Vermont Climate Council agenda for Dec. 16](#)

David Plumb, CBI and Jane Lazorchak, Climate Action Office

Steering Committee had the following feedback on the draft Council agenda:

- Change “The meeting marks *the* hand-off to the full Council from the subcommittees of the substantive work of updating the Climate Action Plan” to “marks *a* handoff,” and add: “*The Council will ask subcommittees for input in the coming months.*”
 - Should signal that Cross-Sector will require some more back-and-forth.
- An email to the Council should suggest booking time in advance to read the whole package. In the future, we can structure the agenda to include more reading time during the meetings.
- Consolidate Cross-Cutting issues into a single time slot.

9:00 AM [Updated Table of Contents and Writing Responsibilities](#)

Jane Lazorchak, Climate Action Office

The Steering Committee provided the following input on the draft Table of Contents and plan for writing draft chapters:

- Secretary Julie Moore will help with the Progress Assessment chapter.
 - Jared Duval will also help with this chapter to the extent that it will assess progress on emissions reduction.
- The Connect with the Council Callout Box might unintentionally suggest the Council has a bigger role than it does after submitting the updated plan. The Climate Action Officer should update the website to emphasize the remaining engagement opportunities and make it clear the ongoing role of the Council once the updated plan is finalized.

9:30 AM Just Transitions and Council Work in Early 2025
Liz Amler, Climate Action Office

The Steering Committee provided initial thoughts on a question from the Just Transition Subcommittee: How will equity considerations play into the next phase of Council work?

- Serve as a resource for the Subcommittees’ equity work (i.e. reviewing for plain language, drafting plain language summaries, helping people access proposed services etc).
- Just Transition’s guidance document can help the Council use the equity rubric to evaluate the priority actions as they are considered.
- An equity assessment discussion should be part of every substantive chapter (i.e. transportation - considering public input and what it means to decarbonize the sector equitably.)

9:45 AM Schedule of Steering Committee Meetings in January - May
Liz Amler, Climate Action Office

The Steering Committee approved the schedule for Steering Committee meetings in early 2025 with the following revisions.

- Shorten meetings to 1 hour.
- Change meeting on Memorial Day to Tuesday, May 27th.

9:50 AM Public comment

None offered.

10:00 AM Adjourn