

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

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Participants:

Steering Committee members: Secretary Julia Moore, Liz Miller, Jared Duval, Kelly Klein

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

8:30 AM Welcome/Overview of Agenda/Approval of minutes.

David Plumb, CBI

The Steering Committee unintentionally skipped over approval of the minutes.

8:35 AM Council Agenda for Sept. 23 Meeting

David Plumb, CBI

The Steering Committee approved the agenda with the following revisions:

- The Just Transitions Reflection should be a description of the planned training for Counselors, as well as a review of the visual diagram.
- Not for this meeting, but there is interest in helping Councilors understand the different ways costs and benefits are calculated.

9:00 AM Draft Outline of the Revised Climate Action Plan

Jane Lazorchak, Climate Action Office

The Steering Committee provided the following feedback on the draft outline.

- Overall, it looks good and helpful to see in this format. Going forward, it will be helpful to include drafting deadlines.
- Please clarify that the climate stories will be sprinkled throughout the document, and that there will be plain-language summaries throughout

9:20 AM Approach for Addressing Cross-Cutting Issues

Liz Amler, Climate Action Office

The Steering Committee had the following input on the memo

- Please confirm if Councilors and subcommittee members can receive the full per diem for attending these meetings (ANR will confirm)

- On building code issues, they can live under Cross-Sector Mitigation, however the subcommittee should aim to pull in resilience experts during discussion.
- Regarding compact settlement
 - Shared infrastructure is perhaps a better name, as we're talking about settlement patterns more generally.
 - The group should focus on the resilience benefits of these issues, in addition to potential emissions reductions.

9:30 AM Incorporating Just Transitions Visual Guide for Subcommittees
Kelly Klein, Councilor and JT Subcommittee Co-Chair

The Steering Committee provided the following feedback on the document

- Adjust the language around “design and host” stakeholder engagement to something that signals subcommittees will be supporting in designing and hosting
- Overall looks great and please get out it quickly
- Will we be ready to do the engagement in Oct?
 - Yes, it's better for subcommittees to still be developing their output. They should be prepared to talk about the areas on which they are focusing.

9:40 AM Updating the Council's Guidance Document
Jane Lazorchak, Climate Action Office

The Steering Committee approved the updates. Regarding the election of new Steering Committee members, the Steering Committee signaled that the Council should avoid situations in which outgoing Councilors are voting on a new slate of Steering Committee members.

9:55 AM Public comment

Two members of the public made comments (Annette Smith and XXX).
 Comments included:

- It will be important to include Indigenous voices in this process
- The history of settlement in the state shows that originally Vermont wasn't settled in the valleys that flood.
- Please create a page of all meetings happening that aren't in public (e.g. task group meetings or other planning meetings.)

10:00 AM Adjourn