

Vermont Climate Council Steering Committee Meeting
Oct. 21, 2024, 8:30am – 10:00am
Minutes

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

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

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

David Plumb, CBI

The Steering Committee approved the September 9 [minutes](#) with the following addition:

- Delete the reference to a second public commenter, as only one person offered public comment.

The Steering Committee approved the August 19 [minutes](#) with the following changes:

- Add attendance list.
 - Steering Committee members: Secretary Julie Moore, Jared Duval, Liz Miller, Bram Kleppner
 - Staff and facilitation: Jane Lazorchak, Elizabeth Amler, David Plumb
- Change “updated Cost of Greenhouse Gases recommendation” to the “updated *Social* Cost of Greenhouse Gases recommendation.”

8:35 AM Cadence of Council meetings through June 2025

David Plumb, CBI and Jane Lazorchak, Climate Action Office

The Steering Committee provided the following feedback on the suggested cadence of Council meetings:

- Add a 1.5-2 hour Council meeting on November 20 or 22. Invite subcommittee co-chairs and key members to discuss progress and challenges to get feedback from the Council, and talk about themes from public input sessions.

- Update cadence to one meeting in February, two meetings in March, and add more detail to the late January meeting that the consolidated draft primarily consists of the outline and draft substantive recommendations so as not to confuse people that other chapters need to be ready.

9:05 AM Subcommittee prioritization, decision-making and deliverables to the Council
David Plumb, CBI and Jane Lazorchak, Climate Action Office

The Steering Committee had the following input on guidance to subcommittees:

- Be transparent about which recommendations were unanimous and which were not.
- Provide details about which recommendations were from the first cap, which have been dropped and why, and which are new.
- Have subcommittees deliberate on prioritization beforehand and choose a handful of priorities, noting which are continuing and which are new.
- Provide perspective on timeline and sequencing of priorities.
- Build time into the agenda for questions, reflections, and concerns to be raised.
- Modeling is extremely important for Cross-Sector, but the modeling won't be done by December. However, we already know which actions bring us more or less GHG reductions.

9:40 AM New member appointments to Subcommittees
Jane Lazorchak, Climate Action Office

Steering Committee approved the appointments of Chris Campany to Rural Resilience and Adaptation and Matt Cota to Cross-Sector Mitigation with the following feedback:

- Be mindful about the size of subcommittees to manage numbers and quorum.
 - To be sure, there is a difference between adding Councilors and adding members of the public to subcommittees.
- The Senate Committee on Committees is seeking nominees and hopes to make a decision in November for open seats.

9:50 AM Public comment

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

- 2 liaisons from Just Transitions on Cross-Sector seems unusual.
- Size of Cross-Sector may not be an issue because Bram may step down if elected.

- Concern that Agriculture and Ecosystems and Rural Resilience and Adaptation subcommittees are focusing more on process and less on substance.
- Wanting to offer input to Cross-Sector's electricity subgroup and to Rural Resilience about health issues but not finding a productive way to interact.
- How to use emerging technology such as AI to accelerate what the Council is doing and increase efficiency.

Collin Smythe, co-chair of the Science and Data subcommittee, has stepped down. CAO will work to support Science and Data in the meantime.

10:00 AM Adjourn

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