

Vermont Climate Council Steering Committee Meeting
Nov 14, 2024, 8:30am – 10:00am
Minutes

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Steering Committee members: Liz Miller, Julie Moore, Jared Duval, Kelly Klein, Bram Kleppner (partial)

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 Vermont Climate Council agenda for Nov. 20

David Plumb, CBI and Jane Lazorchak, Climate Action Office

The Steering Committee provided the following feedback on the draft Council agenda:

- Give Subcommittee Co-Chairs notice that they should be there for Just Transition reflection related to a revised approach to public comment.
- In the Updates from Subcommittee Co-Chairs section, change “challenges” to “challenging.”
 - CAO will provide a reminder of the overall drafting schedule to subcommittees and make sure they feel supported and prepared as they complete their work. Adjust the guiding question in email and in the agenda to ask if they need assistance and/or guidance.

8:50 AM Vermont Climate Council agenda for Dec. 16 – first look

David Plumb, CBI and Jane Lazorchak, Climate Action Office

The Steering Committee provided the following feedback on the draft Council agenda:

- Include presentations about the cross-cutting issues in this meeting, along with the subcommittee recommendations. Tighten up time blocks for each to include them all.
- Aim for short presentation and time for discussions / Q&A
- Subcommittees have been asking for clear guidance on how to present priority actions - should suggest that they really spend time discussing

these. The Subcommittees and Council should provide support in how to select these priorities.

- Add another opportunity for public comment before the break.
 - Set realistic expectations for Subcommittees who have not absorbed or even heard information from other Task Groups and Subcommittees, and may not be ready.
- Possibly take out the Just Transitions reflection altogether to add more time for public comment.
- Add a Council meeting on January 13th to talk through issues that require the Council's deliberation.

9:10 AM Writing responsibilities for January-March – A detailed look
Jane Lazorchak, Climate Action Office

The Steering Committee provided the following input on the plan for writing draft chapters of the updated Climate Action Plan during January, February, and

March:

- CAO update: “Proposed Updated and New Contents of 2025 Climate Action Plan” table with new chapter names, lead authors (even if it will be a group effort), and due dates. CAO to help coordinate with Subcommittee co-chairs on lead authors for Council chapters.
- Take out the “Benefits and Burdens of Energy Choices” chapter as it will be addressed in the Climate Effects on the Economy and Vermont's Energy Economy.
- Update land acknowledgement.

9:50 AM Public comment

No members of the public offered comment.

Update on Councilor appointments:

- Bram is stepping down in January, and will need to be replaced. Bram has forwarded possible candidates to the Speaker.
- The Senate Committee on Committees is considering nominations for the youth or resilience representative.
- CAO to help update Subcommittee member lists and connect with Jared about people who have left their positions on Science and Data.

10:00 AM Adjourn