

Vermont Climate Council Steering Committee Meeting
April 9, 2025, 10:30am – 11:30am
Minutes

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Steering Committee members: Secretary Sarah Clark, Secretary Julie Moore, Liz Miller, Jared Duval, Kelly Klein

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

10:30 AM Welcome/Overview of Agenda/Approval of minutes.

David Plumb, CBI

The Steering Committee will approve the minutes from 3/24 at the next meeting.

10:35 AM Agenda for April 14, 2025, Vermont Climate Council Meeting

David Plumb, CBI

Steering Committee members shared the following thoughts on the agenda for the April 14th Council meeting:

- Add preview for the meeting in May, and whether there will be materials to review in advance
- Add a look-ahead for future meetings at the end of the agenda
- Revisions to the process slides:
 - Let's be mindful about calling certain chapters "substantive." It's clearer to distinguish between chapters with recommendations and those that provide context.
 - Some of the draft chapters haven't been fully reviewed and those who helped set the priorities aren't part of the process of bringing everything together – this feels like the missing link. Instead of having the Steering Committee agree on content that supports the narrative, let's start with the co-chairs, who can decide whether to bring in subcommittees or task groups as needed to give feedback.
 - Clarify who is holding the pen when incorporating the feedback.
 - The Steering Committee should provide high-level feedback (e.g., consistency, specificity), while Councilors can share individual

substantive concerns. We also need to clarify when in the process this input should begin.

- Reorder the first and second bullets under #3 “Who Does This Work.”
- Make language more action-oriented and list chairs/co-chairs.
- For future planning for the 2029 plan, the Business As Usual (BAU) and pathways analysis ideally should inform the drafting of recommendations *earlier* in the process, rather than being presented near the end.

11:05 AM Public Comment

Earl Hatley offered public comment:

- I appreciate the chance for subcommittee co-chairs to review before things are finalized. In our case, we had 84 items to prioritize and rewrite, many tied to laws we weren’t familiar with and didn’t have time or support to fully research. Now Councilors are asking, “This language is in here, but how does it relate?” which was exactly our struggle too.

11:10 AM Schedule of Council Meetings Through June
David Plumb, CBI and Jane Lazorchak, Climate Action Office

The Steering Committee proposed the following addition to the schedule:

- Schedule a new Council meeting on June 23.

11:30 AM Adjourn