

Vermont Climate Council Steering Committee Meeting
March 24, 2025, 8:30am – 9:30am
Minutes

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

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

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

David Plumb, CBI

The Steering Committee approved the minutes from 2/24.

8:35 AM Agenda for March 31, 2025, Vermont Climate Council Meeting

David Plumb, CBI

The Steering Committee shared the following comments about the agenda for the Council meeting on March 31st:

- It will be challenging time-wise to do detailed analysis of how much support each priority recommendation has. The proposed approach is to include the caveat language when the draft content goes out, acknowledging that the priority actions have not been officially recommended yet – there is still a process to follow and feedback to get.
- Having time dedicated to legislative updates would be helpful. CAO can draft a brief memo to share, including a summary of Councilors' testimonies.

9:10 AM Public Comment

Annette Smith and Judy Dow offered public comment that included:

- Can you add a header to the flashcards to clarify that they cover all sectors, not just one?
- Could you provide an update on the status of the three vacancies on the Climate Council?

- Once all steps are completed, will Subcommittees be updated on changes and allowed to comment? It's unclear whether our recommendations were rejected by the Council or the legislature. There should be follow-up to keep Subcommittees informed.

9:15 AM Council Decision-Making Process to Release Draft Content
David Plumb, CBI

The Steering Committee discussed how the Council will apply its decision-making protocol to release the draft content. They decided that if Councilors are stuck on certain recommendations, they will revisit the language to see if adjustments can make it acceptable to release as a draft with caveat language. If necessary, the voting protocol will be activated to move the recommendations forward and avoid delays into April.

9:25 AM Plan for Additional Council Meeting(s) in April
Liz Amler, Climate Action Office and David Plumb, CBI

Steering Committee members agreed to add an additional Council meeting to begin reviewing substantive chapters, tentatively scheduled for April 14th from 11am-2pm, with the Land Acknowledgement update included.

9:30 AM Adjourn