

Just Transitions Subcommittee of the Vermont Climate Council May 13, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: May 13, 2021 4–6 PM: Meeting recorded and [posted online](#).

Subcommittee Members Present: Sue Minter, Sarah Phillips, Jennifer Myka, Kelly Klein, Chris Company, Nadia Marquez Pabst, Kashka Orlow, Virginie Diambou, Beverly Little Thunder

Staff Present: Jane Lazorchak, Liz Shields, Amanda Carlson, Abbey Willard, David Plumb, Ross McDonald, Claire McIlvennie

4:00 PM Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

Check In – Subcommittee members, staff and members of the public introduced themselves in the chat box, and said what we are grateful for

Review & Approval of Agenda

- Approved

4/29 and 5/6 Minutes

- Delayed, minutes not released in time for public meeting warning

4:10 PM Community Listen – Judy Dow

- Presented indigenous view of our world
 - **Health of the water, health of the soil first**
- Posed the question: Is there fairness to all living things (human and non-human)?

4:35 PM Big Takeaways from the Co-Chairs Meeting

- Nadia shared notes from Co-Chairs meeting
 - Other subcommittees noted they were waiting for our principles and other work – reassuring to hear that they are taking our work seriously
 - Discussion about the tension between the timeline and the work the Climate Council is tasked with
- Jane mentioned that public engagement consultants have been meeting with other subcommittees, they will present that synthesized information to us next week

4:42 PM Draft Principles – Finalize

- Discussion of edits that have been proposed, we will finalize this document next week
- Still text heavy, need to retain message of the principles in more concise manner

4:45 PM Impacted Communities – Discussion Revisions for Final Draft

- List of impacted/frontline communities presented
- Discussion within group whether to rank communities and whether to write out all impacted communities

- 5:25 PM Public Comment
- Pat Siguai commented, her comments can be heard in the video
- 5:27 PM Questions for Assessment & Evaluation
- David facilitated - Claire described the process the sub working group used— what questions come to mind when we read through the guiding principles?
 - Subcommittee members took time to read through JamBoard and add their comments
 - Another round of work is needed before next week’s meeting
 - Abbey reflected that Y/N questions are helpful, and the State of Vermont equity assessment tool is a good starting point
- 5:54 PM Reporting Back from Other Sub Committees, Steering Committee & Full Council
- Other Announcements
- Science and Data is digging into GHG inventory methodology
 - Chris reported back from Cross Sector – he instructed that group to go to communities and ask for their input before making policy
 - Rural resilience dove into vulnerability indexes – 2 Fridays from now ME climate council leader will join their meeting, as well as reps. from Green Mtn Power, Agency Natural Resources, and Science & Data subcommittee
- 6:00 PM Public Comment
- Pat Siguai commented, her comments can be heard in the video
- 6:02 PM Adjourn

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