

## Just Transitions Subcommittee of the Vermont Climate Council February 25, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: February 25, 2021 3:30 - 5:00 PM: Meeting recorded to be [posted online](#).

Council Members Present: Sue Minter, Sarah Phillips, Chris Company, Jennifer Myka, Kelly Klein

Staff Present: Jane Lazorchak, Ross MacDonald, Liz Shield, Abby Willard, Amanda Carlson

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### 3:30 PM Review and Approve Agenda

- Sue suggested we discuss public engagement strategies in lieu of resources and materials for review. The Subcommittee agreed to this agenda change.

### 3:37 PM Important Updates from the Full Council Meeting and Director Lazorchak

- Jane gave update on administrative details.
- Members voiced support for including public comment in minutes.
- Cross-sector mitigation Subcommittee would like a liaison from our Subcommittee.

### 3:47 PM Finalize Nominations for Subcommittee

- Discuss results of interviews and outreach
  - Each member discussed their outreach to the Subcommittee nominees: many were not able to reach nominees, of those that were reached, many are interested, and well qualified.
  - Co-chairs expanded the list to include more geographical balance and better representation as discussed previously by the Subcommittee.
- Review criteria
  - There was discussion about whether the Subcommittee was moving too fast and should wait for people who we couldn't reach in our short time frame.
- Finalize nominations to present to Steering Committee and Council
  - **Yes's** – Virginie, Kitiara, Beverly, Iris, Nadia, Judy.
  - Continue outreach to four identified nominees.
  - Continue outreach to others we have not connected with as part of our overall engagement work.

### 4:32 PM Discussion of Ongoing Times for Meetings

- There is a willingness to move times to accommodate other members; the Subcommittee agreed on setting meetings between 3:30 PM – 7 PM on a weekday.

4:37 PM Discuss Public Engagement Strategies

- Jane relayed a suggestion to use original list of nominees (list of 300 people) as community advocates to get the word out about our Climate Council work.
- There was discussion about early engagement strategies and how the Subcommittee might support early engagement as the draft plan is being prepared, such as focus groups or other education around the work of the Global Warming Solutions Act, in particular to reach historically marginalized communities early in the policy development process.
- There was general agreement with this idea, though concern about timing as our Subcommittee is still forming. There was a discussion about being able to compensate or incentivize participation. A small group will meet this week to bring ideas to our next meeting on early engagement strategies.
  - What are the questions we would be asking people?
  - Small Group: Sue, Liz & Chris (if available) to develop ideas for early engagement. Discuss at next subcommittee meeting with goal of requesting to Steering Committee.
- Jane reminded us of large amount of money devoted to this work (\$800,000 for data/ science) and suggested this could be a source of support.

4:40 PM Goals for Next Meeting Thursday, March 4, 2021 3:30-5:00 PM

- We will invite new nominees to next week's meeting, welcoming these new members to the Subcommittee.
- Work on public engagement strategy.

4:55 PM Public Comment

- Donna Leban, Matthew Burke and Jack Cushman spoke from the public and their full comments may be viewed in the video recording of the meeting.

5:05 PM Adjourn

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