

Land Access and Opportunity Board Meeting

Feb 5, 2024, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Meeting Facilitator: Ornella Matta-Figueroa & Jean Hamilton, LAOB Staff

Attendee	Present	Not Present
Board	•	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Susan Aranoff, Vermont DDC • Samantha Langevin, VT RELEAF b bc Collective • Ana Mejia, Vermont Every Town Project • Dan Coutu, VT Commission on Native American Affairs • Xusana Davis, Office of Racial Equity • Britaney Watson, NAACP • Pacifique Nsengiyumva, US Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI) • Arnold Thomas, Vermont Racial Justice Alliance • Brian Cina, National Association of Social Workers • Raheemah Madany, Pride Center of Vermont • <i>Vermont Psychiatric Survivors (no active board member)</i>
Board Alternates	•	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jennifer Morton-Dow, VT Releaf Collective • Mark Hughes, VRJA • Kirsten Murphy, Vermont DDC • Shingai Kagunda, Vermont Every Town Project • Rich Holschuh, VCNAA • Ashley Devereaux, NASW
Guests & Public	<u>Public:</u> <u>Guests:</u>	

Agenda

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Convene the February 5th, 2024 virtual meeting of the LAOB at 5:30pm <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Welcome, Facilitator Team Introductions, and overview of meeting b. Touchstones <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Listen generously. Speak your truth from your heart & mind. ii. Make the way we work together an example of what’s possible. |
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<p>iii. Trust that we all hold a piece of the puzzle & we need each other's pieces to understand the whole picture</p> <p>c. LAOB Board Member & Staff Introductions: Name, Identifiers, Board seat and location (county)</p>	
<p>2. Review & Approve Meeting Notes from January 22nd, 2024 meeting (5 mins) https://vhcb.org/sites/default/files/meeting-minutes/2024/LAOB/1-22-24%20LAOB%20Minutes.pdf</p>	
<p>3. LAOB Introduction -</p>	<p>LAOB Presentation (5 mins)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Slides presented ● Questions for LAOB
<p>4. Advisory Powers Learning Journey:VEDA / VACC Presentation</p> <p>a. <u>Presenters:</u> Sarah Isham and Andy Wood</p>	<p>Intro of Guests from Vermont Economic Development Authority / Vermont Agricultural Credit Corporation presentation</p> <p>Presentation for approx 20-30 mins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <p>Question & Answer - 10 mins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●
<p>BREAK - 5 mins</p>	
<p>5. Public Comment & Board Responses - 15 mins</p>	
<p>6. Board Function Discussion 15 mins</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What's the function of the board now that we have staff? (Conversation) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Committee work: focus and frequency? ○ What decisions should come before the Board vs be decided by staff? ○ How can staff best support the Board? ○ How can Board members best support the staff?
<p>7. Legislative Updates - 15 mins</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What's happening in the Statehouse related to LAOB? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Staff received message from Sen. Ram Hinsdale:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Can the LAOB be the statewide entity that tracks statewide homeownership gap and recommendations on how to close the gap? ■ Can LAOB contribute an an environmental justice analysis of tiered maps of development (equitable access to housing, open space, amenities, etc)? ○ Other bills that relate to LAOB priorities? ○ LAOB Outreach 2-pager
<p>8. Board Announcements - 10 mins</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Next Board meeting: 2/20 (Tuesday)
<p>9. Meeting Adjourned 7:30pm</p>	

ZOOM LINK - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83566919017>

DOCUMENTS

- **January 8th Meeting Notes (PDF)**
<https://vhcb.org/sites/default/files/meeting-minutes/2024/LAOB/1-22-24%20LAOB%20Minutes.pdf>
- **LAOB Outreach 2-pager (PDF)**- https://drive.google.com/file/d/1yr_1J-GKY14n_5DUHMQCXqL-68rIjMej/view?usp=drive_link