

Land Access and Opportunity Board Meeting

March 4, 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"> ● Samantha Langevin, VT RELEAF Collective ● Dan Coutu, VT Commission on Native American Affairs ● Xusana Davis, Office of Racial Equity ● Susan Aranoff, Vermont DDC ● Ana Mejia, Vermont Every Town Project ● Pacifique Nsengiyumva, US Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI) ● Brian Cina, National Association of Social Workers ● Britaney Watson, NAACP ● Arnold Thomas, Vermont Racial Justice Alliance ● 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

1. **Convene the March 4, 2024 virtual meeting of the LAOB at 5:30pm** (5 mins)
 - a. Welcome, Facilitator Team Introductions, and overview of meeting
 - b. Touchstones
 - i. Listen generously. Speak your truth from your heart & mind.

- ii. Make the way we work together an example of what’s possible.
- iii. Trust that we all hold a piece of the puzzle & we need each other’s pieces to understand the whole picture
- c. LAOB Board Member & Staff Introductions: Name, Identifiers, Board seat and location (county)

2. Review & Approve Meeting Notes from Feb 20, 2024 meeting (5 mins)
<https://vhcb.org/sites/default/files/meeting-agendas/2024/LAOB/2-20-24%20LAOB%20Minutes.pdf>

3. Public Comment & Board Responses - 15 mins

- 4. LAOB Legislative Update – 10 mins**
- Appropriations update
 - Co-working: advocating for signers on the Seeding Power letter of support

- 5. Legislative Round Up – 25 mins**
- What’s being discussed in the Statehouse related to LAOB? Board members requested to share updates:**
- Property taxes
 - Act 250 reform
 - Refugee temporary housing
 - Developmental Disability Council Housing planning grants
 - Health Equity
 - Cannabis Equity
 - What else?

BREAK - 5 mins from 6:30-6:35pm

6. Advisory Powers Learning Journey – 15 mins

Review learning journey to date. Who do we want to connect with next?

7. Equity Assessment RFP Review - 15 mins

Review and give feedback on Equity Assessment RFP

8. Board Governance - 10 mins	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Moving to monthly Board meetings in April• Co-working: complete survey about availability and scheduling preference
9. Board Announcements - 10 mins	
10. Meeting Adjourned 7:30pm	

ZOOM LINK - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84633679177>