Land Access and Opportunity Board: **Policy Committee:**

September 23, 2025, 2:00-3:00PM

Meeting Facilitator: Jean Hamilton

Meeting Notetaker: Ornella Matta Figueroa & Arealles Ortiz

Attendees	**Committee Members**
Board • Jaada Longmore, Racial Justice Alliance • Brian Cina, VT National Association of Social Workers • Rev Mark Hughes, Racial Justice Alliance **Staff** Ornella, Jean, Arealles	• Dan Coutu, VT Commission on Native American Affairs, VT Council on Native American Affairs • Kirsten Murphy, Vermont Developmental Disability Council • Susan Aranoff, Vermont DDC • Xusana Davis, Office of Racial Equity
Guests & Public	

Agenda

Meeting Convened by Facilitator, Jean @ 2PM	
1. Introductions & Check-in	Name, Nominating Organization Check-in Agenda Building
2. Discussion/ Updates	Prep for next policy committee meeting discussion of Sept-Dec prep for Jan session At the retreat, we will talk about our policy initiatives for this coming year, likely to include:

	• Add time for Brian to speak to missing pieces that Leg Council left out. "An act relating to development and maintenance of affordable housing infrastructure" ○ Prompt board – what else is missing? • Look at what is being clawed back with the funding this year. Think about what we could advance. Where could the revenue come from? New property transfer tax? Cannabis excise? What would a policy look like that recovers what we lost. • Look at what else is happening – ancillary – what else should we be looking at. • See 9.22 board meeting minutes for more links on policy committee *Ideas for Retreat:* *Policy 101* *Brians Bill: Which parts fit/Don't?* *What would a new policy FY26 look like? What should we be looking for? Be Wary of? Session about working on ideas. How do we make our own bill?* *Does the board need to come with policy language? Familiarizing ourselves. What ideas do they have for policy?* *What do our communities need right now? What does community ownership look like?* We need to grow the LAOB, propose our new budget. That's one part of the plan. Also, a policy strategy. We should expand the budget. Budget line items. We should be able to marry policy with the budget. When we meet with Greshen there will be a clear budget. Includes operating expenses and base. And say the rest of our budget gives policy advocacy that we would be working on, committees. Base will be written into budget. There may be a question mark above base. A new version of the bill can include some missing pieces. Includes pieces in our existing work and how they all fit together. Like how housing coaches could be working between settings, helping people in transition to find housing. How existing programming ties into future work. All pieces fit together. Coworking time with the material perhaps at the retreat.

3. Process Check-in, Next Steps	• Reflections • Next Steps • Gratitudes
Meeting Adjourned at 3PM	

Submitted by: Arealles Ortiz