

Land Access and Opportunity Board Meeting

February 9, 2026, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Meeting Facilitator:

Notetaker:

Attendee	Present	Not Present
Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Brian Cina, National Association of Social Workers ● Dan Coutu, VT Commission on Native American Affairs ● Emily Carris-Duncan, Vermont Every Town Project ● Mark Hughes, VRJA ● Mary Gerisch, NAACP ● Alyssa Beauchamp, Liberation Ecosystem ● Sonali Samarasinghe, US Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI) ● Susan Aranoff, Vermont DDC ● <i>No active board member</i>, Pride Center of Vermont ● Xusana Davis, Office of Racial Equity ● Zack Hughes, Vermont Psychiatric Survivors ● Abel Luna, Migrant Justice
Board Alternates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Jaada Longmore, VRJA ● Kirsten Murphy, Vermont DDC ● Samantha Langevin, Liberation Ecosystem ● Rich Holschuh, VCNAA ● Caitlin Scott, Vermont Psychiatric Survivors ● Marita Canedo, Migrant Justice ● Kenneth Martel, US Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI)
Guests & Public		

Agenda

<p>1. Convene the February 9, 2025 virtual meeting of the LAOB at 5:30pm (10mins)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Welcome, Overview b. Touchstones <ul 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. 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, Seat and Location (county) 	
<p>2. Review & Approve Meeting Minutes from January 12, 2025 (Arealles- 5-10 mins)</p> <p>https://server3.vhcb.org/sharing/9rqg1vHVK</p> <p>Password: LAOB25</p>	
<p>3. Director Evaluation update (10 mins)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Records storage of Evaluation materials at Liberation Ecosystem
<p>4. Program Update (20 mins)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Small Scale Developer Training Program & Community of Practice (Tay)
<p>5. Upcoming Conference Opportunity (10 mins)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Policy Link Summit - Link: https://www.policylink.org/about/summits
<p>BREAK: 6:30-6:35pm</p>	

6. 2026 Legislative Updates (30 mins)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Round Robin, what is your experience this legislative session? - PR.4 <p><u>If time allows:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LAOB Bill - Legislative landscape: Jean & Ornella update on what we're seeing this session.
7. Public Comment & Board Responses (15 mins)	
8. Board Announcements (10 mins)	
9. CONSENT ITEMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
10. ACTION ITEMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
11. Meeting Adjourned:	

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84633679177>

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