Land Access and Opportunity Board: Hearth Tending Committee
March 11, 2026, 9:40AM – 10:30AM

Meeting Facilitator: Jean Hamilton

Notetaker: Arealles Ortiz

Attendees	**Not Present:**
Board: ● Dan Coutu (VCNAA) ● Jaada Longmore (VRJA) ● Mark Hughes (VRJA) **Staff:** Arealles Ortiz, Jean Hamilton, Ornella Matta-Figueroa	● Samantha Langevin (LEI) ● Susan Aranoff (VT DDC) ● Kirsten Murphy (VT DDC)
Guests & Public:	

Agenda

Meeting Convened by Facilitator at 9:30AM	
1. Introductions & Check-in	Agenda Items: 1. Check-in: Name, Nominating Organization 2. Prompt: What is your favorite creature, animal, or plant? 3. Review 3.4.26 DRAFT Minutes 4. Check in on VHCB-LAOB Case Study 3/18 5. Introduce LAOB 2026 Calendar Plan: A tool for board project planning and organization
2.Discussion/ Updates	<u>Review 3.4.26 DRAFT Minutes:</u> We did not establish a quorum so we will review 3.4.26 draft minutes at the next committee meeting on March 18th. <u>Check in on VHCB-LAOB Case Study 3/18:</u> We are on track for the case study next Wednesday. Susan/Kirsten would like a 3rd party facilitator. We have engaged Ginny McGinn of Center for Whole Communities to facilitate us. She is a very experienced facilitator and available.

	We have another meeting this week with Susan & Kirsten to gather further feedback. Upcoming Meeting Dates if the committee is interested in attending: Susan/Kirsten for their feedback on March 13th. Ornella/Jean are meeting with Ginny Monday March 16th & Tuesday March 17th. We discussed Mark opening this case study so it would be helpful for him to join the meeting with Ginny the March 16th 10-11AM. Mark introduced LAOB work plan 2026-2027 doc, in rough form Co-Director Introduced LAOB 2026 Calendar Plan: A tool for project planning and organization
3. Process Check-in, Next Steps	● Reflections ● Next Steps -Schedule a meeting to convene the Finance Committee -HTC 3/25 meeting: Update on the LAOB budget process -Schedule a special board meeting (2-hour block) for LAOB program updates in April ● Gratitudes
Meeting Adjourned at 10:30 AM	

Submitted By: Arealles Ortiz