



LAND ACCESS AND OPPORTUNITY BOARD TERMS OF REFERENCE

DEFINING DETAILS

NAME:	Land Access and Opportunity Board
TYPE:	Advisory Committee
PURPOSE:	To recommend new opportunities and improve access to woodlands, farmland, and land and home ownership for Vermonters from historically marginalized or disadvantaged communities who continue to face barriers to land and home ownership.
INITIAL SCOPE:	To deliver January 15, 2023 "Sunrise Report" to Vermont General Assembly and subsequent engagement with the General Assembly and other stakeholders. To engage with Vermont organizations working on housing equity and land access to recommend changes to provide more equitable access for Vermonters from historically marginalized or disadvantaged communities.
AUTHORITY:	The Land Access & Opportunity Board is established with broad authority to deliver on the mission and purpose summarized above. Initial funding for the Board is limited to meetings in SFY2023 for the purpose of delivering the Sunrise Report and any subsequent engagement with the General Assembly and other stakeholders.
SOURCES:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enabling legislation: Act 182 of 2022• Administrative and Fiscal Support: Vermont Housing & Conservation Board• Vermont Open Meeting Laws: 1 V.S.A. §§ 310-314• Vermont Secretary of State: Guide to Open Meetings• Vermont Per Diem Law: 32 V.S.A. § 1010• Records Retention Law: 1 V.S.A. § 317a• RFPs subject to VHCB procurement policy

PRACTICES AND PROTOCOLS

MEETINGS:	<p>The first meeting of the Land Access and Opportunity Board was called by the Executive Director of Racial Equity for 4 p.m. on July 25, 2022.</p> <p>Upcoming meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Dec. 5, 2022○ Dec. 19, 2022 <p>Join meetings by Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7762892697</p> <p>Meeting ID: 776 289 2697</p> <p>Dial up information +1 646 931 3860</p>
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REPORTING:	On or before January 15, 2023: Written report to the House Committee on General, Housing, and Military Affairs and the Senate Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs with initial recommendations related to the goals set forth in 10 V.S.A. § 325u. The report and recommendations shall primarily address <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • legal, constitutional, and governance questions relevant to the functions of the Board, including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ grant making and ○ how to fund, organize, and structure the Board as a permanent instrumentality of the State of Vermont.
RESOURCES:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$200,000 appropriation for SFY2023 • Administrative and technical assistance of the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board • The Board may accept from any governmental department or agency, public or private body, or any other source, grants or contributions
DELIVERABLES:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 15, 2023 Sunrise Report • Initial work of the Board under 10 V.S.A. § 325u(f) – “Powers and duties of the Board”

MEMBERSHIP

Member terms: Terms are 3 years. Members may not serve more than two full terms. Process for selecting a chair and other officers to be discussed at the first meeting.

NAME	ORGANIZATION	APPOINTED BY
Xusana Davis	SOV – Office of Racial Equity	Enabling statute
Rich Holschuh (alternate)	Vermont Commission on Native American Affairs	Vermont Commission on Native American Affairs
Jon Bosley (alternate)		
Naomi Moody	Vermont branches of the NAACP	Vermont branches of the NAACP
Amber Arnold (alternate)		
Pastor Arnold Thomas	Vermont Racial Justice Alliance	Vermont Racial Justice Alliance
Pastor Mark Hughes (alternate)		
Samantha Langevin	Vermont RELEAF Collective	Vermont RELEAF Collective
Liv Peña (alternate)		
Jess Laporte	Vermont Every Town Project; Community Resilience Organizations	Vermont Every Town Project

Lynn Stanley	National Association of Social Workers, Vermont	National Association of Social Workers, Vermont
Raheemah Madany	Pride Center of Vermont	Pride Center of Vermont
Pacifique Nsengiyumva	U.S. Committee for Refugees & Immigrants, Vermont	U.S. Committee for Refugees & Immigrants, Vermont
Kirsten Murphy	Vermont Developmental Disabilities Council	Vermont Developmental Disabilities Council
Karim Chapman (interim)	Vermont Psychiatric Survivors	Vermont Psychiatric Survivors