

**Approved Minutes**  
ADVOCACY, OUTREACH, AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE  
Thursday, May 5, 2022  
12:15 PM – 1:20 PM  
Zoom

**Meeting called by:**

Cari Kelley called the meeting to order at 12:16 p.m.

**Members Present:**

- Ana Kolbach
- Asher Edelson
- Bill Meirs
- Cari Kelley
- Emily Marie Ahtúnan
- Laura Siegel
- Sherrie Brunelle
- Helena Kehne
- Martha Frank
- Diane Dalmasse (ex-officio, non-voting)

**Members Absent:**

- Calla Papademas
- Sarah Launderville
- Courtney Blasius
- Cara Sachs

**SRC Liaison:**

None

**SRC Coordinator:**

- Heather Batalion (filling in)

**Speakers or Presenters:**

- n/a

**Guests:**

- Amanda Arnold

**Interpreters**

- Ryan Kraft (virtual)
- Nora Kennedy (in-person)

## **1) Introductions** (Cari Kelley, AOE Chair)

### **Discussion:**

Those in attendance went around the table and introduced themselves.

### **Conclusions:**

Thanks to everyone!

### **Action Items, Person Responsible, Deadline:**

None

## **2) Approval of Agenda** (Cari Kelley)

### **Discussion:**

Asher asked for any proposed additions or changes to the agenda. Helena moved to accept the agenda and it was seconded. No further discussion. All approved. Vote unanimous 9-0-0

### **Conclusions:**

Motion passes: today's agenda accepted

### **Action Items, Person Responsible, Deadline:**

None

## **3) Open for Public Comment** (Cari Kelley)

### **Discussion:**

No members of the public were present.

### **Conclusions:**

n/a

### **Action Items, Person Responsible, Deadline:**

None

## **4) Approval of Minutes March 3, 2022** (Cari Kelley)

### **Discussion:**

Cari asked for any proposed changes or amendments to the [Minutes from March 3, 2022](#). Asher moved to approve the minutes and it was seconded. No discussion. Vote unanimous 9-0-0

### **Conclusions:**

March 3, 2022 minutes were approved.

### **Action Items, Person Responsible, Deadline:**

- Approved minutes uploaded to SRC website, **Amanda Arnold** 5/9/2022

## 5) Discussion: Transportation Subcommittee (Group)

12:23 - 12:50.

### Discussion:

Cari opened the floor for further discussion about what direction the group wanted to move ahead on for a transportation subcommittee. Cari hopes that people have registered for transportation summit in June.

Suggestions: Participate in summit and then re-group to determine direction? Have someone from VTrans come to this meeting or full SRC? Emily to follow Transportation issues in the Senate and Legislature. HireAbility now has access to State vehicles that are headed to auction.

### Conclusions:

For those of us able to attend go to the summit Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00 – 3:00 pm at the Hilton in Burlington Lake Champlain (60 Battery Street, Burlington, VT 05401), then attend next AOE meeting to discuss what they've learned and share. Ross MacDonald to come to a future AOE meeting after debrief. HireAbility is able to support members who would like to attend and share information back to the committee.

### Action Items, Person Responsible, Deadline:

- Transportation Summit debrief on next agenda. People to share what they've learned.
- Cari to ask Ross MacDonald if there is a virtual option for the Transportation Summit.

## 6) Discussion: Upcoming priorities (Group)

### Discussion:

- If the Governor signs bill H.266 will determine next steps. [VT H0266 | 2021-2022 | Regular Session | LegiScan](#) for current information.
- Transportation.
- Ideas on how to make the State House more accessible, contact Mike Ferrant, Director of Operations at: [mferrant@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:mferrant@leg.state.vt.us) .
- Workforce Development Bill H.703, HireAbility with potential for 2 pilot sites for providing employment services in a hub and spoke method for individuals in opioid recovery.
- HireAbility re-branding and marketing, focus in helping it along with advocacy and outreach. Way to help consumers make the most of the available options – consumer handbook.
- Realigning with mission statement.
- Support a marketing initiative called Our Time is Now, VCIL, HireAbility, DBVI. Employers are looking for workers, people with disabilities are a relatively untapped labor pool. Employers contact Our Time is Now for more information. Report: Working People with Disabilities.

**Conclusions:**

See above.

**Action Items, Person Responsible, Deadline:**

- Diane and Amanda to share Orientation Video with the full SRC.

**7) Upcoming Events (Group)**

**Discussion:**

Transportation Summit

Full SRC Meeting

Market Decisions present results of customer and employer surveys.

**Conclusions:**

See above.

**Action Items, Person Responsible, Deadline:**

Cari to ask Martha for upcoming VFN events, Regional Managers to be invited to the full SRC meeting for Market Decisions report (done).

**8) Other Business (Group)**

**A. Agenda Setting: September 8, 2022**

**Discussion:**

Transportation Summit Update and Discussion

Plan October Retreat

Card Room Planning

Invite Betsy Choquette and James Smith to present

**Conclusions:**

See above.

**Action Items, Person Responsible, Deadline:**

- Cari to compile what was learned at the Transportation Summit

**9) Adjournment (Cari Kelley)**

**Discussion:**

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**Conclusions:**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:28 p.m.

**Action Items, Person Responsible, Deadline:**

- Draft minutes uploaded to SRC website, **Amanda Arnold**, 5/9/2022
- Draft minutes emailed to Committee members, **Heather Batalion**, 3/9/2022

- Minutes approved, **Committee**, 9/8/2022
- Approved minutes uploaded to website, **SRC Coordinator**, 9/22/2022