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VCNAA MEETING AGENDA

November 8, 2023

1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

One National Life Drive, Davis Building – 6th Floor
Calvin Coolidge Conference Room
Montpelier, VT
and

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1. Commission members and guest introduce themselves (5 min)
2. Changes to the Agenda (5 min)
3. Approve October meeting minutes (5 min)
4. Meeting protocols & expectations, consensus voting (5 min)
5. Commissioner's annual priorities, goals, & suggestions (open)

OLD BUSINESS

1. Act 182 (2022) Land Access & Opportunity Board report (Dan Coutu) (5 min)
2. Act 142 (2022) Racial Justice Statistics Advisory Council (Stacy Gould) (5 min)
3. Act 154 (2022) Environmental Justice Advisory Council (Rich Holschuh) (5 min)
4. Act 174 (2020) Vermont State Parks - Abenaki waymarking (5 min)
5. Act 128 (2022) VT Truth & Reconciliation Commission -TRC (Melody Mackin) (10 min)
6. Act 152 (2022) Nondiscriminatory school branding/mascots (5 min)
7. Act 33 (2021) VT Health Equity Advisory Council (HEAC) ongoing (Deb Reger) (5 min)
8. Seventh Generation Curriculum Grant Committee report (Jeff Benay) (5 min)
9. Vermont Mental Health Professional Licensing update (Jeff Benay) (5 min)
10. Completed Support Statement for State Tribal recognition (5 min)
11. VCNAA part-time staff position, job description, posting, timeline (15 min)

NEW BUSINESS

1. Native American Grave Protection & Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), Section 106, state

law: presentation/explanation (Jess Robinson, DHP) (20 min)

2. VT Agency of Education representative to discuss curriculum inclusion (postponed)
3. Ongoing recognition politics/press coverage
4. Tribal Representative Reports
5. Announcements/Upcoming Events
6. Public comments