



Governor’s Advisory Council on Climate Change Overview

I. Background

Executive Order 19-37 establishes the Climate Change Subcabinet and the Governor’s Advisory Council on Climate Change to promote coordinated climate change mitigation and resilience strategies in the state of Minnesota. For climate mitigation efforts, Executive Order 19-37 has charged the Subcabinet with identifying policies and strategies to meet or exceed the goals of the bipartisan 2007 Next Generation Energy Act and achieve 100% clean energy by 2050 – the ultimate goal of the NGEA is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 80% of 2005 levels by 2050.

II. Purpose

Per Executive Order 19-37 the purpose of the Advisory Council is to advise the Climate Change Subcabinet and:

- a. Identify opportunities for, and barriers to, the development and effect implementation of policies and strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote climate change resiliency.
- b. Promote equity by examining how climate change impacts communities across the state and how potential solutions can address current disparities, incorporating the perspectives of people of color, indigenous people, rural Minnesotans, and other populations who experience disproportionate impacts from climate change
- c. Promote a just transition for impacted workers and communities by examining the trade-offs that may accompany policies

III. Scope

The Advisory Council is an advisory body and will provide advice and guidance to the Subcabinet. Council members may partner with the Subcabinet on activities ranging from public engagement to development of messaging to coalition building and more. The Council is not a decision-making body.

IV. Membership

Khalif Bashir	Marco Hernandez	Dr. Micah Niermann
Mike Birkeland	Dr. Lucinda Johnson	Kevin Pranis
Christopher Clark	Prof. Alexandra Klass	Hilda Martinez Salgado
Eric Dayton	Patrick Lunemann	Anne Schwagerl
Wayne Dupuis	Ann Mulholland	Dave Sunderman

V. Member roles and responsibilities

- Commit to the purpose enumerated above
- Attend meetings quarterly meetings of the Council
- Advise and partner with the Climate Subcabinet on climate mitigation and resiliency work
- Engage with and strive to understand and integrate diverse perspectives on climate change
- Look for opportunities to engage your networks to help build partnerships for climate action and engagement

VI. Timeline and duration

The Advisory Council will meet quarterly. The Advisory Council is expected to remain in place until the end of the administration or until a different structure is deemed necessary. Workgroups may established and will meet as needed.

VII. Public Communication

The Council is subject to the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act and the Minnesota Open Meetings Law. All meetings of the Committee are open to the public.