



ESSEX COUNTY COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN



NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA 3/14/24

The ECCSW will conduct a public meeting utilizing remote collaboration technology. If there is any technical problem with our remote connection, an alternative conference line will be noticed immediately on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/EssexCountyCommissionOnTheStatusOfWomen>. Pursuant to the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §§ 18-25, notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Essex County Commission on the Status of Women. **As the recent amendments to the open meeting law allows, the (board) will continue to hold meetings remotely. Adequate alternative access to the meeting is provided through the zoom link below.** Questions may be directed to eccswomen2@gmail.com. The meeting will take place:

Thursday, March 14, 2024

6:00 PM

ZOOM MEETING ID: 988 8295 8537

PASSCODE: 210939

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/98882958537?pwd=UXpGSFo2TmFISXO2ODE2VUNIWFpVUT09>

VIA CONFERENCE CALL NUMBER: 1-646-558-8656

- I. Call to order**
- II. Roll call**
- III. Approval of outstanding meeting minutes**
 - a) February 8, 2024
- IV. Priority Legislation Coalition Partners Discussion**
 - a) **Common Start Coalition**
- V. Open issues**
 - a) Administrative Updates
 - i) Committees Updates read out & comments/questions
 - (1) Legislative Committee
 - (2) Program & Planning Committee
 - (3) Outreach/Communications Committee
 - b) Regional Chairs/MCSW Update
 - i) New attendance policy adopted (see amended by-laws, it has been incorporated)
 - ii) Audit underway - ECCSW is in full compliance! Well done!
 - iii) Advocating for MCSW budget - it is in House Ways & Means - we should reach out to Rep. Ann-Margaret Ferrante, Vlec Chair (Gloucester)
 - iv) Save the Date - May 1 Regional Convening, Springfield (in-person & hybrid)



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- v) Commonwealth Heroines - nomination suggestions to our legislators
- vi) Financial update - (1) if we need to change the use of funds allocated by grant, send a memo requesting approval of the change to the Finance Committee. DO NOT expend funds on non-approved events/items/etc. (2) Reimbursements must be submitted within 30 days; any event with food for Commissioners is limited to \$36pp and alcohol is NOT reimbursable. (3) We can use MCSW survey monkey account if we want to do further surveys.
- c) Update on Ginsburg Initiative - Read out
- d) Spring Program Planning
 - i) HerStory - March 20, 2024 @ Cabot Theater, Beverly
 - ii) Ginsberg/Commission Connection Event
 - iii) Listening Circle?
- e) Treasurer's Update
- f) Legislative Priorities Update
 - 1. The Common Start Bill (H.489/S.301) (universal early childcare)
 - 2. Act Requiring One Fair Wage (S.1082/H.1617)
 - 3. I AM Bill (An Act to Increase Access to Disposable Menstrual Products in Prisons, Homeless Shelters, and Public Schools (S.1381/H.534)
 - 4. An Act Supporting Working Parents Who Choose to Run for Public Office (S.422/H.669)
 - 5. Parity on Public Boards (S.2016)

VI. New business

- a) Updates/Comments from Public Attendees
- b) Other Business - Reserved for matters the Chair did not reasonably anticipate at the time of the posting

VII. Adjournment