



# ESSEX COUNTY COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN



## NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA 4/11/24

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](mailto:eccswomen2@gmail.com). The meeting will take place:

**Thursday, April 11, 2024**

**6:00 PM**

**ZOOM MEETING ID: 988 8295 8537**

**PASSCODE: 210939**

**<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/98882958537?pwd=UXpGSFo2TmFISXQ2ODE2VUNIWFpVUT09>**

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

- I. Call to order**
- II. Roll call**
- III. Approval of outstanding meeting minutes**
  - a) March 14, 2024
- IV. Featured Speaker**
  - a) **Black Maternal Health Week (4/11-4/17/24)** - led by Commissioner Veillard and guest TBA
- V. Open issues**
  - a) Administrative Updates
    - i) Committees Updates
      - (1) Legislative Committee
        - (a) Common Start Coalition Lobby Day - April 30
        - (b) Update from MCSW Legislative Policy Committee
      - (2) Program & Planning Committee
        - Spring Program Planning



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Listening Circle?

May - Senior citizens month: considering hosting a listening circle with elders - hearing their issues and hearing their wisdom

- Host at senior center?
- Councils on Aging
- Element Care; senior care
- Include questions where younger listeners can learn from elders
- breakfast or lunch time

June - Pride; There will be many opportunities to partner and support existing events:

1. Youth Rally & leadership summit June 9th at Walk for HALC
2. Hamilton Wenham Pride Picnic

- b) Outreach/Communications Committee
- c) By-Laws Ad Hoc Committee - Final comments/discussion and vote on Amendments
- d) Regional Chairs/MCSW Update - Readout
  - i) GELI - April 20th at Simmons College
  - ii) Commonwealth Heroines - still looking for nominations
  - iii) New timeline for grant cycle - see Treasurer update
  - iv) Annual Reports - due May 20
  - v) **Regional Convening - May 1st 5-8pm in Springfield or by Zoom**
- e) Update from Ginsburg Initiative
- f) Treasurer's Update
- g) Legislative Priorities Status 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)



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## **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**