

**Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women  
Legislative & Public Policy Committee Meeting Agenda  
Tuesday, October 3, 2023, 5:30pm-6:30pm**

Web Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88940239768?pwd=cG9DdjBITzFLY2MrNXNCdkZXL1NyQT09>

- I. Call to Order
  - a. Approval of [September 2023 Meeting Minutes](#)
- II. Chair's Report
  - a. [Committee Responsibilities](#)
  - b. Review Committee Purpose & Legislative Session
- III. Coalition & Advocacy Reports
  - a. [Doula Bill](#) – 9/20/2023 Hearing
  - b. Common Start Coalition
    - i. September Joint Committee Hearing
    - ii. 10/17/2023 Bill Hearing
  - c. Bay State Birth Coalition
  - d. MA Menstrual Equity Coalition
    - i. Mass Now Rally to End Poverty- Wednesday, October 5, 2023, 5:00pm-6:30pm at the MA State House
  - e. Wage Equity Now Coalition
    - i. Bills have been combined and named Frances Perkins
  - f. Parity on Boards
  - g. Paycheck Fairness Act Coalition
  - h. [Parents Running for Office](#) (updated fact sheet)
  - i. Economic Pathways Coalition- met 9/19/23
  - j. Healthy Youth Act Coalition, EEC (Department of Early Education and Care)
    - i. Joint Committee on Education, [10/4/2023, at 2pm](#) and [10/10/2023, at 11am](#)
  - k. MA Parentage Coalition
  - l. Medicare for All
- IV. Old Business
- V. New Business
  - a. New MA Tuition Equity Law [Tuition-Factsheet-ENGLISH-8.30.2023.pdf](#) ([miracoalition.org](#))
- VI. Reminder of Future Meetings and Events
  - a. **Women's Rights History Trail Input Sessions Oct 3 & Oct 5**
  - b. [Dartmouth Public Hearing](#)- Tuesday, November 14, 2023, 5:00pm-7:00pm at Umass Dartmouth
    - i. [Register Here](#)- Toolkit available soon!
  - c. **Housing Virtual Public Hearing**- Thursday, January 25, 2023, via zoom
  - d. **Gardner Public Hearing**- Thursday, March 28, 2023, 6:00pm-8:00pm at Mount Wachusett Community College
- VII. Adjourn

**Attachments:**

- [Legislative Minutes Template](#)
- [MCSW Commissioner Survey Results](#)
- [Legislative Rating Matrix TEMPLATE \(V6 Updated 8.1.22\)\).docx \(sharepoint.com\)](#)
- **Legislative Committee Toolkit**
  - [Advocacy Day](#)
  - [One pagers for Coalitions & Bills](#)
  - [Legislative Tracker](#)
- [Historic Women Trailblazers of MA](#)

**Voting members:**

Chair Mary-dith Tuitt  
Vice Chair Guimel DeCarvalho  
Secretary Kim Shea

**Associate members:**

Tanisha Arena  
Audrey Hall  
Carol Campbell

**Staff Liaison:**

Shalaya West, Program & Research Director  
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