



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. 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