



ESSEX COUNTY COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN



NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA 5/9/24

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, May 9, 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. Featured Speaker**
 - a) **Affordable housing & MBTA communities** - Rosa Ordaz, Director of Community Engagement and Services, Harborlight Homes and Ian Burns, Community & Economic Development Program Coordinator, Merrimack Valley Planning Commission
- IV. Approval of outstanding meeting minutes**
 - a) April 11, 2024
- V. Open issues**
 - a) Administrative Updates
 - i) Committees Updates
 - (1) Legislative Committee
 - (a) Update from MCSW Legislative Policy Committee
 - (b) Update from Regional Convening
 - (2) Program & Planning Committee



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Spring Program Planning
Senior citizens Listening Circle

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

Ongoing - collecting women-focused community groups who already have a following and meetings that we can speak at/participate in (Comm'r Smith is collecting ideas)

- b) Outreach/Communications Committee - need to address social media
- c) By-Laws Ad Hoc Committee - Final comments/discussion and vote on Amendments
- d) Regional Convening Update - Readout
 - i) Annual Reports - due May 20
 - ii) New ideas from other Commissions: Co-office hours with our legislators; involve an Emerita Board
- 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)

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