

Eastern Regional Commission on the Status of Women and Girls Annual Report 2024

Commissioners:

Margaret Adams (Superintendent Hingham Schools), Dedham
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Amanda Crabb (Assistant Professor), Quincy, Chair
Wanjiku Gachugi (Acton Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion), West Roxbury
Connie Henderson (Learning And Development Specialist), Boston
Gabrielle Jackson (Principal Match Carter), Braintree
Tamisha Lucien Civil (Associate Probation Officer), Stoughton
Toby Kamens Rodman (Outreach Director), Brookline
Alexandra Weber (IINE's Chief Advancement Officer and Senior Vice President),
Jamaica Plain

Regional Area:

Eastern Regional Commission on the Status of Women includes the towns of Avon, Brookline, Canton, Cohasset, Dedham, Foxborough, Holbrook, Milton, Plainville, Randolph, Sharon, Stoughton, and Westwood, and the cities of Boston, Braintree, Chelsea, Quincy, Revere, Weymouth, and Winthrop.

Meetings:

The Commission held 9 meetings on June 27, October 10, November 14, December 12, January 9, February 13, March 12, April 9, May 14. On September 22 there was an informal retreat.

Advocacy:

The group did not advocate for any specific legislation this year. However, our programming efforts were focused on legislation that is related to: An Act Supporting Parents Running for Public Office (S.422/H.669) and Resolve to study women veterans and the long-term effects of combat on motherhood (H.3710).

Programming:

On June 29, 2024 the Commission will host a Tea with Commissioners event with other Commissioners in our area: Boston Mayor's Advancement, Brookline Women's Commission, Chelsea Women's Commission, Massachusetts State Commission. This event is to create bonds between the different commissions and hear what the major concerns are that commissions see. The event will be held at Junior League, 117

Newbury Street, Boston. The programming will be relatively simple as the point of this event is networking. In our 2025 Annual Report we will provide an update.

Social Media:

This year we worked on organizing and setting up social media accounts in order and started posting to Facebook and Instagram.

New Commissioners:

In January 2024, we were excited to add new commissioners to help support our mission

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Conclusions:

In July we are scheduled to have a retreat to discuss goals and events for the upcoming year. Focus will be on how we can be more present in the community and advocate for the women and girls in our region.

Respectfully Submitted by Amanda Crabb, Chair of Eastern Regional Commission on the Status of Women and Girls on May 20, 2024