

Serving on Public Boards and Commissions in Massachusetts

What are public boards and commission?

Public boards and commissions fulfill many roles and purposes in the Commonwealth. These boards and commissions are tasked with diverse mandates, including advising on policies, putting forward policies, providing oversight, reviewing the performance of executives, and more.

Citizen participation in these efforts ensures that the boards and commissions continue to be responsive to communities and their needs.

Why serve on a public board or commission?

Serving on a public board or commission allows you to directly contribute your voice to your community and to the Commonwealth. As an individual with a unique identity, a range of professional and personal experiences, and specific skills, you bring to the table an essential perspective on the issues with which you will engage.

In addition to the positive impact you will have on your community as a member of a public board or commission, you will also be positioned to take on additional leadership roles throughout the Commonwealth. Public boards and commissions are excellent launching points for political careers and can be key stepping stones to elected office.

Apply to our Regional Commissions

The Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women has 11 Regional Commissions across the Commonwealth. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. To apply, email your resume to mcsw@mass.gov and complete an e-form that can be found on our website at masscsw.org/about/regional-commissions. This link will also provide further information on the Regional Commissions and the application process.

Apply to public boards and commissions across the Commonwealth

In addition to Women's Commissions, there are hundreds of other boards and commissions throughout the Commonwealth to which you can be appointed. Find one that connects with your interests and passions. To apply to be considered for an appointment, visit <https://www.mass.gov/boards>. This page will help you learn about different Massachusetts public boards and commissions. From there, you will be able to complete an application and submit a cover letter and resume.

Apply to serve on the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women

If you are interested in serving on the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women email us at MCSW@mass.gov for next steps.



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