



ESSEX COUNTY COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN



NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA 11/14/24

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, November 14, 2024

6:00 PM - VIA ZOOM:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85725485027?pwd=rHA18D5SyYsejIWUg7tZ7hdXLB8ig2.1>

- I. Call to order**
- II. Roll call**
- III. Approval of outstanding meeting minutes**
 - a) October 10, 2024
- IV. Election results update and discussion RE implications for women**
- V. Open issues**
 - a) Administrative Updates
 - i) Committees Updates
 - (1) Legislative Committee
 - Legislative Priorities Status Update
 - 1. The Common Start Bill (H.489/S.301) (universal early childcare) - pieces passed in budget bill
 - 2. Act Requiring One Fair Wage (S.1082/H.1617) - ballot measure on this topic was just decidedly rejected by voters.
 - 3. I AM Bill (An Act to Increase Access to Disposable Menstrual Products in Prisons, Homeless Shelters, and Public Schools (S.1381/H.534) - currently



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pending in House Ways and Means. This bill already passed the Senate unanimously and just needs to clear a House vote before it goes to the Governor's desk.

4. An Act Supporting Working Parents Who Choose to Run for Public Office (S.422/H.669) - The bill is currently pending in Senate Ways & Means, and if it passes the Senate, it will need to go to the House for a vote. (Senator Lovely is a strong supporter of the bill and remains committed towards getting this bill over the finish line!)

5. Parity on Public Boards (S.2016) - new coalition led by MCSW - seeking volunteer from ECCSW to serve. Current status: This bill is accompanied by S.2029, and the bills are now pending in Senate Ways and Means. If it passes the Senate it will need to then pass the House before it ends up in front of the Governor.

Legislative Priorities for 2025-2026 Legislative session due Jan. 3, 2025

- (2) Program & Planning Committee
 - a. MCSW Virtual Hearing on Women's Health - Nov. 20, 6-8pm
Register for Zoom link:
<https://masscsw.org/event/mcsw-virtual-public-hearing-healthcare/>
 - b. Selection town/city location for listening circles November/December?
 - c. Spring 2025 calendar planning
- (3) Outreach/Communications Committee:
 - (a) Reviewed final Survey, plan for distributing it
 - b) Regional Chairs Meeting Update
 - c) Commissioner appointment / reappointment - deadline Dec. 1
 - d) Update from Ginsburg Initiative
 - i) Planning for orientation/introductory event
 - e) Treasurer's Update

VI. New business



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- a) Other Business - Reserved for matters the Chair did not reasonably anticipate at the time of the posting

VII. Adjournment