



ESSEX COUNTY COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN



NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA 1/9/2025

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, January 9, 2025

6:00 PM - VIA ZOOM:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86841590608?pwd=7Nr7Bz9LIkygkmVVLz6DyhAx109YC9.1>

- I. Call to order
 - II. Roll call
 - III. Approval of outstanding meeting minutes
 - a) November 14, 2024
 - b) December 12, 2024
 - IV. Open issues
 - A. Administrative Updates
 1. Officer Elections - Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer
 2. Committees Updates
 - a) Legislative Committee
 - i. Updates from Commissioner Meetings with elected officials
 - ii. Legislative Priorities 2025-2026 - VOTE REQUIRED
- Last Session Priorities:
1. The Common Start Bill (2023-2024 H.489/S.301) (universal early childcare) - pieces passed in budget bill



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2. Act Requiring One Fair Wage (2023-2024 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 (2023-2024 S.1381/H.534)

4. Parity on Public Boards (2023-2024 S.2016) - new coalition led by MCSW/Regional Commissions. Will be re-filed, likely by Rep. Nguyen

Discussion on potential new bills and whether to renew support for bills above if refiled.

b) Program & Planning Committee

- (1) January - youth listening circle at Essex N. Shore Ag & Tech
- (2) February - reviewing community events to support for Black History Month
- (3) March - Women Running for Office summit in the works
- (4) April - Listening Circle?
- (5) May/June - Legislative breakfast

c) Outreach/Communications Committee:

- (1) Survey

B. Regional Chairs Meeting Update

C. Commissioner appointment - if interviews are completed we will discuss the interviews and vote on selection of one application to fill the vacant seat.

D. Update from Ginsburg Initiative

1. Planning for orientation/introductory event
2. MassNOW Menstrual Equity Summit - Jan. 25

E. Treasurer's Update

V. New business

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

VI. Adjournment