



MASSACHUSETTS COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Legislative & Public Policy Committee Meeting Agenda

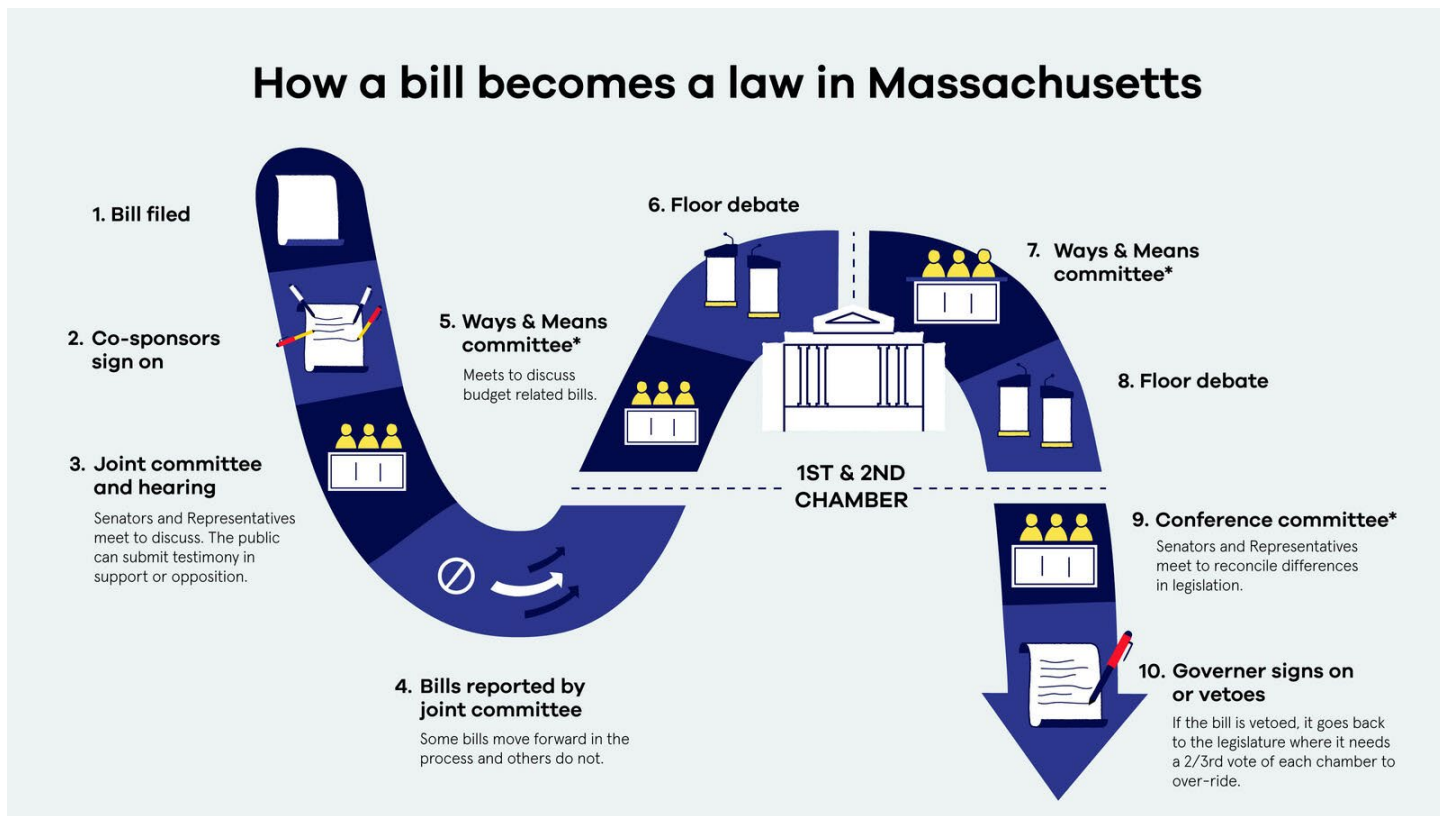
Tuesday, March 3, 2026, 5:30 pm-6:30 pm

[Zoom Meeting Link](#)

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of [February Meeting Minutes](#) (vote)
3. Review updated [194th Legislative Tracker](#) & Bill Progress Updates
 - a. **[H.3433: An Act Relative to the MCSW](#)** > HWM
 - i. SECTION 1. Subsection 3 of section 66 of chapter 9 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the words “June 2” and inserting in place thereof the following words: “July 31”.
 - ii. SECTION 2. Subsection 6(b) of section 66 of chapter 3 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following clause: “Said account may be an interest-bearing account. Any interest earned on the assets of the account shall also be credited to said account.”
 - iii. Could use Commissioner Support/Advocacy asking House to bring it to a vote! If Commissioner's know legislators on the [House Committee on Ways and Means](#) could be helpful to have direct outreach.
 - iv. MCSW Comms drafting call script and email draft for outreach
 - b. **POB aka Parity on Boards** – *We need to convene this coalition soon!*
 - i. [H.3398](#): (Nguyen & Shand) An Act to promote diversity on public boards and commissions > HWM
 - ii. [S. 2160](#): (Lewis) An Act to ensure gender parity and racial and ethnic diversity on public boards and commissions > SWM
 - iii. Regional Commissioner Point People:
 - c. **Fair Investment/Capital Equity - An Act relative to fair investment**
 - i. [Bill H.1922](#) (Nguyen) > JT Comm on the Judiciary
 - ii. [Bill S.1119](#) (Friedman) > SWM
 - d. **OML/Remote Meetings**
 - i. [Bill H.4831](#): An Act to modernize participation in public meetings > [HWM](#)
 - ii. [Bill S.2205](#): An Act updating the Open Meeting Law to support remote participation > [SWM](#)
4. [FY2027 Budget Hearing – 3/9/2026](#):
 - a. State Commission treasurer and ED designated to attend, testify
 - b. Drafting one-pager for legislators, scripted remarks for testifying
5. Old Business
 - a. Feb 2026 [Follow Up Resources re: Immigration](#)
 - b. [Take Action Hub](#): Report-out & metrics
 - c. MME Coalition Advocacy Day 2/26 rescheduled to 3/19/26
 - d. Helpful Resources (MA Legislative Process)



- i. [The 194th General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts](#) (MA Legislature Website)
- ii. [The Legislative Process in Massachusetts | Mass Legal Services](#)



6. Adjourn

The listing of items is those reasonably anticipated by the Chair, which may be discussed. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be addressed to the extent permitted by law. The order of items discussed may be varied by the Chair.

Attachments:

- a. February 2026 LPP Meeting Minutes

Date Updated: 2/24/2026

Approved By: Guimel DeCarvalho, Committee Chair

Date Posted: 2/27/2026

Committee Members:
Guimel Decarvalho, Chair



Allison Goldberg, Vice Chair

Lise Olney, Secretary

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