



MASSACHUSETTS COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN
Legislative Committee Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, April 7, 2026, 5:30 pm-6:30 pm
[Zoom Meeting](#)

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of [March Meeting Minutes](#) (vote)
3. Review updated [194th Legislative Tracker](#) & Bill Progress Updates
 - a. **[H.3433](#): An Act Relative to the MCSW > HWM**
 - i. *Changing Annual Reporting Deadline to July 31 AND allows for Trust Fund to be moved into an Interest bearing account.*
 - ii. 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.
 - iii. [MCSW Outreach Toolkit](#) – Contact your Legislators! We need your help to pass this crucial MCSW legislation!
 - 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. Wanjiku of Eastern Regional Commission taking the lead
 - c. **Fair Investment/Capital Equity - An Act relative to fair investment**
 - i. [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 Request > ***Commissioner advocacy welcome***
5. New Business
 - a. **Annual Planning/New Legislative Session – [Areas for Prioritization FY2027 Draft](#)**
6. Old Business
 - a. [Take Action Hub](#)
7. 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:

Date Updated: 3/23/2026

Date Posted: 3/31/2026



Approved By: Guimel DeCarvalho, Committee Chair

Voting Committee Members:

Guimel Decarvalho, Chair
Allison Goldberg, Vice Chair
Lise Olney, Secretary

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Candace Perez
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