



PLYMOUTH COUNTY

COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN AND GIRLS

Meeting Agenda



Date: April 13, 2026

Time: 6:00 PM Eastern Time

Location: Zoom

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1. Call to order and recording of roll (2 minutes)
2. Public comments and welcome of guests in attendance (5 minutes)
3. Approval of minutes: March 2026 (2 minutes)
4. Commissioner Appointment Update (Michelle) (5 minutes)
 - a. Denise Carrington recommended to complete the term vacated by Maude. **Vote needed.**
5. PCCSW Board Positions (Michelle) (10 minutes)
 - a. Elect a Secretary. **Vote needed.**
 - b. Elect a Treasurer. **Vote needed.**
6. Standing Committee Members (Michelle) (5 minutes)
 - a. Review of who is on which committee (Outreach, Legislative, Programs & Planning) and their meeting schedules.
7. Financial Report (Michelle) (5 minutes)
 - a. Deposit made for venue for Legislative Breakfast: \$334.73
 - b. Logo stickers purchased for Plymouth Pride: \$225
 - c. Plymouth Pride event fee: \$50
 - d. Printing: 2 copies of Resource Guide: \$159.57

- e. Balance: \$1,730
8. MCSW Updates (Michelle Davidson) (5 minutes)
- a. [GELI](#): Thursday, April 23 – University of Massachusetts - Amherst (all day).
 - b. [Regional Convening](#) – Wednesday, May 6, 5-8pm, in Framingham (in person only) – Please try to attend. **Register by May 1.**
 - c. [Commonwealth Heroines](#) – Wednesday, June 24, at the State House in Boston (all day). All regional commissioners are welcome to attend.
9. March Events Update
- a. MCSW/PCCSW Listening Session Update (Tamara) (5 minutes)
 - b. Youth Advisory Council Training (Gina) (5 minutes)
10. Legislative and Policy Standing Committee Update (Michelle) (10 minutes)
- a. Update on our legislative priorities:
 - i. **I AM Bill** –
 - 1. S. 2640 – Passed in the Senate on Oct. 20, 2025
 - 2. H. 2483 – Renamed H.4611. Referred to House Ways & Means. No hearing scheduled.
 - ii. **An Act relative to family members serving as caregivers** –
 - 1. H.1394 -- Referred to Joint Committee on Health Care Financing. Reporting date extended to June 15, 2026.
 - 2. S.886 – On Jan. 26, it was reported favorably out of Joint Committee on Health Care Financing and referred to the committee on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently. It was combined with several other bills into Order S.2931. On Feb. 2, the Order was discharged to the Joint Committee on Senate Rules. No hearing scheduled yet.
 - iii. **An Act Promoting and Enhancing the Sustainability of Birth Centers and the Midwifery Workforce** – This bill is now H.5016. On 2/5 it was reported favorably by committee and referred to the committee on Health Care Financing. No hearing scheduled yet.
 - b. Update on other legislation we have been advocating for:
 - i. **Remote Meetings (S.2205)** – Referred to Senate Ways & Means
 - ii. **Parity on Boards**
 - 1. H.3398 – Referred to House Ways & Means
 - 2. S.2160 – Referred to Senate Ways & Means
 - c. Action items:

- i. S.2205 -- An Act updating the Open Meeting Law to support remote participation – Makes permanent our ability to have remote meetings.
- ii. S.2160 – An Act to ensure gender parity and racial and ethnic diversity on public boards and commissions.
- iii. H.3433 -- An Act relative to the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women – Changes the year-end reporting date to July 31 and allows MCSW to earn interest on its accounts.
- iv. H.4611 -- An Act to increase access to disposable menstrual products.

If your state rep is Alyson Sullivan, Rita Mendes, or Patrick Kearney, contact them. Tell them you strongly support H.4611 and H.3433 and ask them to report favorably out of House Ways & Means.

If your state senator is Michael D. Brady, Patrick M. O'Connor, or Kelly A. Dooner, contact them. Tell them you strongly support S.2205 and S.2160 and ask them to report favorably out of Senate Ways and Means.

Please update [the spreadsheet](#) after you do.

11. Programs and Planning Standing Committee Update (Michelle) (5 minutes)
 - a. Legislative breakfast – April 18, 10am to noon, Bridgewater State University, deposit paid, invitations sent. **All commissioners expected to attend.**
 - b. Plymouth Pride – June 28. Application submitted, fee paid. **Who can help at the booth?**
 - c. Human trafficking – Emailed Donna LaClair, haven't heard back. Need to push to Fall 2026. **Need suggestions for panelists. Date? Location?**
12. Outreach Standing Committee Update (Tamara) (10 minutes)
13. New Business
14. Adjournment

**Upcoming Meetings: Every month on the Second Monday 6PM:
5/11, 6/8**

The listing of items is what's 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 discussed to the extent permitted by law. The order of items discussed may be varied by the Chair.

The Plymouth County Commission on the Status of Women represents all the towns and cities in Plymouth County, including Abington, Bridgewater, Brockton, Carver, Duxbury, East Bridgewater, Halifax, Hanover, Hanson, Hingham, Hull, Kingston, Lakeville, Marion, Marshfield, Mattapoisett, Middleborough, Norwell, Pembroke, Plymouth, Plympton, Rochester, Rockland, Scituate, Wareham, West Bridgewater, and Whitman.

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