



# PLYMOUTH COUNTY

## COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN AND GIRLS

### Meeting Agenda



Date: May 11, 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)
  - a. Christina Hughes, creator of [Every-Vote-Matters.com](https://www.every-vote-matters.com), a nonpartisan website dedicated to helping people—especially new and first-time voters—register to vote, understand their voting options, and feel confident participating in our democracy.  
  
Christina wants to explore partnership opportunities with PCCSW.
3. Approval of minutes: [April 2026](#) (2 minutes)
4. Commissioner Appointment Update (Michelle) (5 minutes)
  - a. Denise Carrington accepted the offer to join PCCSW. Her appointment begins May 1 and expires Dec. 31, 2026.
  - b. Tess Washburn notified the chair she will be moving to Boston and will have to resign from the Commission.
5. Financial Report (Danielle) (5 minutes)
  - a. **Balance:** \$1,389
  - b. **Shifting money:** \$528.25 from Resource Guide translation to legislative breakfast (\$300) and Plymouth Pride expenditures (\$228.75)
  - c. **To come expenditures:**

- i. Balance owed on venue and food for legislative breakfast (\$781.06)
  - ii. South Shore Conference for Women exhibitor fee (\$359.25)
  - iii. Name tags for new commissioners (\$60.78)
  - iv. Water to give away at Plymouth Pride (cost TBD)
  
- 6. MCSW Updates (Michelle Davidson) (5 minutes)
  - a. Regional Convening Recap
  - b. PCCSW Annual Report – Due to MCSW by May 20. ([See last year's report for example.](#))
  - c. [Commonwealth Heroines](#) – Wednesday, June 24, at the State House in Boston (all day). All regional commissioners are welcome to attend.
    - a. Honorees Announced: [See List Here](#)
  
- 7. 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. 4611 – Referred to House Ways & Means. No upcoming hearings.
    - 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 – It was combined with several other bills into Order S2931. On Feb. 2, the Order was discharged to the Joint Committee on Senate Rules. No upcoming hearings.
    - 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 upcoming hearings.
  - b. Update on other legislation we have been advocating for:
    - i. Remote Meetings (S.2205) – Referred to Senate Ways & Means. No upcoming hearings.
    - ii. Parity on Boards
      - 1. H.3398 – Referred to House Ways & Means. No upcoming hearings.
      - 2. S.2160 – Referred to Senate Ways & Means. No upcoming hearings.

*The Massachusetts legislative session operates on a two-year (biennial) cycle, with the current 194th session ending on January 5, 2027. However, formal*

sessions—where most major voting and legislative work occurs—are scheduled to end on July 31, 2026. After July 31 of the second year, the legislature typically holds informal sessions until the end of the term.

- c. Continue contacting legislators on our priorities. Use the [MCSW Action Hub](#) and/or email & call legislators. Please update [the spreadsheet](#) after you do.

8. Outreach Standing Committee Update (Tamara) (10 minutes)

9. Programs and Planning Standing Committee Update (Michelle) (5 minutes)

- a. Legislative breakfast recap: [See report here](#)
- b. Plymouth Pride – Volunteers needed:

**Shifts:**

1. 9am to 12pm (includes set up)
2. 12pm to 3pm
3. 3pm to 5:30pm (includes break down)

- c. Human trafficking

10. New Business

11. Adjournment

**Upcoming Meetings: Every month on the Second Monday 6PM: June 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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