



MASSACHUSETTS COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Legislative Committee Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, October 6, 2026, 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

This meeting will be on zoom, please email MCSW@mass.gov for the meeting information.

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of [September Meeting Minutes](#) (vote)
3. Legislative Training – 45 minutes
4. Ongoing Priorities:
 - 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. Commissioner Support/Advocacy: Do direct outreach to [House Committee on Ways and Means](#) to support our bill.
 - iii. [MCSW Outreach Toolkit](#) – Contact your Legislators! We need your help to pass this crucial MCSW legislation!
5. Other Business
 - a. [Areas for Prioritization FY2027 Draft](#) - top 5 issue areas of focus for FY27
 - b. Advocacy Day TBC May 2027
 - c. Rescheduling November's Meeting for Election Day
6. Adjourn

These items are 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. [The 194th General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts](#)
- b. [MA Legal Services Legislative Process](#)
- c. [Written testimony template](#)

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