



MASSACHUSETTS COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Legislative Committee Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, September 1, 2026, 5:30pm - 6:30pm

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of [June Meeting Minutes](#) (vote)
3. Timeline Review of 2-Year Session
 - a. [194th Legislative Session Calendar](#) via Office of the Clerk of the House - Formal Legislative session ended July 31, 2026. New session begins in the new year:
 - i. JANUARY 5, 2027 - Tuesday preceding the convening of the 195th General Court. Last day of session in the 2nd Annual Session.
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!
 - b. Recap 194th – POB, IAM, Common Start
5. Other Business
 - a. [Areas for Prioritization FY2027 Draft](#) - top 5 issue areas of focus for FY27
 - b. Legislative Training TBC
 - c. Advocacy Day TBC May 2027
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](#)

Date Updated: 8/17/2026

Date Posted:

Approved By: Allison Goldberg, Committee Chair

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