



**Hampden County Commission on the Status of Women & Girls  
May Public Meeting Agenda**

**\*\*New day TUESDAY\*\*** May 16, 2023 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

*This meeting will be a virtual meeting.*



**Online location via Zoom:**

[Zoom Meeting Link](#)

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82659685808?pwd=eTk4VzhhSkIxR0dHdUZjUkNJamIzZz09>

Please contact [hccswg@gmail.com](mailto:hccswg@gmail.com) for the meeting password.

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call**
- II. Public Speak-Out (15 mins)**
- III. Approval of Minutes for April 18, 2023**
- IV. Chair's Report**
- V. Vice-Chair's Report**
- VI. Old Business**
  - a. Selecting Legislative Priorities for Commission
  - b. Topic Discussion for Regional Report ( Due May 23rd)
- VII. New Business**
  - a. Hiring an Intern
  - b. Legislative Breakfast Planning Discussion
  - c. Public Hearing Planning
- VIII. Executive Session**
  - a. Review of Applications to fill Open Seats



## Hampden County Commission on the Status of Women & Girls

Jackie Velez-Chair

Shanique Spalding-Vice Chair  
Nicole Coakley

Tara Cross-Secretary

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May 8, 2023

Dear Sir or Madam:

Let this serve as a notice pursuant to Open Meeting Law, M.G.L.c. 30A sections 18-25 of a meeting of the Hampden County Commission on the Status of Women & Girls (HCCSWG).

On April 25, 2017, the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women inaugurated nine commissioners to a newly formed regional commission created to study and report the status of women and girls in Hampden County. The Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women is "a state-established body charged with reviewing the status of women in Massachusetts and offering recommendations regarding policy that would improve access to opportunities and equality." The regional commissions have been created to target specific geographical regions to make sure that the needs of women across the state are met.

**Our next meeting will be Tuesday, May 16, 2023, from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM. In light of current public health recommendations for social distancing and state restrictions around public gatherings, and in observance of the Governor's Order Suspending Certain Required Provisions of the Open Meeting Law (M.G.L. c.30A, §20 dated March 12, 2020), this meeting will take place online at:**

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**Attendees are asked to contact [hccswg@gmail.com](mailto:hccswg@gmail.com) in advance of the meeting to receive the meeting password.**

This meeting is open to the public, and we encourage members of the community to attend. The first fifteen minutes of the meeting will be set aside for members of the public to present anything they wish the Commission to consider. Anyone who wishes to speak during this

allotted time should email the HCCSWG Chairperson, Jacqueline Velez, at HCCSWG@gmail.com with their intention so the HCCSWG may plan accordingly. Members of the public will only be recognized by the Commission to speak during the opening public presentation segment, and only if prior notice is provided.

Sincerely,

Tara Cross  
Secretary, HCCSWG