



**Hampden County Commission on the Status of Women & Girls March  
Public Meeting Meeting Minutes-DRAFT**

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\*\*New day TUESDAY\*\* April 18, 2023, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

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*This meeting will be a virtual meeting.*

**Online location via Zoom:**

Zoom Meeting Link

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82659685808?pwd=eTk4VzhhSk1xR0dHdUZjUkNJamIzZz09>

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

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call. Shanique called to order at 6:07 PM.
  - A. Present are Tara, Shanique, Jackie, and Nicole. Gabrielle resigned last week.
- II. Public Speak-Out (15 mins) -no members present
- III. Approval of Minutes for March 21, 2023. Nicole motioned to accept the minutes as written, Tara seconded, all in favor.
- IV. Chair's Report
  - A. Governor revitalizing state level youth commission, looking for resumes= no technical requirement for age Link-  
<https://appointments.state.ma.us/BoardDetail.aspx?brdid=100425>
  - B. Virtual meetings are approved until March 2025 Tara made a motion to approve chair and vice chair reports, Shanique seconded, and all were approved.
- V. Vice-Chair's Report
  - A. GELI Conference is tomorrow. Shanique is attending. The location is at Girl's Inc in Worcester.
  - B. Advocacy Day is on 5/31. Doing some legislative advocacy about bills the

commission is supporting this year. Registration is coming up. Shanique may be attending as well as Jackie and Nicole.

C. Next week the commission wants to know our legislative agenda so it is ready for advocacy day.

VI. Old Business

A. Women's History Month virtual event recap

1. Discussed the event, turnout, and speakers. Issues with tech but still successful. Tech issues we think are due to incompatibility between Chromebook and Zoom. Paying speakers is a long process that we know how to handle now.
2. For future events, we need to let Tina know asap if we want interpreter services because the state provides it and pays for it.

B. Vacancies on our committee to be filled

1. We have 5 open seats and currently have 3 applicants. We give recommendations and then the program and planning subcommittee gives the info to the MA Commission then votes on who gets appointed to our commission. Candidates need to be interviewed and then we submit our recommendations. Timeline- we need to decide if we want new commissioners onboarded in May or June. If we did May, then we would have to decide by next week which doesn't give us much time. If we choose June, then Tina needs our recommendations by 6/1.
2. The plan of action is to recruit for the next 2 weeks and split the interviews amongst us, then in the May meeting, we can go into the executive session to rank and vote and submit applicants.

C. Upcoming Statewide Commission event reminders

VII. New Business

A. Planning for recruitment and reviewal of new Commissioner application

B. Brainstorm of ideas for the next public event

- a. Legislative breakfasts or a public hearing were the ideas. Funds have to be spent by the end of June. The suggestion is to do both

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and they should both be in June. Should not be a combined event. Do the hearing first so then the info can then be provided to the legislators. The hope is that we will have new commissioners so we have a full commission. June 10th for legislative breakfast. Reaching out to some local legislators to see if June 10th will work, if so then formal invites will go out.

- b. Planning for our hearing- location to be determined. Jackie and Nicole suggest having it the same day as the breakfast so we are doing it all at once.
- c. Legislative priorities to provide to Tina that we support as a commission, we are choosing 5 by this weekend:
  - i. I AM Bill

VIII. Jackie made a motion to end at 8:07 pm, and Shanique seconded, all in favor.

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