



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

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****New day TUESDAY** July 18 , 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=cTk4VzhhSkIxR0dHdUZjUkNJamIzZz09>

Please contact hccswg@gmail.com for the meeting password.

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call- meeting started at 6:06 PM
 - A. Tara did roll call and present at the meeting were Shanique, Tara, Jazmine, BeckyJean, Stephanie, Nicole, Sasha, and Jackie. And also joining us was Tina Games.
- II. Public Speak-Out (15 mins) -no members were present but we used this time for Tina to welcome the new commissioners and speak about the commission.
 - A. Tina is setting up an orientation in August, and asked everyone their availability.
 - B. Evening worked best for everyone. Wednesday, August 16, 2023 was decided from 5pm to 7pm
 - C. Then Tina brought up GELI and that the next one will be in the Spring, It is kicking off on Sept. 7th (5-5:30pm most likely) and there is a committee from the MA commission and they are asking regional commissions for 1 representative that works with and has connections with young girls to be a part of the planning committee.
 - D. Regional chair meeting 1st Tuesday every month at 7pm

III. Approval of Minutes for May 16, 2023 & June 20, 2023 Jackie made a motion to approve, Shaninque moved, Tara seconded, abstained from the vote as Sasha, BeckyJean, Jazmine, and Stephanie since they weren't on the commission yet. All in favor.

IV. Chair's Report

- A. Discussed Advocacy Day at the end of May and talking to politicians and their aids and meeting new people from Hampden County.
- B. Tina advised that it is moved to every other year now instead of every year. She gave a brief explanation of what Advocacy Day is for the new commissioners.
- C. Jackie welcomed the new commissioners and explained how happy we are to have them and that we have a break in August and are back at it in Sept. Said we can vote in Sept if the third Tuesday of every month still works for everyone. September 19th is the next meeting from 6pm to 8pm.
- D. Explained the funding we can apply for and that we used it for our women's history month event, legislative breakfast, and public hearing.
- E. Jackie made a motion to accept the report, Nicole seconded, all in favor.

V. Vice-Chair's Report

- A. Discussed upcoming elections in September for Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary. Vice-Chair slot is available as Shanique has served the max amount of terms and has to step down for 2 sessions. Tina brought up that she is here to support all leadership positions.
- B. Legislators have spent the last few months working on the budget so not a lot of bills have been moving. Expect the fall to be busier with bills going through and we should be thinking about different levels of advocacy that we want to do. Shanique will send a list of the bills that we supported.
- C. Nicole moved to approve the chair report. Jackie seconded, all in favor. Motion carries.

VI. Old Business

- A. Welcome new commissioners. Every commissioner did introductions.
- B. Regional survey distribution brainstorm/plan- shared our survey with the new members so everyone can share it out. We are going to let it run until our September meeting so we can discuss the data then. Stephanie will share it with Therapeutic mentoring program at BHN. Sasha will share it with Planned Parenthood and the Eureka program at Girls Inc. Jazmine has a couple of boards to share it with. We will make a Spanish version of the survey. Tina said any language we want the survey in to let her know because they have translation services at the state level and can probably do

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it for us. Translation will be done for Vietnamese, Spanish, Portuguese, Somali, Russian. Suggestion made to add it to our signatures and see if we can send it to all the towns (It is on the agendas that Tara sends out) Tina suggested sharing it with the schools and Jazmine has a contact.

VII. New Business

- A. Summer break gathering- Shanique wanted to check in about August, we don't hold a public meeting but would like for us to gather in August for some fun. Go out, bowling, potluck at someone's house etc. Sunday the 27th is the suggestion and all agreed. 1pm start time until 5pm. Suggestion is to go out to eat together, Tina said we could build this into our grant as a team building event.
- B. Fall event planning- Sept/Oct is hispanic heritage month Sasha brought it up and discussed and Stephanie mentioned a library with local women Latina authors as potential speakers. Shanique suggested doing another public hearing. Sasha suggested a local speaker tour. Jackie mentioned DV month is in October, a donation drive. Tina said if we did a donation drive we could put in our grant to get tote bags so the items can go into HCCSWG bags. Mental health awareness week is 10/1-10/7.

VIII. Shanique called the meeting to adjourn, Nicole so moved, seconded by Jackie and all in favor at 7:59PM.

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