



ESSEX COUNTY COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN



NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA February 5, 2026

Pursuant to the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §§ 18-25, notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Essex County Commission on the Status of Women. The ECCSW will conduct a virtual public meeting utilizing remote collaboration technology. If there is any technical problem with our remote connection, an alternative conference line will be noticed immediately on our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/EssexCountyCommissionOnTheStatusOfWomen>. **As the recent amendments to the open meeting law allows, the board will continue to hold meetings remotely. Adequate alternative access to the meeting is provided through the zoom link below.** Questions may be directed to EssexCSW@mass.gov The meeting will take place:

Thursday, February 5, 2026

6:00 PM - VIA ZOOM:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89718807337?pwd=n7xvJ6R0MilQPaj29QRDtFVRloZXHJ.1>

- I. Call to order**
- II. Roll call**
- III. Review & Vote on outstanding meeting minutes**
 - a) January 8, 2026
- IV. New Issues**
 - A. Summary of MCSW Chair February 3 Meeting
 - B. 2026 Meeting Event Planning
 - 1. February - Black History Month?
 - 2. March - Women's Month
 - a) Discussion with Therese Melden on Cabot's Community Conversation "Childcare to Elder Care: The Challenge Families are Facing" [March 11, 2026 7 pm]
 - 3. April - Listening Circle?
 - 4. May
 - a) MCSW Regional Meeting in Framingham May 6, 2026 5-8 pm
 - b) Planning for Legislators Meeting in Boston (TBD)
 - C. Planning for the 2026 Commonwealth Heroines



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V. Open Issues

- A. Treasurer's Report
 - 1. 2026 Spring Grant Budget Discussion and Vote
- B. Update on Community Survey and Next Steps
- C. Committee Updates
 - 1. Legislative Committee
 - 2. Outreach
 - 3. Programming & Planning

VI. Ginsburg Initiative Update

VII. Save the Dates

- 1. Regional Chairs Meetings FY26 – April 7th, June 2nd at 7:00 pm (virtual)
- 2. Legislative Affairs Subcommittee Meetings (FY26) - March 3rd, April 7th, May 5th, June 2nd at 5:30 pm (virtual)
- 3. MCSW Regional Girls Initiatives Training – Wednesday, March 11th noon and one at 6:00 pm.
- 4. MCSW Regional Meeting in Framingham 5/6/26 5-8 pm

VIII. Next Meeting - Thursday, March 5, 2026 @ 6 pm

IX. Adjournment