



# 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](mailto:EssexCSW@mass.gov) The meeting will take place:

**Thursday, February 5, 2026  
6:00 PM - VIA ZOOM:**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89718807337?pwd=n7xvJ6R0MiQPaJ29QRDtFVRloZXHJ.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**