



**Hampden County Commission on the Status of Women and
Girls
February Public Meeting Minutes-DRAFT**

February 10, 2022 | 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Online via Zoom: [Zoom Meeting Link](#)

<https://zoom.us/j/6895726626?pwd=aDdCTEpPSlkwa2pxd29VZDRqZStkOT09>

Facebook Livestream: [Link](#) Please contact hccswg@gmail.com for the meeting
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I. Call to Order and Roll Call at 6:33 PM- everyone present Gabriella Jackson, Tara Marshall, Jackie Perez, Lizzy Ortiz, Shanique Spalding. Dawn Distefano resigned.

II. Discussion with our featured guest, City of Chicopee
Councilwoman Delmarina Lopez, Esq. at 6:05 pm

III. Public Speak Out (15 min.)- we have three women present that applied to the commission, Monica Borgatti, Nicole Coakley, and Alina Carcea. Each woman told a little about themselves and the work they are doing in the community. We asked questions and they asked us questions about the commission.

IV. Approval of minutes from January 2022- pending until we have a quorum. Shanique wasn't in the last meeting. Dawn resigned but she was in the last meeting so Tara will send an email vote to approve the minutes.

V. Chair Report - Gabrielle Jackson-no updates this month

VI. Vice-Chair Report - Jackie-no updates this month

VII. Old Business

b. Commission Updates / Role Changes - discussed the new applicants and completed the ranking sheet so we can submit it to the MA Commission.

VIII. New Business

a. Hampden County Applicants for 2022- 2023

b. Strategic Planning and Priorities for the year
i. Calendar of events

c. Next Meeting- March 10, 2022- discussed setting up a panel for Women's History Month Jossie Valentin and Ayanna Crawford are willing so far. The current theme of the National Women's History Month is Women Providing Healing, Promoting Hope. Dr. Neena Qasba (spelling?) was a suggestion as

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well.reach out to Nicole Coakley who was in our public speak out.
d. Commission Women Send Off - (Tentative) Feb. 28th

Lizzy made a motion to adjourn, Jackie seconded. All approved 7:43PM

VIII. Mass Commission Updates

a. Commonwealth Heroines Call for Submissions

“The Commonwealth Heroines are *those who don't make the news but make the difference*. Each year the Commission partners with state legislators to identify women who make outstanding contributions to their organizations and communities. Each legislator is encouraged to submit one woman from their constituency as a means of recognizing their invaluable community efforts. Please visit the website for more information on Commonwealth Heroines or to access the Commonwealth Heroine Programs. **While the public and Commissioners cannot nominate a Commonwealth Heroine directly, we strongly encourage you to reach out to your legislators if you know of an ideal candidate or why it is essential to recommend and recognize community leaders in their district.**”

About Our Featured Guest:

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HAMPDEN COUNTY COMMISSION ON THE
STATUS OF WOMEN AND GIRLS PRESENTS:

February Public Meeting

Thursday February 10th
6:00PM

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**Delmarina Lopez, Esq.
City Councilwoman
City of Chicopee**

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