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

October 13, 2022, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

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

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82659685808?pwd=eTk4VzhhSkIxR0dHdUZjUkNJamlzZz09>

Facebook Livestream: [Link](#)

Please contact hccswg@gmail.com for the meeting password

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call- The meeting started with the guest speaker, then broke into our commission meeting at 6:47 PM.
 - A. Present at the meeting: Tara Marshall, Shanique Spalding, Jackie Velez, Daisy Pereira-Tosado, Gabrielle Jackson, Nicole Coakley
 - B. Not present- Alina Carcea, Kim Lee, and Lizzy Ortiz
- II. Guest Speaker: Ballot Questions 1 and 4- Crisayda Belen(Campaign Manager for Yes on 4) joined as our guest to discuss and explain question 4. Saferroadsma.com is the website #yesonfourma
https://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/ele22/information-for-voters-22/quest_4.htm
Donate link: <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/vote-yes-for-safer-roads>
Shanique did a presentation about question 1 explaining how it works.
- III. Public Speak-Out (15 mins)-no members of the public were present
- IV. Approval of Minutes from July 14, 2022 Daisy made a motion to approve the July meeting and Nicole seconded, all were in favor. Daisy and Nicole

abstained from the vote for September 8, 2022 minutes, Tara made a motion to approve September, Jackie seconded and all were approved. RECEIVED TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

V. Chair's Report

- A. Jackie mentioned our Regional Convening coming up on 2023/30. It is a 8 56 person it will be in Worcester, Framingham, or Marlborough.
- B. We each have to do open meeting law training as part of being TOWN OF LUDLOW appointed. Must be done before January
<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/open-meeting-law-trainings>
- C. Stepping Up for Girls in Worcester event for young women's leadership
- D. The prison moratorium was vetoed by the governor. They are going to try to get legislators to overturn the veto and if that fails then it has to go onto the bill again in January.
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfren7vqkkhAZn43CBGiBKhrJcFeUIs9_VB4nS6ps2NIJigWw/viewform?pli=1 form to sign if we decide to give our support to a special session to fight the veto. Daisy made a motion for our commission to sign this bill, Gabrielle seconded, all in favor, motion passes so we will sign on to this petition.

VI. Vice-Chair's Report

- A. Upper Middlesex commission is launching its own youth advisory council.
<https://patch.com/massachusetts/holliston-hopkinton/metrowest-youth-womens-group-praised-state-house-advocacy-work> is something we could consider as a commission to start a youth advisory council.
- B. Hampshire Franklin created this
<https://www.mass.gov/doc/hampshire-franklin-resource-guide-for-women-and-girls/download>
- C. Public hearing coming up in Pittsfield on 11/17 by the state commission, asking us to help spread the word. It will be a hybrid hearing.
- D. We have access to survey monkey now and can decide if we want an account. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SYW97H8> This will help

us if we ever want to do a regional survey and regional report.
Something to discuss in a future meeting.

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- E. Advocacy Day 5/24/23 on Beacon Hill around 9 am. Gives us the opportunity to lobby our legislators about what our regional boards are.

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VII. Old Business

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- A. Grant Application report - didn't make the deadline but we can apply for the next one, with up to \$2,500 available.
- B. Meeting Schedule & Spaces- for now until the Spring when there are maybe more places open we can focus on being in Springfield Library for now. Tara will look for a space and notify the group.
- C. Mileage Reimbursement forms -an email will be sent advising about this. The state is trying to get everything electronic.

VIII. New Business

- A. Tina Games Regional Commissions Director- MCSW Report
1. Legislative priorities for the past 2 years:
<https://www.mass.gov/legislative-agenda> Just had a public hearing at the Cape, Pittsfield is coming up, followed by Lynn. State commission will be listening to what is important so they can decide what they want to focus on for the next 2 years.
 2. <https://www.statehousenews.com/email/a/20221621?key=474961>
 3. Regional Convening 11/30, fingers crossed it will be in person. Each commission will have a chance to speak. Will also spend time going through the handbook.
 4. Open meeting law training, email is good for confirmation, no more certificates. Forward the email to Tina.
 5. Always looking for paid interns at the state commission
- B. Discussion on Commission Work for 2023-moved to next month agenda due to lack of time.
1. <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/committee-meetings>
 2. <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/massachusetts-commission-on-the-status-of-women>

IX. Gabby made a motion to adjourn at 8:26 pm and Nicole seconded and was all in favor.

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