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

****New day TUESDAY**** March 21, 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=eTk4VzhkSkIxR0dHdUZjUkNJamIzZz09>

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

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call- Jackie called the meeting to order, Tara made a motion to start and Shanique seconded it, all in favor.
 - A. Not present was Lizzy Ortiz
- II. Public Speak-Out (15 mins)
- III. Approval of Minutes for February 9, 2023- Tara made a motion to approve the minutes, and Gabrielle seconded, all in favor.
- IV. Chair's Report
 - A. We received the regional grant for the spring to pay our panelists for our Women's history month event next week.
 - B. Advocacy Day is on 5/31 on Beacon Hill from 9-5.
 - C. June 22nd 25th MCSW gala- Link for Advocacy Day: Registration Link: bit.ly/MCSWadvocacy2023 Shaitia.spruell@mass.gov if you are unable to afford <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mcsw-25th-anniversary-gala-tickets-528497007777> former commissioners are welcome as well and can get the discount
 - D. Commonwealth Unsung Heroine's award event is the next day <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/commonwealth-heroines>
 - E. https://docs.google.com/document/d/1oC4zhuJYRjBICbZ_z57U_z5IsVx4-zr/edit and https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1co2cOmkafV7b_eq8xwk7RtJZflYuvydp/edit#gid=939561258 links to view bills MCSW is interested in
 - F. April 4th is the next Regional Chairs meeting, usually about an hour
- V. Vice-Chair's Report
 - A. GELI conference- asked each commission to have one attendee be on their calls. It is April 19th in Worcester at the Boys and Girls Club, all day event. There are rides from western ma and Boston to Worcester. They want our commission to help promote it and get people there. Parents are welcome to attend with their kids, hoping for 300 attendees. Also looking for commissioners to volunteer to be on the bus as bus monitors.

VI. Old Business

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- A. Grant Update- approved to pay our speakers and a legislative type of town clerk's office location, food, and beverages. If there is anything left then we can do a regional hearing. After the Women's History month event, we can re-evaluate what we do with the rest of the funds.
 - B. Chairs stepped down- confirmed that Alina and Daisy are officially stepped down just waiting on an official letter of resignation from Kim Lee. 3 open seats right now so we can advertise and start recruiting new members. Will start sharing on social media after the Women's History event.

VII. Event Planning- 5 speakers and a poet laureate. Shared on Facebook and created an event. Share the link and get people interested so they will attend. People that want to attend need to do the registration so they will get the Zoom link. Tara will start sharing the headshots and bios for our speakers to drum up some excitement.

VII Jackie made a motion to end the meeting, and Nicole seconded, all in favor 8:11 pm