



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

****New day TUESDAY** May 30, 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=eTk4VzhhSkIxR0dHdUZjUkNJamlzZz09>

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

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call Meeting called to order at 6:12 PM,..... Present were Shanique, Tara, and Jackie
- II. Public Speak-Out (15 mins) -No members were present
- III. Approval of Minutes for May 16, 2023- Moved to next meeting because we do not have a quorum and Tara had to abstain as she was not present for the last meeting.
- IV. Chair's Report -no report at this time
- V. Vice-Chair's Report - no report at this time
- VI. Old Business
 - a. Planning Upcoming Commission Events: Legislative Breakfast and Hearing.
Shanique brought up the breakfast first, she made an invitation email for the legislators. Jackie and Tara reviewed it, and all were approved. The breakfast catering suggestion is Copperline in Chicopee, Tara emailed them to see how much notice they need. <http://copperlineeatery.com/catering.html> is the catering menu. Breakfast and hearing will be held at the Chicopee Public Library in the Community Room. Tara will work on the PowerPoint for the breakfast. An RSVP form was created for the hearing flyer, Tara will create a Facebook event. Sending out the same survey as 2019 so we can compare and contrast, adding rent, food insecurity, and inflation question in the ONE area. Adding a question about incarceration in the family/affected by it. Add the question if they have bounced back after the pandemic or still struggling financially. Will share the results with our legislators, share them on social media for awareness,

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take the data, and have it for our 2024 annual report. Will run the survey for the month of June. Add primary language question.

VII. New Business

a. Commission Intern Update-skipped

Jackie made a motion to end the meeting at 7:27 PM. Shanique moved, and Tara seconded all in favor.

VIII. Executive Session

- a. Jackie called a motion to enter the executive session at 7:28 PM, Shanique moved, and Tara seconded, all in favor. Discussion and vote for new Commissioners to join the Commission. Present were Shanique, Jackie, and Tara. Nicole arrived at 7:48 am.
- b. We discussed all 6 candidates that were interviewed and completed the ranking sheet to submit to the state.
- c. Jackie made a motion to vote on who we recommend to the state. Voted to recommend BeckyJean Thompson, Sasha Viands, Stephanie Perez-Marerro, and Jazmine Cotto. We voted to not recommend her at this time, Magdalena Gomez but will consider her in the future. Shanique seconded and all were in favor.
- d. Jackie made a motion to end the executive session at 8:09 PM, Shanique moved, and Tara seconded, all in favor.

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