

**MetroWest Commission on the Status of Women
Meeting Agenda
January 31, 2022
7:00 PM-8:30 PM
McAuliffe Branch Library, Community Room
Water Street
Framingham, MA 01701**

All Meetings are Open to the Public

Opening of the Meeting

Approval of Meeting Minutes for: 12/2021

Chair Update (Heather and Stephanie)

- A. Updates from the State Commission
 - 1. Women in the Workforce Survey
 - 2. Grant Application status

General Business Discussion

- A. New Commissioners
 - 1. Interview comments from those involved
 - 2. Decision on who we submit to the state Commission as our preferred candidates
- B. Discussion on having Athena Council host our Facebook and Instagram pages – they will submit some ideas for what they would like to do
- C. Plans for Black History Month (February)
- D. Set a Date/Location for Official ‘Goodbye’ to Nancy and Ceylan

Communications

- A. Discussion on how to handle Communications responsibilities
- B. Spreadsheet of contacts - updates

Legislative

- A. February 2nd is the last day for bills to be moved out of committees for discussion the floor – update from Lindsey
- B. Prison Moratorium bill actions (Stephanie)

Athena Council (Rachel and Deirdre)

- A. Updates since our December Meeting
- B. Climate Survey Update
- C. Process for filling council openings

New Business

- A. Setting dates through June and assigning location scouts
- B. Schedule a retreat for late February/early March? Should we wait for new Commissioners to be appointed?
- C. Date for legislative ice cream social?
- D. Discussion of 2022 mission – should we wait for new Commissioners to finalize this discussion?

Old and New Business: A Conversation

- A. An open discussion about the year ahead.
 - 1. How can we be more engaged with one another and with our constituents?
 - 2. Benchmarks to hit?
 - 3. Monthly News Letter?

Adjourn

Commissioners: Heather Panahi (Chair), Stephanie Deeley (Co-Chair), Leslie Smart (Vice-Chair), Lisa MacDonald (Secretary), Lindsey Galvo (Legislative Chair), Jean Bertschmann, Rachel Niemiec, and Deirdre Belger (intern)