

METROWEST

COMMISSION ON THE
STATUS OF WOMEN

ADVOCATE | LEGISLATE | CELEBRATE

Meeting Agenda

February 18, 2021

7:00 PM-8:30PM

Join Zoom Meeting

Email metrowestcommission@gmail.com for Zoom link

All Meetings are Open to the Public

Opening of the Meeting

Approval of Meeting Minutes for: January 24, 2021

Chair's Report

- Budget Request to be Filed
- Follow-Up from Chairs' Meeting on Feb. 2
- Update on New Commissioner's Appointment
- Updates from State Commission

This Month's Meeting Will Be Devoted Entirely to the Topic of Addressing Racial Prejudice and Systemic Oppression in the MetroWest

General Business Discussion

1. Debrief the February 2 Public Hearing (What did we hear? What stood out?)
2. Sharing of Surveys Collected from Public Hearing
3. Determining Next Steps

Legislative Committee Report

- Identifying Legislation Specific to Addressing Racial Prejudice and Systemic Oppression
- Assignments for Athena Council Members? (Contact Legislators' Offices to Find Out What Bills...if any...Are Aimed at Combating the Aforementioned Issues)

Community Outreach Committee Report

- Organizations We Should Reach Out to and Partner With
- Sharing Data From the Public Hearing With Community Partners (Writing Up a Summary of the Hearing)
- Book Club for Constituents? How About a Book We Could Read Together About the Issues Facing BIWOC peoples? We Can Invite Constituents and Legislators to Join Us.

Athena Council

1. Updates
2. How to Get the Girls Involved in This Work

Upcoming Dates and Reminders

1. Next Athena Council Meeting?
2. Setting Next Several Commission Meeting Dates Through June

Adjourn

Commissioners: Heather Panahi (Chair), Stephanie Deeley (Co-Vice-Chair), Leslie Smart (Co-Vice-Chair), Jean Bertschmann (Secretary), Nancy Rosenblum, Ceylan Rowe, Rachel Niemiec, Leslie Smart, Lindsey Galvao and Deirdre Belger (intern)