

Massachusetts 988 Commission

Meeting Minutes
January 29, 2024
1:30-3:00 pm

Date of meeting: Monday, January 29, 2024

Start time: 1:34 pm

End time: 2:54 pm

Location: Virtual Meeting (Zoom)

Members participating remotely		Vote 1	Vote 2	Vote 3
1	Emily Bailey (chair) – Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS)	X	X	X
2	Rebecca Ames – Riverside Trauma Center, Riverside Community Care	X	X	X
3	Damien Cabezas – North Suffolk Community Services	-	-	-
4	Chris Carleton – Northborough Police Department	-	-	-
5	Kelly Casey, PhD – Department of Forensic & Clinical Services at William James College	X	X	X
6	Courtney Chelo – Mass. Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (MSPCC)	X	X	X
7	Kerry Collins – Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS)	X	X	X
8	Kelley Cunningham – Division of Violence and Injury Prevention, DPH	X	A	X
9	Brooke Doyle – Department of Mental Health	-	-	-
10	Eriq Gasse – Cataldo Ambulance Service	-	-	-
11	Rebekah Gewirtz – National Association of Social Workers - MA & RI Chapter	X	X	X
12	Gloria Gonzalez – Samaritans Merrimack Valley	X	X	X
13	Sharon Hanson – Mass. Behavioral Health Partnership (MBHP)	X	X	X
14	Debbie Helms – Samaritans Merrimack Valley	X	A	X
15	Jennifer Honig – Mass. Association for Mental Health (MAMH)	X	X	X
16	Charmain Jackman, PhD – InnoPsych, Inc.	X	X	X
17	Karin Jeffers – Clinical & Support Options (CSO)	X	X	X
18	Kathy Marchi – Samaritans, Inc.	X	X	X
19	Paul Mina – United Way of Tri County & United Way of Pioneer Valley, Mass 211	X	X	X
20	Ivy Moody – Mental Health Legal Advisors Committee (MHLAC)	X	X	X

21	Kristen Rhodes – City of Northampton Division of Community Care	-	X	X
22	Myisha Rodrigues, PhD, LMHC – National Alliance on Mental Illness Mass. (NAMI-MA)	-	-	-
23	Pam Sager – Parent/Professional Advocacy League (PPAL)	X	X	X
24	Monna Wallace – State 911 Department	X	X	X

* (X) Voted in favor; (O) Opposed; (A) Abstained from vote; (-) Absent from meeting or during vote

Proceedings

Chair Bailey called the meeting of the 988 Commission to order. Chair Bailey announced that her last day at MassHealth is February 2nd; Secretary Walsh will appoint a new Chair. The Commission meeting dates will remain on the calendar as previously scheduled until further notice. The Department of Public Health released a Request for Quotes for a vendor to conduct a cost benefit/effectiveness analysis and develop a business plan for 988. Now that implementation of 988 has taken place, this process will contribute to budget planning and set up a structure and process for budget maintenance.

Mr. Mina introduced a motion to approve the November 27th meeting minutes, which was seconded by Ms. Moody and approved by roll-call vote (see detailed record of votes above).

The main portion of the meeting consisted of discussing the next iteration of recommendations for the report due March 1, 2024. Those live edits will be reflected in the report upon submission. Undersecretary Collins introduced a motion to approve the Annual Report recommendations, which was seconded by Ms. Marchi and approved by roll-call vote (see detailed record of votes above).

The next meeting of the Commission will take place on Monday, February 26th from 1:30-3pm. Commission members requested that the meeting include time to hear from those who abstained from voting on the report recommendations.

Vote to adjourn:

Chair Bailey requested a motion to adjourn. Ms. Hanson introduced the motion, which was seconded by Ms. Marchi and approved by roll-call vote (see detailed record of votes above).

Vote 1 on approval of November 27th meeting minutes:

Paul Mina introduced a motion to approve the November 13th meeting minutes, which was seconded by Ivy Moody and approved by roll-call vote (see detailed record of votes above).

Vote 2 on approval of the Annual Report recommendations:

Kerry Collins introduced a motion to approve the Annual Report recommendations, which was seconded by Paul Mina and approved by roll-call vote (see detailed record of votes above).

Vote 3 to adjourn:

Sharon Hanson introduced a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Kathy Marchi and approved by roll-call vote (see detailed record of votes above).

The meeting was adjourned at 2:54 pm.

Meeting Materials

1. Draft meeting minutes from November 27, 2023
2. Draft Annual Report for 2024 to the Legislature