

MA Food Policy Council

September 10, 2026, 9:30 – 11:30 (remote)

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Draft Agenda

Call to order Acceptance of minutes

MA Legislative Food System Caucus

MA Food System Collaborative

Officer & updates

Program

Nutrition Services in the MassHealth Section 1115 Waiver

- Liz Hatzenbuehler, Senior Manager of Food and Health Policy, Community Servings

Retailer and Grower Panel: Impact of SNAP Cuts

- Bill Rennie, Sr. Vice President, Massachusetts Retailers Association
- Sam Newell, Co-owner, Fruit Fare, Chicopee
- Grace Sliwoski, Associate Executive Director, Worcester Regional Environmental Council
- Casey Burns, Co- Director, Center on Food Equity, A Project of the Worcester County Food Bank
- Commissioner Michael Cole, Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance

Discussion

Council member updates Announcements

- Nov 10, MA Food Policy Council meeting (remote); Jan 7, 2027, annual meeting
- Nov 19, MA Food System Collaborative Forum, College of the Holy Cross, Worcester
- Dec 4, Women in Agriculture Summit, DFG Headquarters, Westboro
- Jan 13, 1 – 3 PM, MA Food Policy Council Annual Meeting, Room 428, Boston State House

Public comment and Adjourn

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