

Eastern Regional Commission on the Status of Women and Girls Annual Report 2020

Commissioners:

Margaret Adams, Dedham, Chair
Kerry Akashian, North End, Vice-Chair
Mona M. Thompson, Canton, Treasurer
Amanda Crabb, Quincy
Michelle Lanteigne, Quincy
Jamica Nadina Love, Mattapan
Tamisha Lucien Civil, Boston
Toby Kamens Rodman, Brookline
Soumia Aitelhaj, Revere

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Meetings:

The Commission held 7 meetings on September 5, November 7, January 9, February 6, May 7, April 2, and June 4. The October meeting did not have a quorum.

At a retreat in June of 2019, the ERCSW outlined a goal to develop outreach efforts and specific actions it planned to help meet this goal:

Goal: Empower women and girls through the creation of connections to community leaders and organizations.

- Outreach to organizations and community leaders in the region.
- Commissioners send the letters to organizations in the region.
- Partner with organizations and community leaders focused on issues faced by women and girls.
- Create a resource guide for the region including community leaders.
- Create and administer a survey to generate information of women and girls in the region.
- Build an email list to communicate with partners.
- Promote social media accounts.
- Seek out an intern to support the goals of the Commission.
- Send letters to the editor to introduce the Commission.

At this retreat, the ERCSW developed and reviewed procedures for its meetings that have been supportive in maintaining momentum of the Commission.

The ERCSW drafted a letter that they then targeted to specific organizations in the region. The Commission drafted a survey in the winter of 2020 but due to the COVID-19 pandemic decided to wait on its administration to the fall of 2020 in order to not coincide with some of the efforts of the statewide commission. We made a connection to Healthworks Community Fitness in Dorchester and also were able to identify their space as a meeting location. One commissioner met with the Women Foundation in Boston and learned more about how they support women in

the region. Every two months they have an info-session. The commission plans to attend one of these sessions to learn more about their work in the fall. Commissioner Mona Thompson met with the principal of middle school and one of the elementary schools in Canton Public Schools. They were interested in collaborating with the ERCSW and encouraging young girls to participate in the MCSW hearings.

The ERCSW developed a survey to help gather information from women and girls in the region. Commissioners hoped to administer the survey this spring to then be able to report the results to the MCSW. Unfortunately with COVID-19, the group decided not to administer the survey at this time and wait until next fall. The MCSW also was administering a survey to obtain information on the impact of COVID-19 on women at the same time. Commissioners instead worked to promote that survey.

The ERCSW hoped to hold an event in the spring of 2020. However, planning for the event was postponed due to the pandemic of COVID-19 and the state's closure. The group hoped to show the documentary Pushout that spotlighted the criminalization of Black girls in schools. The ERCW also committed to reading the book, Push Out: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools and held some discussion on the text.

ERCSW commissioners joined efforts with the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women and Girls to support a regional meeting with women in the region to share the impact of the COVID-19 epidemic on women. Commissioners learned that women were struggling with food insecurity, health care, mental health, and safety for food workers. Women indicated that they desired advocacy for the passage of legislation for menstrual products. In addition, commissioners joined to support three different hearings focused on hearing the voices of girls in May of 2020. From young women, commissioners heard there were disparities in the resources provided by different school districts. These disparities ranged from participation requirements, instructor availability, technology availability and how they felt the school district and their teachers supported them. Young girls indicated they enjoyed the opportunity to come together virtually, feeling they were isolated during school closure.

The ERCSW also began drafting a resource guide for the region. The effort would outline in one place key resources specific to the needs of women and girls such as immigration, health, mental health, domestic violence, and food insecurity. The hope is to continue to complete this work over the summer and publish it in the fall.

In addition, the Commission continued to update its Facebook page and Twitter account. Both accounts have content shared on these mediums. The ERCSW committed to create more posts going into the summer to bring more visibility to the Commission.

Advocacy:

The group also advocated for S.408/H.639, An Act Supporting Working Parents who Choose To Run for Public Office. Some commissioners reached out to their senators and representatives by providing information on a bi-partisan basis and participated in meetings by the MCSW. Commissioners also advocated for An Act to Increase Access to Disposable Menstrual Products in Prisons, Homeless Shelters, and Public Schools, S.1274/H.1959, and shared information via social media.

Conclusions:

During the 2020-2021 year, the Eastern Regional Commission on the Status of Women and Girls focused on its continued organization of the commission. The ERCSW welcomed three new members during the year. The ERCSW was able to have more consistent meeting locations that were accessible to members and maintain a quorum at all of these meetings. The ERCSW is excited to begin its third year as a commission by striving for opportunities that allow it to hear from women and girls in our region.

Respectfully Submitted by Margaret Adams, Co-Chair of Eastern Regional Commission on the Status of Women and Girls



THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN



**Eastern Regional Commission on the Status of Women and Girls
Meeting Agenda**

Location: Jubilee Church 1550 Blue Hills Avenue Mattapan

Date: Thursday, September 5, 2019

Time: 6:30-8:30 PM

Public Input

Approval of Minutes from July meeting

Update on Outreach Letter to Organization

Update on Appointments to ERCW

Review of Organizations List

An Act Supporting Parents Running for Public Office (S.408|H.639)

Fall Grant from MCSW

Discussion of a Survey of Community Needs

Event Idea: Tough Guys

Plan to Add to List of Community Leaders and Resource Guide

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Massachusetts Eastern Regional Commission on the Status of Women & Girls
Commission Meeting

September 5, 2019

6:30pm-8:30pm

Jubilee Church, Mattapan

Meeting Facilitators: Michelle Lanteigne, Co Chair and Margaret Adams, Co Chair

Attendees:

Commissioners: Arnaa Alcon, Michelle Lanteigne, Jamica Nadine Love, Margaret Adams, Toby Kamens Rodman, Tamisha L. Civil

Agenda

Last Meeting Follow-up (7/11/19)

Review of July's Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Love's letter introduction

Commissioner Love will confirm meeting space at Northeastern for 10/3

Commissioner Lanteigne will create a google doc for the organizational resource list

New Business

- Motion to correct Michelle's name. Motion approved.
- Commissioners greeting, wellness check
- Letter of Introduction was finalized and corrections were made by Commissioner Margaret Adams, Co-Chair.
- Google Doc list completed by Michelle Lanteigne, Co Chair.
- Aiming for each Commissioner to send 3 Letter of Introduction to an organization
- Commissioners Love and Lanteigne will listen in on the WEB Conference on September 20th, and will report back October 3rd for the meeting.
- Link will be sent to have more women apply to become Commissioners for MCSW.
- Drafting a survey for women and girls in the community that came to the documentary.

Notes:

- Barbara Gutman will be resigning for the Commission. Selection process for a replacement commissioner begins.
- Elected: Margaret Adams (second term) and Michelle Lanteigne, co-chairs; Tamisha L. Civil, secretary, Kerry Akashian, vice -chair (second term); Mona Thompson, treasurer and social media facilitator (second term)
- Commissioners whose term are expiring need to notify one of the co-chair by 10/1/19 that they wish to be reappointed. The State Commission makes the decision. Everyone is eligible for reappointment for two 3-year terms. Those whose first term was less than three years are eligible for two additional full terms.
- December and May meetings will be replaced by State Commission Events. We will hold a retreat in June.

Meeting Dates:

10/3 -Northeastern University

11/7-Quincy Location

December-MCSW Convening, likely on December 19th

1/9- Jubilee

2/6-Jubilee

3/5-Jubilee

4/2- Location TBD

May -MCSW Convening likely on May 20th

June 7th- retreat 4:30pm-8:30pm

Can we reach out to those who attended Misrepresentation and what do we want them to do?

Proposed October Agenda:**Action Items:**

1. Each Commissioner will Identify at least 10 organizations by the next meeting
2. Updates from Commissioners
3. Approval of Minutes September
4. Update on the Outreach Letter to Organization
5. Update on the Fall Grant Conference Call from MCSW and Ideas
6. Appointment of Commissioner to ERCW
7. Letter to the Editor on Act Supporting Parents Running for Public Office
8. Review of Draft Survey of Regional Issues
9. Event Idea: Tough Guys
10. Set Agenda for November

Next Meeting Agenda:

October 3rd, 2019

Northeastern University

6:30pm-8:30pm

Tamisha Civil will send an email a week prior to confirm location



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COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN



**Eastern Regional Commission on the Status of Women and Girls
Meeting Agenda**

Location: Stoughton Public Library, 84 Park St, Stoughton, MA 02072

Date: Thursday, November 7, 2019

Time: 6:30-8:30 PM

Public Input

Commissioners Updates

Approval of Minutes from September

Update on the Outreach to Organization and Resource Guide

Update on the Fall Grant Conference Call from MCSW and Ideas

Recommendations on Appointment of Commissioner to ERCW

Letter to the Editor on Act Supporting Parents Running for Public Office

Support for Mass Commission on Women Regional Hearing

Review of Draft Survey of Regional Issues

Event Idea: Tough Guys

Set Agenda for January

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Massachusetts Eastern Regional Commission on the Status of Women & Girls

Commission Meeting

November 7, 2019

6:30pm-8:30pm

Stoughton Public Library, Stoughton

Meeting Facilitators: Michelle Lanteigne, Co Chair and Margaret Adams, Co Chair

Attendees:

Commissioners: Michelle Lanteigne, Jamica Nadine Love, Margaret Adams, Mona Thompson, Tamisha L. Civil

Agenda

New Business

- September Meeting Minutes Approved
- Commissioners reviewed application and resumes to elect a new Commissioner
- Commissioners Sisterly Wellness Check
- Follow up on Community Outreach Organizations
- Regional Public Hearing November 21st, 2019 at Weymouth High School
- Missed Fall Grant Deadline
- Drafting a survey for women and girls in the community that came to the documentary

Notes

- Regional Public Hearing November 21st, 2019 Weymouth High School, 5pm-7pm, Mary Jo Livingstone Humanities Center, 1 Wildcat Way South Weymouth, Ma 02190
- Tough Guy Documentary-The Government price (including the rights to use for a screening) is \$350. You can find the preview for Tough Guise 2 (Full or Abridged Clean) here:
- <https://shop.mediaed.org/tough-guise-2-p45.aspx>
- Commissioner Lov would like to have another Commissioner assist with the Conference
- Call line if she's running late. Dial -In (605) 472-5514 Access Code- 502724 Host Pin- 1471
- Woman Foundation Boston is available to meet with Commissioners to talk about our mission. Please respond in a timely manner, if you can't make it that's perfectly fine.
- Dates Available are:
 - Mon Dec 9, 12 noon - 3:30 pm
 - Weds Dec 11, 10 am - 3:30 pm
 - Weds Jan 8, 10 am - 3:30 pm
 - Mon Jan 13, 10 am - 3:30 pm
 - Weds Jan 29, 10 am - 3:30 pm
- December and May meeting will be replaced by State Commission Events
- We will hold a retreat in June.

- Can we reach out to those who attended Misrepresentation and what do we want them to do?

Meeting Dates:

- December-MCSW Convening, likely on December 19th
- 1/9- HealthWorks Wellness Community Fitness (TBD) Dorchester, Ma
- 2/6-Jubilee
- 3/5-Jubilee
- 4/2- Location TBD
- May -MCSW Convening likely on May 20th
- June 7th- retreat 4:30pm-8:30pm

Proposed November Agenda

1. Updates from Commissioners
2. Approval of Minutes November
3. Update on the Outreach Letter to Organization
4. Resource Guide
5. Appointment of Commissioner to ERCW
6. Review of Draft Survey of Regional Issues
7. Next Grant to be uses for Tough Guy II event
8. Set Agenda for January 2020

Next Meeting Date

January 9th, 2020 (TBD)

HealthWorks Wellness Community Fitness Dorchester, Ma

6:30pm-8:30pm

will send an email a week prior to confirm location

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**Eastern Regional Commission on the Status of Women and Girls
Meeting Agenda**

Location: Codman Square Health Center Wellness Campus , 450 Washington Street in
Dorchester Multi-Purpose Room

Date: January 9, 2020

Time: 6:30-8:30 PM

Public Input

Commissioners Updates

Approval of Minutes from November

Information on the the Daily Table and Healthworks Community Fitness Programs at Codman
Square Health Center

Update from MCSW Convening

Update on the Outreach Letter to Organization

Resource Guide

Review of Draft Survey of Regional Issues

Next Grant Cycle for Tough Guy Event

Set Agenda for February 2020

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Massachusetts Eastern Regional Commission on the Status of Women & Girls

Commissioner Meeting

January 9, 2020

6:30pm-8:30pm

Health Center Wellness Campus, Dorchester

Meeting Facilitator: Margaret Adams, Co Chair

Attendees:

Commissioners: Margaret Adams, Mona Thompson, Tamisha L. Civil, Amanda Crab and Kerry Akashian

Agenda

- New Business
- Kerry to bring Women's History books for Commissioners to review
- Public Hearing April 2, 2020 (Location TBD)
- Finding a new documentary for Women and Girl
- Book Club (Push Out) by Morris Monquie " The Criminalizing of Black Girls in Schools"
- available on Amazon
- Follow up with Organizations Commissioners sent letters to
- Grant is now Open, Margaret will be writing for it
- Margaret created a letter for Commissioners to provide to their town political leaders.

Notes:

- Tough Guys is not a good documentary that is geared towards the views of masculinity and its impact on women and girls.
- Commissioners will start focusing on Obesity and Women Health issues
- Commissioners are looking to start a book club to engage women and girls on Facebook and Instagram.
- Getting rights to show the Documentary for Push Out for June's retreat.

Commissioner Mona Thompson is having a Dash International Conference in March 2020 at Jubilee Stoughton Camps and in May 2020 Boston Campus. She would like to incorporate the Eastern Regional Commission in some way in the Conference.

1. The theme of the conference is Rebirth
2. Speakers are coming from Australia, Texas, Rhode Island and Boston
3. Panels include- follow your dream, political, mental health, commissioners panels
4. Stoughton Campus will have approximately 500 multicultural women
5. Stoughton conference will be March 5th - March 7th ,2020
6. Boston conference will be May 6th - May 9th, 2020
7. Anniversary Gril Program April 18th, 2020 at Lantana's in Randolph

Meeting Dates:

- 2/6-Jubilee
- 3/5-Jubilee
- 4/2- Location TBD
- May -MCSW Convening likely May 2020
- June 6th (Retreat) TBD

Action Items:

1. Order Book (Push Out) by Monquie Morris and have it by next meeting
2. Starting a Book Club
3. Resource Guide
4. Set Agenda for February 2020

Next Meeting Agenda

February 6th, 2020 -Jubilee

1500 Blue Hill Avenue, Mattapan, MA 02126

6:30pm-8:30pm

will send an email a week prior to confirm location



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**Eastern Regional Commission on the Status of Women and Girls
Meeting Agenda**

Location: Jubilee Church 1500 Blue Hill Avenue, Mattapan, MA 02126

Date: February 6, 2020

Time: 6:30-8:30 PM

Public Input

Commissioners Updates

Approval of Minutes from January

Next Grant Cycle for Push Out Showing Documentary

Discussion on PushOut Text

Update on the Outreach Letter to Organization

Resource Guide

Review of Draft Survey of Regional Issues

Set Agenda for March 2020

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Eastern Regional Commission on the Status of Women

February 6, 2020

6:30-8:30 PM

Attendees: Margaret Adams, Mona Thompson, Amanda Crabb, Michelle lanteigne, Toby Rodman

Meeting convened at 6:40 PM.

Voted to accept Meeting Minutes with the request to change Amanda Crabb's name on the minutes.

Commissioners Updates:

Mona Thompson reported that she met with the middle school principal in Canton Public Schools. She shared the events of the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women. She will try to do some sort of activities at the middle school to support the goals of civic engagement.

Aarna Alcone has resigned from the Commission. Chairs will communicate with Sasha to determine how to have another commissioner appointed.

Social Media

Please make sure to share the ERCW Facebook and Instagram pages with friends to make sure we can add to our list of contacts.

Push Out Documentary:

Saturday, June 6th potential date for documentary at 1:00 PM at the Jubilee Church. We would participate in our annual retreat 9:00-12:00 PM retreat. The group discussed perhaps pulling together a panel to discuss the issue after the movie. Please be ready with names to contribute and outreach to those you know.

Make sure to get the book Push Out: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools. We will discuss chapters 1 and 2 at the next meeting.

Update on Outreach to Other Groups

Tamisha Lucien is meeting with Liz Freedman. See update from Mona Thompson from the Canton Public Schools. Amanda Crabb reached out to Curry College to see if we could meet there. It is not likely due to liability. Amanda also outreached to Women's Federation on campus. She'd will likely meet with them and report back.

Important Dates

During the Semi-Annual Regional Convening in December, a segment of the meeting focused on the Girl's Initiative Project. The MCSW received supplemental funding from the Speaker of the House to host events focused on girls. With the funding, the Commission is planning to hold girl-focused listening sessions in April and a girls summit in June. If your Regional Commission is interested in participating in either or both of these events, please let me know so that I can provide you with additional information.

MCSW Advocacy Day is scheduled on Wednesday, May 13, 2020, 9:00am - 1:00pm. If you are planning to bring a group with you, let me know so that we can schedule a meeting in the upcoming month to arrange for accommodations. Semi-Annual Convening of the Regional Commissions is scheduled on May, 13th, 1:30pm – 3:30pm, following Advocacy Day. More information to come at a later date.

On February 25th from 6:30-8:30 at the Framingham Public Library will host another series on reproductive justice at the Framingham Public Schools.

Resource Guide Update

We have not been able to make headway on this goal from the retreat this summer. We agreed to move to a Google Doc. Everyone agreed to add five resources to the document before next meeting. We assigned each commissioner a particular area to research five organizations/resources servicing the area. The list of the following topics was assigned:

Michelle-Disability

Amda-Immigration

Mona-Children and Families

LGBTQ-Margaret

Toby-Health Care

Please include the following information in identifying the resource:

Name of the Organization

Address

Phone Number

DDPC Number

Website

Short Description

April 5, 2020 Hearing

We have not been able to identify a location to have a hearing. Mona Thompson will check to see if the Canton Public Library is available. Amanda Crabb will check to see if the Quincy Public Library or Codman Square Library is available. Mona Thompson will check to see if the Stoughton gym for her church is also available as a last resource. Tamisha Lucien is checking on the Avon Public Library. Let Margaret Adams know as soon as possible as a location is identified so that we can complete flyer and begin advertising.

Survey

Margaret Adams shared the survey administered from the Cape Cod and Island Commission. Using this survey, the group revised and created a new version to meet our needs. Margaret Adams will create a draft to share at the March meeting to be distributed afterwards via social media and other upcoming meetings.

March 2020 Agenda

Public Input

Commissioner's Update

Approval of February Minutes

Grant Update

Resource Guide

Plan for Hearing

Discussion on book, Push Out: The Criminalization of Black Girls in School

Next Meeting:

Since several commissioners are not available on March 5th and we would not have a quorum, we will hold the next meeting on March 12th or March 17th depending on whether Mona is able to secure space for the meeting. Mona Thompson will inform the commission early next week about space availability.

Meeting Adjourned 8:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Margaret Adams
Co-Chair



THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
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**Eastern Regional Commission on the Status of Women and
Girls
Meeting Agenda**

Date: April 2nd, 2020

Time: 7:00-8:30 PM

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Location: Online

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<http://meet.google.com/vur-dvjc-kuq>
- To join by phone, dial (US)+1 507-400-3647 and enter PIN: 859 800 873#

Public Input

Commissioners Updates

Approval of Minutes from February

Grant Update

Resource Guide

Draft Survey

Commissioner Vacancy

Discussion on book, Push Out: The Criminalization of Black Girls in School

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Massachusetts Eastern Regional Commission on the Status of Women & Girls

Commissioner Meeting

April 2, 2020

7:00pm-8:30pm

Zoom

Meeting Facilitator: Margaret Adams, Co-Chair

Attendees:

Commissioners: Margaret , Tamisha, Toby, Kerry and Michelle

Agenda

New Business

1. Survey

- a. Sharing it to the communities we serve via facebook
- b. Different languages for the survey
- c. Mona will upload survey to our facebook page
- d. Each Commissioner will be designated a City

2. Survey Result

3. Annual Report

4. Public Hearing

5. Resource Guide

- a. Michelle- Disability
 - b. Amanda- Immigration
 - c. Mona- Children & Family
 - d. Margret- LGBTQ
 - e. Toby- Health Care
 - f. Tamisha- Domestic Violence
 - g. Kerry- Workforce Development
- #### **6. New Member (tentative)**

Notes

1. Designated Town for each Commissioner (Survey)

- Kerrie will take Revere, Chelsea, Boston
- Tamisha will take Avon, Stoughton, Canton and Randolph
- Toby will take Hull, Braintree, Quincy, Weymouth and Cohasset
- Michelle will take Milton and Brookline
- Margret will take Dedham, Westwood, Sharon and Foxboro
- Commissioners can assist each other

2. Resume

- a. We need to make a decision for a new candidate
- b. Margaret will let Sasha know who the top pick is

3. Virtual Public Meeting

- a. Do we want to have one or postpone it to the fall?
- b. Focusing on the next virtual public meeting, Margaret will contact Sasha on how to go about it appropriately.

Meeting Dates:

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

May 7th, 2020 @7pm-8:30pm



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Public Input

Commissioners Updates

Approval of Minutes from April

Advocacy Day and Regional Advocacy Day

Girls Initiative Virtual Listening Sessions

End of Year Report

Resource Guide

Discussion on book, Push Out: The Criminalization of Black Girls in School

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Commissioner Meeting

- May 5, 2020
- 7:00pm-8:30pm
- Zoom
- Meeting Facilitator: Margaret Co-Chair

Attendees

Commissioners: Margaret , Tamisha, Toby, Kerry, Michelle, Jamica and Amanda

Agenda

New Business

- a. Black Girl Criminalization (Push Out)
- b. Different languages for the survey
- c. Mona will upload survey and upcoming events on MCSW facebook page
- d. Each Commissioner will be designated a City (Sharing Surveys)

2. Virtual Advocacy Day

3. May 13th, 2020 Kerri and Amanda to attend Girl Advocacy

4. May 27th @ 6:30pm all girl lead advocacy day (middle school, college target audience)

-get a gift card for participating

-gift bag for participating

5. Margaret will share report from last year

- State will approve it
- Stationary
- Table cloth
- \$700 postage
- Office Supplies
- Signs
- Vendor (from the State)

6. Grant

- Advocacy Day & Regional Advocacy Day
- Girls Invitation Virtual Listening Session
- End year Report 7/1/20

7. Resource Guide

- a. Michelle- Disability
- b. Amanda- Immigration
- c. Mona- Children & Family
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- **Meeting Dates:**

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

June 7th, 2020 @7pm-8:30pm



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**Eastern Regional Commission on the Status of Women and
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Meeting Agenda**

Date: Thursday, June 4th, 2020

Time: 7:00-8:30 PM

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Location: Online

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85054293669?pwd=cmNSRnQzeXhrT1Q3dzNOekNwWjRjZz09>

Meeting ID: 850 5429 3669

Password: 6YkK0F

Dial by your location +1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

Meeting ID: 850 5429 3669

Password: 008884

Public Input

Commissioners Updates

Approval of Minutes from May

Election of New Officers

Establish Calendar of Dates for Next Year

End of Year Report

Advocacy Day and Regional Advocacy Day Updates

Girls Initiative Virtual Listening Sessions Updates

Resource Guide

Discussion on book, Push Out: The Criminalization of Black Girls in School

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Eastern Regional Commission on the Status of Women

June 4, 2020

7-8:30 PM via ZOOM Online meeting

Attendance: Margaret Adams, Kerry Akashian, Mona M. Thompson, Amanda Crabb, Michelle Lanteigne, Jamica Nadina Love, Toby Kamens Rodman, Soumia Aitelhaj

The Commissioners voted unanimously to accept the meeting minutes from May.

Mona Thompson will post the MCSW statement about race and racial justice on the ERCSW social media sites. Kerry Akashian agreed to take the MCSW statement and highlight specific points, send out to commissioners for feedback, set a deadline for feedback, and then Mona Thompson will post on our social media pages.

Mona Thompson reminded all of the commissioners to invite friends and colleagues to the ERCSW social media pages. Commissioners are asked to send Mona a quote, song, and a personal story about the impact of current events so that they can be posted on social media.

The Commission elected the following members for the coming year:

Kerry Akashian, Chair
Michelle Lanteigne, Co-Chair
Amanda Crabb, Treasurer
Tamisha Lucien, Clerk

The following dates were decided for the coming year:

- August 17th
- September 21st
- October 19th
- November 16th
- January 25th
- February 22nd
- March 15th
- April 26th
- June 21st

Meeting time will be 6:30 PM.

Commissioners were asked to review end of year report by Friday, June 5, 2020. Commissioners provided an update on the state hearings for women and girls that they participated in May. They shared common themes as they emerged from the girls and women during these challenging times.

The group agreed to add content to the resource guide within the next week so we might work on getting it into its final form.

The group discussed briefly the movie and book, Push Out. It is a significantly important issue for us all to consider of the criminalization of Black girls in schools.

Agenda for Next Meeting:

- Commissioner's Update
- Approval of Meeting Minutes for June
- Revisit Goals from Past Year
- Set Goals for Coming Year
- Update on Social Media Outreach during the Summer

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret Adams, Co-Chair Eastern Regional Commission on the Status of Women