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Massachusetts Commission On The Status of Women Elect New Leadership

The Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women has elected new leadership,

DENELLA CLARK, Hyde Park resident and President of Boston Arts Academy Foundation, has been elected as MCSW Chair. Clark was first appointed to the Commission in 2015 and reappointed in 2018 by Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker. She will be the first Black Chair of the Commission.

REBECCA BACT, Auburndale resident and attorney, has been elected as MCSW Vice Chair. Bact was appointed to the Commission in 2017 by Governor Charlie Baker. **MARLENE SALLO**, Marina Bay resident and Executive Director of Disability Law Center, has been elected as MCSW Secretary. Sallo was appointed to the Commission in 2019. **SARA SCHNORR**, Holliston resident and Of Counsel in the Boston office of Locke Lord LLP, has been re-elected as MCSW Treasurer. Schnorr was re-appointed to the MCSW in 2018 by Governor Charlie Baker. **LIZ FRIEDMAN**, Northampton resident and national leader on perinatal mental health, has been re-elected as Chair of the Legislative and Policy Committee. Friedman was appointed to the MCSW in 2017 by House Speaker Robert DeLeo. **SHAITIA SPRUELL**, Clinton resident and Senior Program Officer primarily overseeing Women's Economic Empowerment Programing for the Office of the State Treasurer and Receiver General, has been elected as Vice Chair of the Legislative and Policy Committee. Spruell was appointed to the MCSW by the Caucus of Women Legislators in 2019. **PATRICIA HOHL**, Framingham resident and Director of Voices Against Violence, has been elected as Secretary of the Legislative and Policy Committee. Hohl was appointed to the Commission by Massachusetts Senate President Karen Spilka in November 2019. **JEAN FOX**, Freetown resident and manager of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation's South Coast Rail project, has been elected as Chair of the Program and Planning Committee. Fox was appointed to the Commission by MA Speaker of the House, Robert DeLeo in 2017. **LESLIE-ANN MCGEE**, Kingston resident and Assistant Director of the Center for Marine Robotics at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, has been elected as Vice Chair for the Program and Planning Committee. **RUTH BRAMSON**, Boston resident and former CEO of the Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts, has been elected as Secretary for the Program and Planning Committee. Bramson was appointed to the Commission in 2017 by Governor Charlie Baker. **AUDREY HALL**, Framingham resident and TV Talk Show Producer and Host and Strategic Communications Consultant, has been elected as Chair of the Budget and Personnel Committee. Hall was appointed to the Commission by Senate President Karen Spilka in 2018. **WENDY SILVER**, Needham resident and Founder and President of Beyond the Workplace LLC, has been re-elected as Vice Chair of the Budget and Personnel Committee. Silver was appointed to the MCSW in 2018 by the Massachusetts Caucus of Women's Legislators.

The Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women is an independent state agency that was legislatively created in 1998 to advance women of the Commonwealth to full equality in all areas of life and to promote their rights and opportunities. The MCSW provides a permanent, effective voice for the women of Massachusetts.

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