



Commonwealth of Massachusetts
**EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HOUSING &
LIVABLE COMMUNITIES
COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS**

Maura T. Healey, Governor ♦ Kimberley Driscoll, Lieutenant Governor
Edward M. Augustus, Jr., Secretary ♦ John Peters, Jr., Executive Director

COMMISSION MEETING NOTICE & AGENDA

Meeting Date: Friday, February 2, 2024

Time: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Place: Via Zoom

PROPOSED AGENDA

1. **Cheryl Cromwell** with the Dept. of Public Health (DPH), to give an overview of her role and the work she's doing at DPH.
2. **Colleen De Vincentis** with the Massachusetts Indian Council in New Bedford, to give an overview and services of the newly established regional division of the Rhode Island Indian Council.
3. **Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR):** Potential Indigenous Peoples Partnerships program, reconnecting Indigenous communities to their lands. Initiating dialogue on uses and long term relationships.
4. **A Proposed Re-write to the Native American Mascot Bill:** An Act prohibiting the use of Native American mascots by public schools in the Commonwealth.
5. **Truth & Healing:** Suffolk University Law School, Institute for N.E. Native American Studies at UMass/Boston, and Ohketeau Cultural Center are supporting the Commission on Indian Affairs in organizing listening sessions with the goal of exploring the idea of a truth and healing process.
6. **Adjournment**

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The Mass Commission on Indian Affairs is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. February 2, 2024 from 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

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