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COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

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Meeting Agenda

February 18, 2021 7:00 PM-8:30PM

Join Zoom Meeting

Email <u>metrowestcommission@gmail.com</u> for Zoom link

All Meetings are Open to the Public

Opening of the Meeting

Approval of Meeting Minutes for: January 24, 2021

Chair's Report

- Budget Request to be Filed
- Follow-Up from Chairs' Meeting on Feb. 2
- Update on New Commissioner's Appointment
- Updates from State Commission

This Month's Meeting Will Be Devoted Entirely to the Topic of Addressing Racial Prejudice and Systemic Oppression in the MetroWest

General Business Discussion

- 1. Debrief the February 2 Public Hearing (What did we hear? What stood out?)
- 2. Sharing of Surveys Collected from Public Hearing
- 3. Determining Next Steps

Legislative Committee Report

- Identifying Legislation Specific to Addressing Racial Prejudice and Systemic Oppression
- Assignments for Athena Council Members? (Contact Legislators' Offices to Find Out What Bills...if any...Are Aimed at Combating the Aforementioned Issues

Community Outreach Committee Report

- Organizations We Should Reach Out to and Partner With
- Sharing Data From the Public Hearing With Community Partners (Writing Up a Summary of the Hearing)
- Book Club for Constituents? How About a Book We Could Read Together About the Issues Facing BIWOC peoples? We Can Invite Constituents and Legislators to Join Us.

Athena Council

- 1. Updates
- 2. How to Get the Girls Involved in This Work

Upcoming Dates and Reminders

- 1. Next Athena Council Meeting?
- 2. Setting Next Several Commission Meeting Dates Through June

Adjourn

Commissioners: Heather Panahi (Chair), Stephanie Deeley (Co-Vice-Chair), Leslie Smart (Co-Vice-Chair), Jean Bertschmann (Secretary), Nancy Rosenblum, Ceylan Rowe, Rachel Niemiec, Leslie Smart, Lindsey Galvao and Deirdre Belger (intern)