

## Hampden County Commission on the Status of Women & Girls

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June 4, 2021

Dear Sir or Madam:

Let this serve as a notice pursuant to Open Meeting Law, M.G.L.c. 30A sections 18-25 of a meeting of the Hampden County Commission on the Status of Women & Girls (HCCSWG).

On April 25, 2017, the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women inaugurated nine commissioners to a newly formed regional commission created to study and report the status of women and girls in Hampden County. The Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women is "a state-established body charged with reviewing the status of women in Massachusetts and offering recommendations regarding policy that would improve access to opportunities and equality." The regional commissions have been created to target specific geographical regions to make sure that the needs of women across the state are met.

**Our next meeting will be Thursday, June 10, 2021, from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM. In light of current public health recommendations for social distancing and state restrictions around public gatherings, and in observance of the Governor's Order Suspending Certain Required Provisions of the Open Meeting Law (M.G.L. c.30A, §20 dated March 12, 2020), this meeting will take place online at:**

<https://zoom.us/j/6895726626?pwd=aDdCTEpPSlkwa2pxd29VZDRqZStkQT>

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**Attendees are asked to contact [hccswg@gmail.com](mailto:hccswg@gmail.com) in advance of the meeting to receive the meeting password.**

This meeting is open to the public, and we encourage members of the community to attend. The first fifteen minutes of the meeting will be set aside for members of the public to present anything they wish the Commission to consider. Anyone who wishes to speak during this allotted time should email the HCCSWG Chairperson, Gabrielle Jackson, at [HCCSWG@gmail.com](mailto:HCCSWG@gmail.com) with their intention so the HCCSWG may plan accordingly. Members of the public will only be recognized by the Commission to speak during the opening public presentation segment, and only if prior notice is provided.

Sincerely,

Tara Marshall  
Secretary, HCCSWG

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- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Discussion with our featured guest, Jynai McDonald, Family Child Care Coordinator for SEIU Local 509
- III. Public Speak Out (15 min.)
- IV. Approval of minutes from May 13, 2021
- V. Chair Report
- VI. Vice-Chair Report
- VII. Old Business
  - a. None
- VIII. New Business
  - a. HCCSWG Leadership Elections
  - b. Upcoming Events
    - i. July 8th Meeting - Featured Speaker?
    - ii. No Meeting in August- Summer Break
    - iii. 2021-2022 Meeting Calendar
      - 1. In-person/Hybrid event planning

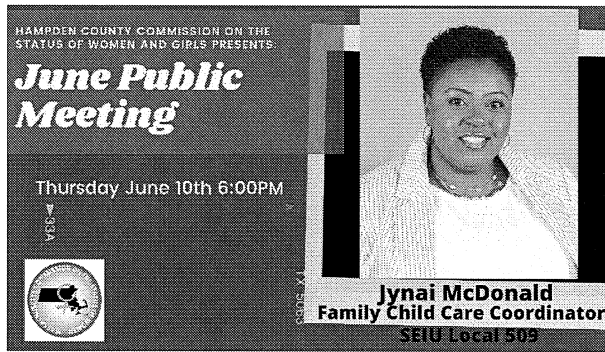
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- a. Planning for a September Regional Convening
- b. Collaboration with our Liaison for more events with elected leaders.

**About Our Featured Guest:**



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HAMPDEN COUNTY COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN AND GIRLS PRESENTS

## June Public Meeting

Thursday June 10th 6:00PM

VICE-CHAIR



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