

**Hampden County Commission on the Status of Women and Girls  
Agenda**

April 8, 2021

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Online via Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/6895726626?pwd=aDdCTEpPSlkwa2pxd29VZDRqZStkOT09>

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- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Discussion with our featured guest, Dr. Neena Qasba, Baystate Wesson Women’s Clinic
- III. Public Speak Out (15 min.)
- IV. Approval of minutes from March 11, 2021
- V. Chair Report
- VI. Vice-Chair Report
- VII. Old Business**
  - a. **Women’s History Month Follow Up and Celebration**
  - b. **Coffee Chat Winter Events Updates**
    - i. Collaboration with Hampshire-Franklin
    - ii. Spring/Summer Coffee Chats

| Commissioner     | Gabrielle | Pattie | Tara | Michelle | Shanique            | Jen  | Jackie |  | Dawn                 |
|------------------|-----------|--------|------|----------|---------------------|--|--------|--|----------------------|
| <b>Topic:</b>    |           |        |      |          | Legislative Updates | Essay Contest<br>High Tea with the Commissioner. |        |  | C Suite with the CEO |
| <b>Chat Date</b> |           |        |      |          |                     | May  |        |  |                      |
| <b>Zoom Link</b> |           |        |      |          |                     |  |        |  |                      |

**VIII. New Business**

- a. EqualPayMA Roundtable Series

- i. Shaitia is looking for speakers for our Mother's Equal Pay Day Conversation on **May 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am**.
- b. Policy Discussion**
  - i. Planning for Legislative Breakfast
  - ii. Legislation that we would like to support
  - iii. Springfield Municipal Events:
    - 1. Nonpartisan
    - 2. Partner with an organization that is doing forums.
      - a. Partner with women.
      - b. Candidate forum
      - c. Ready to Run - Training series
      - d. Virtual Trainings
- c. Internship Program**
- d. Meeting Dates**
  - i. May 13th - Shaitia Spruell
  - ii. June 10th - Danella Clarke?
    - 1. Can use this meeting to close the session July 31st.
    - 2. Talk about the Juneteenth - Uplift a person of color.
- e. Swearing in of recommended Commissioner, Jacqueline Velez**

## **IX. MCSW Events**

- a. Semi-Annual Convening of the Regional Commissions (**Action Item**)**
  - i. Two dates have been identified for the next Regional Commission Convening - Monday, May 24<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. Please complete the poll by Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 5pm: <https://www.when2meet.com/?11226761-GUmgT>. Based on the Regional Commissioner responses, the date and time of the Convening will be confirmed on Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> during the Program and Planning Committee meeting.
- b. Virtual Advocacy Day** - Advocacy Day will be held on May 19<sup>th</sup>. More details to come.
- c. Commonwealth Heroines**
  - i. This afternoon we will be opening up the recommendation form for the Commonwealth Heroines Class of 2021. Each year the Commission partners with state legislators to identify women who make outstanding contributions to their organizations and communities. Each legislator is encouraged to submit one woman from their constituency as a means of recognizing their invaluable community efforts. This submission form will be open for legislators until Monday, April 5, 2021. For more information, please visit the links below:
  - ii. [Commonwealth Heroine Program Book 2020](#)

iii. [Commonwealth Heroine 2021 Work Plan](#)

d. Adjournment

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**About Our Featured Guest:**

HAMPDEN COUNTY COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN AND GIRLS PRESENTS:

**April Public Meeting**

Thursday April 8th 6:00PM

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**Featured Guest**  
**Dr. Neena Qasba, MD**  
Medical Director  
Baystate Wesson Women's Clinic  
Assistant Professor, University of Massachusetts Medical School - Baystate

MASSACHUSETTS COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Dr. [Neena](#) Qasba is a board-certified obstetrician-gynecologist with subspecialty training in Complex Family Planning and an Assistant Professor at the University of Massachusetts Medical School-Baystate. She completed her OBGYN training at Indiana University and completed her fellowship at Yale University. She also earned a M.P.H. in Health Policy and Management at Yale University. She is interested in policy implementation science and her current research focuses on the area of reproductive health. She currently serves as the Medical Director of Wesson Women's Clinic at Baystate Medical Center, which provides comprehensive OB/GYN health services and specialty services for the local community and serves as regional referral center. She focuses her time on process and quality improvement using a health equity perspective.