

Permanent Commission on the Status of Hartford Women
Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 5:30pm -7:00pm

Virtual General Meeting Location:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83733188199?pwd=dW1MQm1KUzA4am5ZNjZlZlF2dz09> OR

Phone: (646) 876-9923 Meeting ID: 837 3318 8199

Passcode: 06103

Policy Committee and Recruitment/Planning Committee to
meet immediately following from 7:00 -8:00pm

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call: Members present in person via zoom or by phone/quorum**
3. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**
 - i. January 12, 2021
4. **Officer Reports**
 - i. Chairwoman Pope
 1. Reminder the Commissioners voted to postpone the Commission's election process until the Spring 2021. In April 2021, a nominating committee shall be appointed for the election in June.
 2. Regarding bylaw revisions – Commissioner Kula has agreed to Chair this task. The current bylaws indicate the Commissioners shall designate a Chairperson and select its own officers in June. Officers shall be selected for one year terms and may be re-elected, except the Chairperson may serve for no more than two consecutive terms. Election is by majority vote plus 1 of those Commissioners present and voting. (Sec. D.4.a. of the bylaws).
 - b. Vice-Chairwoman Leach
 - c. Managing Secretary Crowley
 - i. Meeting dates for 2021 were adopted. We will meet the 3rd Monday of each month from 5:30p.m.-7:00p.m. unless it is a holiday. February 15 is a holiday so we will meet February 16. Except for February, no other months have a Monday holiday conflict.
 - ii. Volunteer primary and secondary minute taker for March needed.

5. **Committee and Special Reports**

The plan is for Committees to meet from 7:00p.m.-8:00p.m. immediately following our regularly scheduled Commission meetings. The Committee agendas are included in this report along with a draft description of each committee.

- a. **Policy Committee** report by Facilitator Commissioner Erica Crowley. Commission Committee members are: Pope, (ex-officio) Leach, Crowley, Kula, Johnson, and Abraham.

Agenda:

1. Call to order and Roll call
2. Discussion of state level policy priorities
3. Discussion of local level policy priorities
4. Old/unfinished business
5. New business
6. Announcements
7. Adjournment

Draft Policy Committee Description:

The PCSHW's policy committee will recommend to the full Commission their state and local policy priorities as they relate to the status of Hartford women. These duties include but are not limited to liaising with policy advocacy groups and inviting policy experts to meetings, tracking state and local legislation and administrative policy changes, preparing written and public testimony, and conducting policy research as needed.

- b. **Planning/Recruitment Committee** report by Facilitator Commissioner Gloria Brown. Commission Committee members are: Pope, (ex-officio) Rivera, Brown, Crowley, Folson, and Abraham.

Agenda:

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Discussion of recruitment priorities
3. Discussion of planning priorities
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Draft Recruitment/Planning Committee Description:

The Retention/Planning Committee will make recommendations to the full Commission regarding recruitment of new members and returning members. The planning activities will include identifying the needs of Hartford women and working with other organizations in partnership to address these needs. The Committee will recommend partners to invite to the Commission meetings.

6. Special Orders

- a. Chief of Police, Jason Thody's Report

7. Unfinished/Old Business

- a. Bylaw revisions – Commissioner Kula.
 - b. So far, we have contacted the City Clerk to find out the answers to these questions:
 - i. Were the current bylaws, reviewed on 3/15/00, ever adopted?
 - ii. Party affiliation requirement; where does this requirement stem from?
Answer from David Grant: "Please see below for a link to your requested information. <https://www.cga.ct.gov/2017/rpt/pdf/2017-r-0344.pdf>".

Generally speaking, if there are more than 9 members of our Commission, no more than 2/3 cannot be from the same political party.
 - iii. Will the Commission's by-laws need to reflect the new gender parity resolution?
Answer from David Grant, November 2020: "Per the city charter, we cannot mandate that each board/commission be composed of no more than 50% from one gender as the Mayor has the ability to select whichever candidates he/she likes. Therefore, this resolution will seek to encourage the charter revision commission to add gender parity language into our city charter thus ensuring more inclusive appointments. However, the charter revision process will not begin until next year, so, immediate nominees are not subject to any gender parity policy."
 - iv. Is the Commission's title correct? (Is it the Permanent Commission on the Status of Hartford Women vs. the Commission on the Status of Hartford Women? (see the city code, Section 2-231 thru 2-236, Division 7: Commission on the Status of Hartford Women)

8. New Business

- a. Commissioners should start planning our goals for 2021. Review the Commission's purpose and duties.

9. Public Comments

10. Announcements

- a. On February 8th, Council President Maly O. Rosado announced creating a task force to pilot a program to get a Universal Basic Income launched in Hartford which would target single mothers and fathers. If you are interested in serving on this task force, please contact David Grant at: David.Grant@hartford.gov or call 860-757-9738.
- b. In March our guest will be Cherie Phoenix-Sharpe, Office of Lt. Governor Susan Bysiewicz. She can join us from 6:00p.m.- 6:30p.m. so we will adjust the agenda accordingly. Please look over

the website for this Governor's Council on Women and Girls; this is a new Council under the Lamont administration, started in 2020: <https://portal.ct.gov/Office-of-the-Governor/Working-Groups/Governors-Council-on-Women-and-Girls>.

- c. City of Hartford Director of Equity and Opportunity, Karen Taylor, will meet with us in our April meeting. This is a new position in the City of Hartford.

11. Adjournment