

Permanent Commission on the Status of Hartford Women

Meeting Agenda

August 11, 2020 at 5:30 – 7:00 PM

Virtual Meeting Location: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86766521950>

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1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call: Members present in person or by phone/quorum

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

4. Officer Reports

- a. Chairwoman Pope
 - i. PCSHW City Staffer Palmer will ask Hartford Police Chief Jason Thody to invite the independent researchers to meet with us in October to review the final results of the HPD Organizational Climate Report. Focus on recommendations and actions that will be taken as a result of this report.
 - ii. Attorney Lori Mizerak, Assistant Corporation Counsel, City of Hartford, will be invited to join us in November. This is a training session which is being rescheduled from the Spring and the topics are Ethics and Conflicts of Interest.
 - iii. Participation in the 2020 Census: portal.ct.gov/census2020 See FAQ in particular. What can the Commission do to encourage everyone to fill out the census form?
- b. Vice-Chairwoman Leach
 - i. Combined commission meeting to be scheduled to receive the report on the culture and climate of the Hartford Police Department, also likely in September or October.
 - a. This review was conducted by an outside group. The final report is due to Chief Thody at the end of August.
- c. Managing Secretary Crowley

5. Committee and Special Reports

- a. 2020 Initiative to focus on registering Hartford Women to Vote.
- b. Committee Report: Commissioners Brown and Abraham with Jillian Davey

6. Special Orders

7. Unfinished/Old Business

- a. Bylaw revisions.- Chairperson, Commissioner Pope. Commissioners Pope and Leach are working on these. The process requires several approvals, including a Corporation Counsel review and City Council approval. Here are some of the issues we should tackle:

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- i. Should we continue to require all Commissioners to be residents of Hartford? Other City Commissions do not have this requirement but may say, "A majority of Commissioners shall live, work, or own property in Hartford"?
- ii. How important are the political parties Commissioners belong to? Other Commissions do not necessarily have this requirement but do stress the importance of representing the diversity of backgrounds, such as ages, races, economic status, levels of education, political persuasions, and sexual identity.
- iii. How many Commissioners should there be? Example: 15, 20, no less than 7.
- iv. How often must the Commission meet? Must this be in person?

8. New Business

9. Public Comments

10. Announcements

11. Adjournment