



MePCSW Meeting Minutes

October 20, 2022, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Online Meeting

In Attendance: Jill Barkley Roy, Kate Elmes, Moriah Geer, Samantha Lott Hale, Fatuma Hussein, Ruth Kermish-Allen, Sue Mackey Andrews, Jennifer Wilkey, Rebecca Austin, Darylen Cote, Anne Gass, Dania Bowie

Guests: Secretary of State Shenna Bellows, State Archivist Kate McBrien, Sara Squires, Disability Rights Maine

Absent: Jill Randall, Meredith Strang Burgess, Maulian Dana

Welcome and Introductions, Kate - Welcome newest Commissioner, Dania Bowie

Strategic Direction Presentation, Kate

Challenge in charge to report on status of women and girls in Maine. Key priority. Funding need. Expand advocacy with an executive director. Update statute: additional seat desired for a commissioner under the age of 25, increase terms to four years. Discussion of ED role.

Update on Commission Funding

Secretary Bellows – Budget request for ED position submitted. Before January, the Commission should review position structures and decide which option is best. Legislative strategy discussed.

Data discussion, Kate McBrien

The Office of State Archivist can help support PCSW efforts to research, document, present, and track status of Maine women over time. Data governance program:

<http://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=HP1199&item=5&num=130>

Regular Business, Kate

Motion to approve August minutes by Darylen, seconded by Anne, all in favor.

Announcements

HGHW Panel Discussion

When: October 26th, 7-8:30 PM (Zoom rm will remain open until 9 pm for audience discussion)

Where: Zoom (link in registration confirmation email)

Register and learn more: <https://hghw.org/state-of-girls/>

Upcoming Meetings

November 18, 1:00-2:00

Sub-committee meeting to select best position structure

December 15, 1:00-2:30

Next scheduled meeting