

**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
Topic:					Legislative Updates	Essay Contest High Tea with the Commissioner.			C Suite with the CEO
Chat Date						May			
Zoom Link									

VIII. New Business

- a. EqualPayMA Roundtable Series

- i. Shaitia is looking for speakers for our Mother's Equal Pay Day Conversation on **May 12th 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 24th and Tuesday, May 25th. Please complete the poll by Monday, March 8th 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 9th during the Program and Planning Committee meeting.
- b. Virtual Advocacy Day** - Advocacy Day will be held on May 19th. 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

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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MASSACHUSETTS COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

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

The graphic is a purple-themed promotional poster. On the left, it lists the event details: 'HAMPDEN COUNTY COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN AND GIRLS PRESENTS: April Public Meeting' in a large, white, serif font, followed by 'Thursday April 8th 6:00PM' in a smaller white font. Below this is a small purple triangle with '33A' and a circular logo for the 'MASSACHUSETTS COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN'. On the right, there is a black and white portrait of Dr. Neena Qasba, MD, with her name and title 'Featured Guest' in white text below it. Her full name and credentials are listed in a smaller white font at the bottom right of the graphic.

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.