



Human Rights Commission - Agenda

Date: Wednesday, November 15, 2023

Time: 8:00 PM

Location: 27 Maple Street, HHS Conference Room, 2nd Floor

Conducted by Hybrid (Remote and In-Person)

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On March 29, 2023, Governor Healey signed into law a supplemental budget bill that extends the temporary provisions pertaining to the Open Meeting Law to March 31, 2025. Specifically, this extension allows public bodies to continue holding meetings remotely without a quorum of the public body being physically present at a meeting location and to provide "adequate, alternative" access to remote meetings. The language does not make any substantive changes to the Open Meeting Law other than extending the expiration date of the temporary provisions regarding remote meetings from March 31, 2023, to March 31, 2025.

<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/updated-guidance-on-holding-meetings-pursuant-to-the-act-extending-certain-covid-19-measures>

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1. Remote Meeting Notice and Land Acknowledgement
2. Review of October 2023 Meeting Minutes
3. Proposed Statement on the 40th Anniversary of the Iranian massacre of Baha'i Women (Farjam Mohtadi)
4. Proposed Statement calling for a ceasefire in Israel
5. Incidents & Complaints & APD Updates
 - a. Commissioner Updates

- b. APD
- 6. DEI Update
 - a. Coffee Chats
- 7. MAHRC Update/Issues - Commissioner Soneja
- 8. Working Group Updates
 - a. Schools & Education
 - b. Outreach / Events
 - o IPD 2024 Co-Sponsorship
 - o Budget Requests
 - c. Communications
 - o Rapid Response Team
- 9. Co-Chairs Report
 - a. APD Meeting with Chief Flaherty
 - b. DEI Co-Chairs
 - c. Housing Working Group
- 10. MCAD Training on Civil Rights
- 11. Community Input
- 12. Announcements
- 13. Next meeting – Wednesday, December 20, 2023
 - a. Incident Handling
 - November: Commissioner Pusey
 - December: Commissioner Horwitz
 - January:
- 14. Adjournment

Next meeting: Wednesday, December 20, 2023, 8:00 pm, Remote Participation

Anyone needing accessibility information or assistance to attend this meeting should contact Tim Ross at tross@town.arlington.ma.us. This meeting is open to all interested individuals.