



Maine Permanent Commission on **THE STATUS OF WOMEN**

MePCSW Research and Reporting Committee (RRC)

Meeting Minutes

October 17, 2025

10:00-11:00 A.M.

MePCSW Committee Members in Attendance: Anne Gass, Eisha Khan, Eva White, Rebecca Austin, Khadija El Barkaoui

MePCSW Committee Members Absent:

Staff and Guests: Elinor Higgins (MePCSW ED), Christine Rudalevige (MePCSW Data Fellow)

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Facilitator: Eisha Khan, RRC Chair

Welcome

Old Business and Public Comment

1. Any members of the public may introduce themselves and speak for 3 minutes
 - a. No members of the public present
2. Review, discuss, and approve July 2025 meeting minutes
 - a. Motion to approve: Anne
 - b. Second: Eva
 - c. Vote: Khadija and Rebecca abstain, all other participants unanimously vote to approve.

New Business

1. Update on MePCSW Data Dashboard development
 - a. Walked through “mind map” and discussed the potential buckets of information for MePCSW data dashboard on women and girls
 - b. Discussed the following categories:
 - i. Education (emphasis about educational outcomes, non-English speakers, education workforce, rural/urban divide, geography of schools, military as an educational path, and better detail on “non-traditional” education options
 - ii. Employment (emphasis on benefits, work listings, discrimination, GBVH, barriers to finding employment, accessibility, work permits, opportunities to highlight successes, DV as a barrier to work
 - iii. Justice System (emphasis on recidivism and recovery, family courts, trends in incarceration, types of charges)
 - iv. Plan to share the power point for offline review of additional categories
 - c. Elinor is working to obtain a Tableau license to build the dashboard

- d. Opportunities for feedback from MePCSW audiences to inform the dashboard
 - i. MWL Gender Justice Summit workshop on October 23rd
- 2. Developing a project focused on Maine women for the U.S. Semiquincentennial
 - a. Opportunities from the Semiquincentennial Commission special projects director:
 - i. Contribute names and ideas for the Maine atlas mapping activity – need more women to feature from Maine history
 - ii. Potluck series across the state – one focused on women or gender justice, could feature our work and that of partner organizations
 - iii. Plan to continue brainstorming

Wrap-Up and Next Steps

- 1. Next meeting will take place on November 14th with a goal to meet every other month on the off month from bi-monthly full MePCSW meetings