



REGULAR MEETING – COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN AGENDA

**JANUARY 13, 2025, 7:00 PM
BY ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING**

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Members of the public who wish to provide public comment are encouraged to submit those via email in advance of the meeting. For these comments to be included into the record, they must be submitted by 12:00 p.m. the day of the meeting. Please email Esther Murillo at emurillo@norwalkct.gov with the subject line "Public Comment" to provide written public comment prior to the meeting.

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. ROLL CALL**
- III. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**
 - A. Regular Meeting: November 18, 2024**
- IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
- V. OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. Ordinance Committee Presentation**
 - B. Bylaws Amendment**

C. Committee Updates

- 1. Community Outreach**
- 2. Policy Advocacy**

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Welcome by Kristina Testa-Buzzee, Chair, Norwalk Commission on the Status of Women**
- B. Introductions by Representative Gilchrest and Representative Johnson**
- C. Questions:**
 - **What priorities are on the table this year when it comes to gender equity centered policy?**
 - **What are some of the ways that the CT legislature is continuing to act to protect reproductive healthcare rights in the state? Is the CT legislature considering a state constitutional amendment to more permanently protect these rights?**
 - **With mass deportations expected by our new Presidential Administration, can you tell us what state resources are available to assist mothers and families who may be impacted? Should we expect any bills or legislation to help protect this community?**
 - **What is the best way for our Commission and for individuals watching to advocate and keep up to date on bills?**

VII. DISCUSSION

VIII. ADJOURNMENT