

BCW Meeting Notes  
October 4, 2023  
(Online via Zoom)

Meeting start time: 7:02 pm

Commissioners Present: Rebecca Stone, Elizabeth Stillman, Hadassah Margolis, Julia Khazan, Meenakshi Garodia, Carol Caro, Lucy Chie, Cynthia Arnfeld, Neela Kaushik, and Prashanthi Sylada (\*not a Commissioner at time of meeting)

Commissioners Absent: Aileen Lee,

Also Present: Caitlin Starr (staff)

- September meeting is available via recording only. No notes will be provided.
- Commission application for Prashanthi. She also introduced herself to the Commission.
- Review of BCW liaisons list was discussed. Respond to Liz with changes. Each person should attend meetings and/or check agenda to see what, if anything, interests with BCW issues.
- Futures meetings will have a placeholder for sharing liaison notes/updates.
- Updates on housing for refugees or collecting resources, if even refugees are not being housed in Brookline: Town of Brookline is still working on housing/education issues; pregnant women and children are a priority; BCW can focus on gathering specific items. Caitlin Starr will address/follow up with Cheryl from Public Health to get a list of needs.
- May follow up with Cheryl to see if she is interested in speaking directly to BCW during an upcoming meeting.
- There will be no collaboration on the Francis Perkins exhibit/display at the library. LWV wants to pursue this on their own.
- Sex education curriculum passed promulgated by Gov. Healy. BCW should review, as this is not a comprehensive document. Concerns: "consent" was not addressed in document until much later. Note – this is not a legislative document and is not required.
- Liz to circulate late SR248.
- BCW to push bill on menstrual products for women. We will write a letter as a commission. Tie to the Healthy Youth Act (sex education)
- Next meeting is on November 8, 2023, at 7:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned: 7:52 pm

Voting Chart

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Minutes</u> No voice vote	Vote on Letter re: IAM Bill/An Act for Healthy Youth
Stone	Y	Y
Stillman	Y	Y
Arnfeld	Y	Y
Caro	Abs	Y
Khazan	Y	Y
Margolis	Y	Y
Chie	Y	Y
Garodia	Y	Y
Kaushik	Y	Y