

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Women's Rights History Trail Task Force
State House, Boston 02133

Representative Carole Fiola
Acting House Chair

Senator Edward J. Kennedy
Acting Senate Chair

Minutes - 3rd Task Force Meeting
February 28th, 2023 – 3pm
Virtual

Members Present: Co-Chair Domb, Co-Chair Mark, Leader Gregoire, Representative Ferguson, Senator Lovely, Kate Melchior, Shannon Jenkins, Keiko Orrall, Mary-dith Tuitt, Amanda Molina Dumas, Shaitia Spruell, Representative Kane (After rollcall)

Others Present: Outgoing Co-Chair Fiola, Outgoing Co-Chair Kennedy, Staff from Senator Edward's Office

Opening roll call and approval of the minutes

Representative Fiola called the opening roll and asked for approval of the minutes around 3pm. A quorum was present.

Representative Fiola shared that Anna Clutterbuck-Cook, the Senior Reference Librarian for the Massachusetts Historical Society, and a member of the Task Force, passed away from complications of cancer and held a moment of silence.

Representative Fiola let the members know that there would be a change in leadership of the Task Force. Representative Mindy Domb and Senator Paul Mark are the newly named Chairs of the Joint Committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development and as a result are now the Co-Chairs of the Task Force by statute.

- Chair Domb and Chair Mark thanked the outgoing co-Chairs and gave brief remarks.
- Representative Kane and Senator Lovely thanked the outgoing Co-Chairs for their work

Representative Fiola shared the names of four new members of the Task Force:

- State Representative Kimberly Ferguson of Holden.
- State Senator Lydia Edwards of East Boston.
- Mary-dith Tuitt, who is serving in the interest of women veterans on the Task Force and was appointed by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.
- Kate Melchior from the Massachusetts Historical Society.
 - Representative Pat Haddad was thanked by Representative Fiola for her service to the Task Force in her previous role as MCWL House Co-Chair.

Senator Kennedy gave brief remarks on the Task Force and congratulated the new Co-Chairs.

- He asked that Edith Nourse Rogers and that the Mill Girls of Lowell be represented on the women's rights history trail.

Scheduling a public hearing, Legislative action & Next steps

Representative Fiola spoke on;

- Wanting this meeting to act as a warm handoff, and alerted members communications would come from the new Co-Chairs in the future regarding a public hearing.
- Before that can happen, the Task Force's reporting date would need to be moved, as the reporting date of March 1st 2023 was about to pass. Representative Fiola to this effect was filing language to get the reporting date extended to December 31 2023.
- Questions on future progress of this Task Force can be directed to Chair Domb, Chair Mark, and the Committee Research Director.
- Representative Fiola thanked Members of the Task Force for their continued work.

Closing roll call

A closing roll call was held, and the meeting was adjourned around 3:20pm.