



# Human Rights Commission Meeting

Wednesday, May 13, 2026 at 12:00 PM  
Remote Participation Only

## Agenda

Pursuant to Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2025, the meeting and public hearing will be conducted with remote opportunities for participation. Remote participation and access methods include:

### **ACCESS INFORMATION:**

- A. This meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 13th at 12:00 PM. Location: Zoom Only
  - B. The Public may join the virtual meeting online: <https://watertown-ma.zoom.us/j/87075429539>
  - C. Public may comment through email: [dnewton@watertown-ma.gov](mailto:dnewton@watertown-ma.gov)
  - D. Please Visit the Human Rights Commission Website here: <https://www.watertown-ma.gov/1195/Human-Rights-Commission>
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1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Discussion
  - A. Proposed Statement on ICE Activity
  - B. Potential Human Rights Commission Recommendations to City Council on Immigration Enforcement and Immigrant Rights
  - C. Ongoing Immigration Enforcement in Watertown and Across the United States
4. Public Comment
5. Adjournment

## **DRAFT Revised HRC Statement on Immigration Enforcement in Our Communities**

**April 13, 2026**

The Watertown Human Rights Commission reaffirms its commitment to the dignity, safety, and human rights of all members of our community, including our immigrant neighbors, regardless of immigration status. We remain committed to a welcoming and inclusive Watertown where all residents are treated with respect and where our community responds with compassion and solidarity in times of fear and uncertainty.

We also reaffirm that the Watertown Police Department does not coordinate with ICE to detain individuals based on immigration status, consistent with Massachusetts law and guidance from the Attorney General's Office. Our community remains committed to being a safe and welcoming place for all. In these challenging times, we encourage residents to support their neighbors and extend compassion where it is needed.

**For resources, to contact the Commission, or to file a concern or complaint, please visit:**

- Watertown Human Rights Commission  
<https://www.watertown-ma.gov/1195/Human-Rights-Commission>
- Human Rights Commission Complaints page  
<https://www.watertown-ma.gov/1553/Complaints>

**Additional resources are available through:**

- Watertown Police Department welcome brochure  
<https://content.civicplus.com/api/assets/67d60f28-7958-4f1b-8176-e10d16245d54>
- Massachusetts Attorney General's Office Guidance on ICE:  
<https://www.mass.gov/doc/ago-ice-guidance-05292025/download>
- Massachusetts Immigrant & Refugee Advocacy Coalition (MIRA)  
<https://miracoalition.org/>
- Massachusetts Access to Counsel Initiative (MACI)  
<https://miracoalition.org/massachusetts-massachusetts-access-to-counsel-initiative-maci/>
- LUCE Immigrant Justice Network of Massachusetts  
<https://www.lucemass.org/>
- National Immigration Law Center (NILC)  
<https://www.nilc.org/>

- National Immigrant Justice Center (NIJC)  
<https://immigrantjustice.org/>
- ACLU Immigrants' Rights  
<https://www.aclu.org/know-your-rights/immigrants-rights>
- ACLU of Massachusetts  
<https://www.aclum.org/issues/immigrants-rights/>