

## Outline of Hearing Plan for 6.29

**June 29<sup>th</sup> hearing before the Joint Committee on Higher Education.  
The hearing will take place in Room A-1 at 10:00 to 1 PM.**

We meet in **Room 437 between 9 and 9:30**. Please leave time to go through the metal detector.  
Closest T stop is Park Street Red/Green Line

### Quick Look:

**9 Am Meet up: Room 437 9AM- 9:45** (please arrive BY 9:30) coffee & pastries, Prep together  
**9:45 "Academic procession" to hearing room A-1**  
**10 am Hearing starts** (28 bills scheduled to 1 pm)  
We hope to be early in agenda. Some of us will stay for whole hearing, others will:  
**11:30 Lobby visits**  
  
**1:30 Report back in Room 437**

**Outline of testimony:** *Note: order is subject to revision based on how the hearing is conducted.  
Legislators will join us to speak in support, and will be recognized by the Chair as they arrive.*

- 1. Framing the issues for adjuncts: (+ submission written testimony)  
Barbara Madeloni (MTA President) and Peter McKinnon (SEIU 509 President)**

Pairs or panels (3 min/person) **Stories focused on pay, benefits, job security**

### **Public Higher Ed :**

2. State Colleges & Universities:

**Robert Donohue (VP MSCA) + Dr. Walter Harper (40 year adjunct, Bridgewater)**

3. UMass System:

**Max Page (UMass Amherst) + Ellen Martins (UAW President and an Adjunct, UML)**

4. Community Colleges:

**Jeff Seideman (MCCC VP and an adjunct) and Michele Nash (STCC Adjunct)**

5. **Student panel** : from Northeastern or Tufts (USAS), PHENOM activist (MassArt or UMass student)  
note: Finish Line Grant in 639 being heard 7/13

### **Private Higher Ed (SEIU Bill)\_ 3 adjuncts on a panel or 2 and 2**

6. **Amy Todd**- activist at UMB and Brandeis and **Dan Hunter**- longterm adjunct
7. **Clarissa Sawyer**- consultant until crash, lost almost everything, turned to adjunct teaching. PhD Harvard. Had to live in subsidized housing, food stamps. **Thomas Kee** (not confirmed) -online distance learning, adjunct 30 yrs in MA.
8. Grad students: **Benjamin Kreider** (PhD candidate at Brandeis) looking at job market in academia

**Please RSVP** , even if you're just coming for the hearing. RSVP with your home address, home email and cell to: [amoreschi@massteacher.org](mailto:amoreschi@massteacher.org), so we can look up your legislative district

Sign-in/prep: 9- 9:45 **Room 437** (please arrive no later than 9:30)

Sign in, pick up lobby packets, name-tags

Quick "what to expect"

Sticker-up and don mortarboards for photo op

(SEIU adjuncts are wearing their "Faculty Forward" t-shirts, wear whatever feels comfortable to you)

After our testimony:

- Drop-by your own legislator office (meet with legislator or staff, usually 10- 15 mins)
  - The ask for 639: please write letter to committee in support before 7/13 hearing
    - Support whole bill (Finish Line Grant will be heard later)
    - Ask co-sponsors to talk with leadership about support of whole bill
- You'll have materials to leave behind with legislator/staff
- Come back to Room 437 with your lobby visit reports

Starting now:

Ask members to post on social media "I support adjuncts" - write in your own message or "Yes on House 639" be sure to use hashtags: #EqualPay4EqualWork &/or #Respect Adjuncts

MTA is also collecting **written testimony**, personal storied focusing on:

- Low pay
- No health care
- No retirement
- No job security (but explain—just in time scheduling, course cancellation, juggling jobs, etc)
- Your desire for full inclusion in academic life/ support of students (like: office and advising hours)
- Student debt/support for the Finish Line Grant in 639
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