

**HOLYOKE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Equity Committee**

Minutes of May 24, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT	Yolanda Johnson, Chair Trustee Gi Robert W. Gilbert, Jr.
MEMBERS ABSENT	Charlie Epstein Suzanne Parker
ALSO PRESENT	Christina Royal, Karen Desjeans, Olivia Kynard, and student Michael Kane
CALL TO ORDER	The meeting was called to order at 9:32 am. The meeting was conducted remotely via Zoom.
	<p>A motion was made by Chair Gilbert and seconded by Trustee Gi to approve the meeting minutes of March 12, 2021.</p> <p>A motion was made by Chair Gilbert and seconded by Trustee Gi to approve the meeting minutes of April 22, 2021.</p> <p>President Royal shared her vision for the two upcoming Board Retreats. A half-day in June will be focused Board Assessment and the other half day in September will be focused on Equity. President further shared that the College is undergoing a centralized collection of polices in order to review polices through an equity lens.</p> <p>There was further discussion on the next steps and the Committee needs to focus on intentional outcomes It was agreed that Commissioner Santiago would present at the fall retreat; and it was suggested to bring in a facilitator with experience in higher education and Antiracism to ensure the Board is on the same page.</p>
ADJOURNMENT	The meeting adjourned at 10:32 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Desjeans,
Board Liaison to Chair Johnson