

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

Minutes of October 4, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT	Yolanda Johnson, Chair Robert W. Gilbert, Jr. Lucy Perez
MEMBERS ABSENT	Suzanne Parker
ALSO PRESENT	Christina Royal, Karen Desjeans, and Olivia Kynard
CALL TO ORDER	The meeting was called to order at 12:03 pm. The meeting was conducted remotely via Zoom.
	<p>Chair Johnson led a discussion on the DHE’s Equity Agenda as presented at the September Board Retreat.</p> <p>Olivia Kynard provided the Committee an update on the work the EDI Committee is doing with regard to scholarships, and the impact on students. She also provided an update on the work the Racial Equity and Justice Initiative Committee.</p> <p>As a next step, the Committee would like to invite Veena Dhankher from Institutional Research, to present at a future meeting on data regarding underrepresented students to see trends of information over the last three to four years.</p> <p>President Royal suggested that this Committee should focus be on the professional development needs of the Board; and perhaps visit some of the board commitments around the Board Statement on Antiracism.</p>
ADJOURNMENT	The meeting adjourned at 1:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Desjeans,
Board Liaison to Chair Johnson