

**HOLYOKE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Minutes of February 23, 2021

The 394th meeting of the Holyoke Community College Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, February 23, 2021, remotely with Chair Robert W. Gilbert, Jr. presiding.

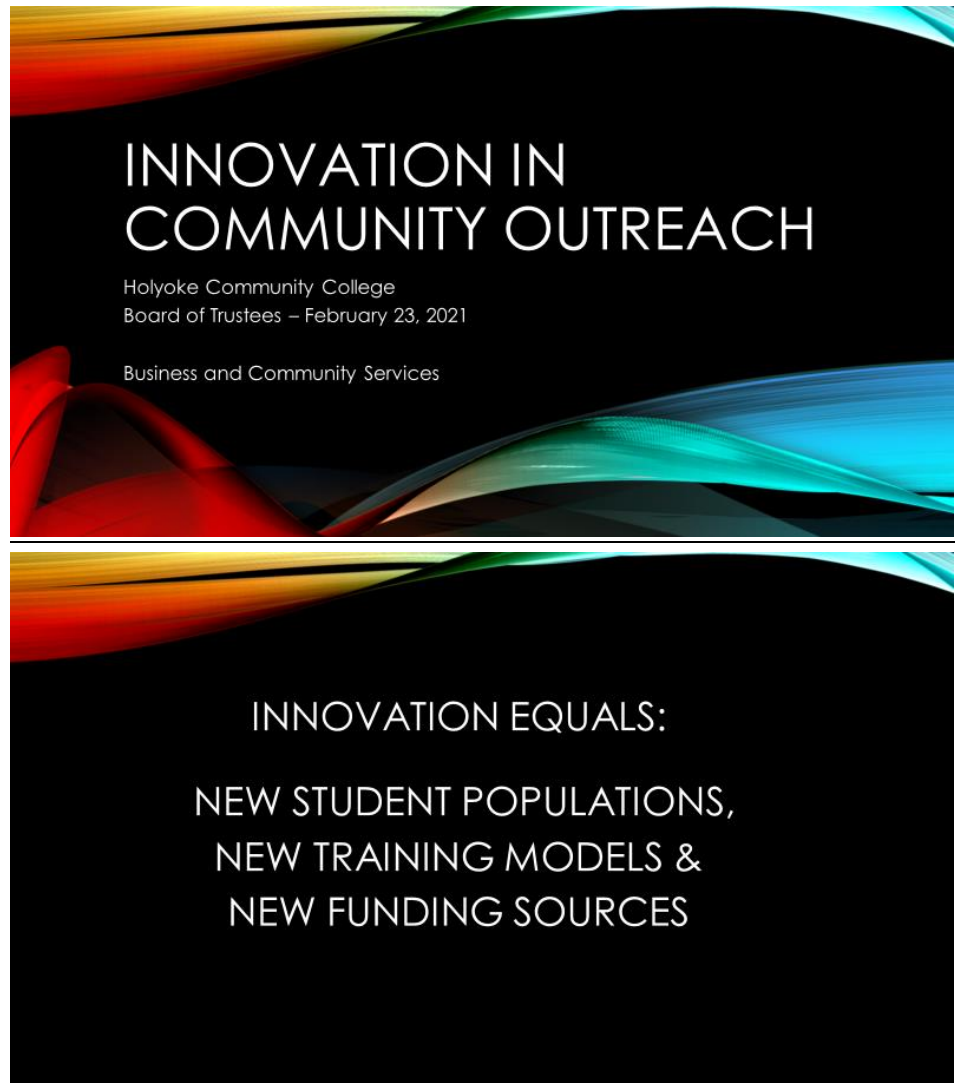
MEMBERS PRESENT	Robert W. Gilbert, Jr., Chair Jose Delgado Charles Epstein Trustee Gi Ted Hebert Yolanda Johnson Suzanne Parker Lucy Perez Evan Plotkin Eleanor Williams
MEMBERS ABSENT	Ivonne Vidal
ALSO PRESENT	Guests – Bill Allen, Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission; and Matt Noyes, Massachusetts Department of Higher Education Teresa Beaudry, Pasha Black, Amy Brandt, Michele Cabral, Karen Desjeans, Veena Dhankher, Mary Dixey, Amy Dopp, Kermit Dunkelberg, Clara Elliott, Curt Foster, Aimee Funk, Jeff Hayden, Anne Herron, Olivia Kynard, Jason LaRose, Johanna Lebron, Lauren LeClair, Arvard Lingham, Brynn Nowell, Vivian Ostrowski, Michelle Robak, JoAnne Rome, Christina Royal, Narayan Sampath, Shannon Sarkisian, Amanda Sbriscia, Mary Shelasky, Dalip Singh, Adrienne Smith, Idelia Smith, Renee Tastad, Marie Troppe and Chris Yurko
CALL TO ORDER	At 8:06 am, the meeting was officially called to order by Chair Gilbert. Roll Call Attendance: Jose Delgado Yes Charles Epstein Yes Trustee Gi Yes Ted Hebert Yes Yolanda Johnson Yes Suzanne Parker Yes Lucy Perez Yes Evan Plotkin Yes Eleanor Williams Yes Chair Gilbert Yes
CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS	Chair Gilbert asked if any consent agenda items needed to be moved to the regular agenda. Trustee Johnson respectively requested to have the Equity Committee Report removed from the Consent Agenda.

	<p>Chair Gilbert called for a vote of the Consent Agenda.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration of Minutes for Board of Trustee Meeting of January 26, 2021 • To empower the President of the College to approve all personnel actions prior to the next meeting. • Committee Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocacy • Audit and Finance Committee • By-Laws and Governance • Nominating • Presidential Evaluation • Strategic Planning <p>A motion was made by Trustee Epstein and seconded by Trustee Parker to approve the Consent Agenda.</p> <p>Roll Call Vote:</p> <table border="0"> <tr><td>Jose Delgado</td><td>Abstain</td></tr> <tr><td>Charles Epstein</td><td>Yes</td></tr> <tr><td>Trustee Gi</td><td>Yes</td></tr> <tr><td>Ted Hebert</td><td>Yes</td></tr> <tr><td>Yolanda Johnson</td><td>Yes</td></tr> <tr><td>Suzanne Parker</td><td>Yes</td></tr> <tr><td>Lucy Perez</td><td>Yes</td></tr> <tr><td>Evan Plotkin</td><td>Yes</td></tr> <tr><td>Eleanor Williams</td><td>Yes</td></tr> <tr><td>Chair Gilbert</td><td>Yes</td></tr> </table> <p>Trustee Johnson continued with the Equity Committee report. The Committee met on February 16th to discuss and finalize the Board assessment survey. Trustees will receive a link via email to complete an anonymous survey. The results will help develop a plan that lives beyond the current respective terms of our Trustees. The plan will help Trustees understand and ensure that the Committee’s decisions promote policies that support access, affordability, equity, college completion for our students. This Committee will also have a joint meeting with the College’s Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee on February 24th. Chair Gilbert thanked the Committee for the hard work as it is an important topic.</p> <p>Chair Gilbert welcome Matt Noyes, Director of Trustee and Government Relations for the Department of Higher Education.</p>	Jose Delgado	Abstain	Charles Epstein	Yes	Trustee Gi	Yes	Ted Hebert	Yes	Yolanda Johnson	Yes	Suzanne Parker	Yes	Lucy Perez	Yes	Evan Plotkin	Yes	Eleanor Williams	Yes	Chair Gilbert	Yes
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<p>CHAIR’S REMARKS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trustee Delgado has accepted a position representing the Governor’s Office in Western Massachusetts. As a result, has resigned his position as Trustee. Trustee Delgado will continue to work with the College in his new position. • Chair Gilbert continues to meet with President Royal virtually at least once a week. • Chair Gilbert attended the Women of Impact event on January 28th supporting President Royal. 																				

- Chair Gilbert met with Narayan Sampath to discuss the revenue projections pro forma.
- Chair Gilbert noted the work of the Bylaws Committee is continuing the work to update the Bylaws. The document should be ready with the next month or two for Trustees to review.
- Chair Gilbert was interviewed on February 19th by the Springfield Republican regarding the role of trustees working with the President and administration of a college.
- Chair Gilbert attended the Chat with Champions Celebration, a mentorship program funded by the Lumina Foundation. Our own Trustee Perez was a guest speaker and did a wonderful job discussing her role as a mentor. He thanked Trustee Perez for representing the College.
- Chair Gilbert encouraged Trustees to take advantage of the Association of Governing Boards (AGB) membership that has a great deal of information available.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Innovation in Community Outreach – presented by Jeffrey Hayden, Vice President of Business and Community Services.



BUSINESS & COMMUNITY SERVICES

- **Outreach to New Student Populations**
 - Access To Recovery (ATR)
 - Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (MRC)
 - Department of Youth Services
- **Innovative Training Models**
 - Competency Based Instruction – DILL grant - WNEU
 - Apprenticeships – Rethink Adult Education Competition
 - Credit for Prior Learning
 - Cannabis;
 - Augmented Reality
- **New Funding Sources**
 - SNAP
 - Accelerated Career English (Social Equity Funding)
 - Ability to Benefit
 - New Grants

NEW POPULATIONS, NEW TRAINING MODELS & NEW FUNDING SOURCES

- CISCO Cybersecurity Training
 - Link Below
- Accelerated Career English
 - Link Below
- Gateway to College and Transition to College & Careers
- Upcoming Workforce Development Programs

Immigrant story:<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A9009hBxnBE>

CISCO:<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XRLVyy3jLEw>

Other Updates –

- Commencement-It is unlikely that given the conditions of our world right now, it is unlikely that we will offer an in-person commencement in June.
- Return to Campus-As we continue to plan for a transition back to campus, we are starting to return people this summer, and we are crafting a schedule for faculty to accommodate flexibility for the fall.
- CARES Act Funding-we have about \$12 million in funding, and these are one time use dollars. We are working with departments to identify the best uses and what the needs are.
- Legislative Funding-we have been advocating for state and federal dollars, and meeting with area leaders both in Massachusetts and in Washington.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Trustee Perez and seconded by Trustee Plotkin it was **VOTED** to adjourn today's meeting.

	<p>Roll Call Vote:</p> <p>Jose Delgado Yes</p> <p>Charles Epstein Yes</p> <p>Trustee Gi Yes</p> <p>Ted Hebert Yes</p> <p>Yolanda Johnson Yes</p> <p>Suzanne Parker Yes</p> <p>Lucy Perez Yes</p> <p>Evan Plotkin Yes</p> <p>Eleanor Williams Yes</p> <p>Chair Gilbert Yes</p> <p>The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 am.</p>
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Respectfully submitted,

Ivonne Vidal, Secretary
Board of Trustees

Approved: Robert W. Gilbert, Jr., Chair, March 23, 2021