

**HOLYOKE COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
APRIL SPECIAL MEETING**


Minutes of April 20, 2023

A special meeting of the Holyoke Community College Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, April 20, 2023, remotely with Chair Robert W. Gilbert, Jr. presiding.

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	Robert W. Gilbert, Chair Trustee George Ted Hebert Yolanda Johnson Evan Plotkin Nayroby Rosa Vanessa Smith Ivonne Vidal Eleanor Williams
<b>MEMBERS ABSENT</b>	Charles Epstein
<b>ALSO PRESENT</b>	Karen Desjeans
<b>MEETING CALL TO ORDER</b>	At 9:01 am, the meeting was officially called to order by Chair Robert Gilbert.  <b>Roll Call Attendance:</b> Trustee George        Yes Trustee Hebert        Yes Trustee Johnson       Yes Trustee Plotkin        Yes Trustee Rosa            Yes Trustee Smith          Yes Trustee Vidal          Entered at 9:02 am Trustee Williams       Yes Chair Gilbert            Yes
<b>PROTOCOL AND PREPARATIONS FOR APRIL BOARD MEETING</b>	<p>Chair Gilbert informed Trustees that this meeting would be an opportunity to discuss the process for the upcoming Board Meeting on Tuesday, April 25, 2023 in choosing the fifth President of the College. He reminded Trustees of the process that began in October 2022, with the selection of a Search Committee, chaired by Trustee Williams. The Committee then reviewed 50 applicant packages, and selected 9 semi-finalist candidates.</p> <p>Chair outlined the overall process for calling on each Trustees in alphabetical order with an initial straw vote to eliminate candidates, and to determine the top two candidates. There will be further deliberations, and a final vote to determine the first President of the College.</p> <p>Chair Gilbert has asked the Commissioner of the DHE to consider their May 9, 2023 meeting for officially approving our selection for the next President of HCC.</p> <p>Chair Gilbert encouraged all Trustees to review the feedback survey information and reference information on each candidate. Trustee Williams reminded Trustees to review the profile, as it outlines the qualities that we are seeking in a candidate.</p>

<b>ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING</b>	On a motion by Trustee Vidal and seconded by Trustee Johnson it was <b>VOTED</b> to adjourn the meeting.
	<b>Roll Call Attendance:</b>
	Trustee George Yes
	Trustee Hebert Yes
	Trustee Johnson Yes
	Trustee Plotkin Left at 9:36 am
	Trustee Rosa Yes
	Trustee Smith Yes
	Trustee Vidal Yes
	Trustee Williams Yes
	Chair Gilbert Yes
	The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ivonne Vidal,  
Secretary Board of Trustees

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Approved: Robert W. Gilbert, Jr., Chair