

HOLYOKE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Equity Committee

Minutes of August 21, 2023

Trustees Present: Yolanda Johnson, and Nayroby Rosa
Members Absent: Barney Garcia and Vanessa Smith
Also Present: Karen Desjeans, Olivia Kynard and Savohna Reid-Smith

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Trustee Johnson at 10:04 am

Roll Call Attendance:

Trustee Rosa	Yes
Trustee Johnson	Yes

Olivia introduced Savohna Reid-Smith to the Committee. Savohna is working as an Administrative Assistant for Olivia, and will be assisting this Committee in the future.

Meeting Minutes for July 20, 2023

A motion was made by Trustee Rosa and seconded by Trustee Johnson to approve the meeting minutes of July 20, 2023.

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Rosa	Yes
Trustee Johnson	Yes

Equity Training Planning for FY 2024 - Update

Olivia updated the Committee on speakers that she will be connecting with:

- Latrina Denson (Mount Holyoke) on the topic of Systemic and Institutional Racism
- Dr. Raquel Rall (California) on the topic of Racial Equity from a Board Level
- She has been unable to connect with Gary Porter (Springfield) on the topic of Implicit Bias. Trustee Rosa will follow up with him directly.
- Dr. Sabrina Gentle Warrior from Bridgewater State University offer information on a video library for more options for training. The Committee discussed the pros and cons of watching a video versus an actual speaker workshop.
- Trustee Johnson also suggested connected with Lacey Robinson, President and CEO of Unbound Ed. Trustee Johnson recently attended a conference where she was the keynote. Perhaps they have something centered around equity and could provide something virtually.

The Committee discuss the possibility of collaborating with the both the Leadership and the EDI Council this year. Olivia will discuss with the Chair of the EDI Council and have a meeting scheduled and invite the whole Board in the spirit of collaboration.

The next meeting date of the Committee will be Monday, September 18, 2023 at 10 am via Zoom

The meeting was officially adjourned by Trustee Johnson at 10:47 am.

Respectively submitted,

Karen Desjeans, Board Liaison to Trustee Johnson