

**HOLYOKE COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

***PRESIDENTIAL SELECTION***

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2016 – 5:30 P.M.  
FROST 309**

<b>TRUSTEES PRESENT:</b>	Robert Gilbert Yolanda Johnson Teddy McCormick Suzanne Parker Evan Plotkin Julie Pokela John Vaccaro
<b>TRUSTEE CALL-INS:</b>	Ted Hebert
<b>TRUSTEES NOT PRESENT:</b>	Steve Mitus, Lucy Perez, Katie Stebbins,
<b>ALSO PRESENT:</b>	David Cedrone, Maureen Conroy, Karen Derouin, William Fogarty, Curt Foster, Elizabeth Golen, Jeff Hayden, Kim Hicks, Christine Holbrook, Veronique Leroy, Nelson Lopez, Katie Lynch, Jonathan Mendez, Marcia Mitchell, Monica Perez, Jeremiah Reardon, Natalie Richards, Elsie Rodriguez-Garcia, Denise Salgado, Anthony Sbalbi, Idelia Smith, Michele Snizek, Linda Szalankiewicz, Renee Tastad, Jossie Valentin, Yanina Vargas

1) **Call to Order**

Chair Gilbert called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m.

2) **Approval of Minutes**

On a motion by Trustee Vaccaro and seconded by Trustee McCormick, it was **VOTED** to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2016 meeting.

3) **Presidential Selection – Vote**

Chair Gilbert presented a chronological report of the presidential search process:

- 2/28/16 – President Messner announced his retirement; Vice President of Administration & Finance William Fogarty appointed Interim President (beginning 8/1/16); Trustee Pokela appointed Presidential Search Committee Chair.
- 3/2016 – Search Committee was selected.
- 4/2016 – RFP for search consultant/firm was submitted.
- 5/13/16 – Pauly Group selected as presidential search consultant.
- 6/28/16 – Presidential Profile approved by Board of Trustees.
- 8/2/16 – Application process opened.
- 9/12/16 – Application process closed.
- 9/2016 – Pauly Group conducted reference and background checks on all applicants; 53 applicants; 30 qualified candidates.
- 9/14/16 – Search committee selects 12 semi-finalists.
- 10/4/16–10/6/16 – Search committee conducted Skype interviews with 11 semi-finalists (1 semi-finalist withdrew from search process).
- 10/6/16 – 4 finalists selected.
- 10/17/16 & 10/18/16 – Dr. Laura Douglas, on-campus interview/visit.
- 10/19/16 – Dr. Naydeen Gonzalez-DeJesus withdrew from search process.
- 10/25/16 & 10/26/16 – Dr. Julie White, on-campus interview/visit.
- 11/1/16 & 11/2/16 – Dr. Christina Royal, on-campus interview/visit.

Chair Gilbert explained the Board’s final selection process:

- Deliberations
- Official Vote
- Official Board Endorsement of Selection

Deliberations – each Trustee received an opportunity to voice their comments and concerns for all of the finalists.

On a motion by Trustee Vaccaro and seconded by Trustee McCormick, it was **VOTED** to end deliberations.

Results of Official Selection Vote:

First Name	Last Name
Robert	Gilbert
Yolanda	Johnson
Teddy	McCormick
Suzanne	Parker
Evan	Plotkin
Julie	Pokela
John	Vaccaro

Dr. Laura Douglas	Dr. Julie White	Dr. Christina Royal
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With a vote of 5 to 2, Dr. Christina Royal was selected as the Board of Trustees candidate for President.

On a motion by Trustee McCormick and seconded by Trustee Vaccaro, it was **VOTED** that the next President of Holyoke Community College be confirmed by unanimous vote by the Board of Trustees.

Results of Endorsement Vote:

First Name	Last Name	Dr. Christina Royal
Robert	Gilbert	√
Yolanda	Johnson	√
Teddy	McCormick	√
Suzanne	Parker	√
Evan	Plotkin	√
Julie	Pokela	√
John	Vaccaro	√

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The Board voted unanimously in favor of selecting Dr. Christina Royal as the next President of Holyoke Community College.

4) **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nelson Lopez  
Recording Secretary

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