

**SUBJECT:** Presidential Finalists

Dear Students, Faculty, and Staff,

On behalf of the Presidential Search Committee, we are pleased to announce that we have selected four finalists for the presidency of Holyoke Community College. Our thanks to the entire college community for your continued interest and support in the process to identify our next president.

A link to the resume/CV and headshots for each candidate is available on [the Presidential Search website](#). On this site, you will also find the full schedule for each candidate's visit to our campus. We invite and encourage everyone to participate in the open forums, which will be offered in a hybrid format (in-person and via Zoom). There will be an introduction of each candidate followed by a brief presentation and question-and-answer session.

Anyone who interacts with our candidates during this final interview process will have the opportunity to complete an anonymous survey that solicits your feedback. This information will be compiled by Pauly Group and will be submitted to the Board of Trustees for its review before selecting the successful candidate. Survey responses must be submitted by Tuesday, April 18, at 1 p.m.

We expect to confirm the next president of Holyoke Community College at the April 25 meeting of the Board of Trustees.

As conversations continue toward the selection of the fifth president of Holyoke Community College, we have total confidence that the candidate selected from among our finalists will bring strong, inspiring leadership to the College. Again, thank you for all you have done to support the work of the Board and the Presidential Search Committee in this process. In particular, we would like to take this opportunity to thank those individuals who joined us on the Presidential Search Committee for their exceptional insight, work, and effort:

- Cassandra Alexander, HCC Student
- Janet Aracena, Administrative Assistant, Student Affairs (AFSCME)
- Robert Awkward, Assistant Commissioner for Academic Effectiveness, Massachusetts Department of Higher Education
- Stephen Bailey, Theater Technical Director (AFSCME)
- Raúl D. Gutiérrez, Professor of Latinx Studies and Spanish; Learning Communities Coordinator (MCCC Faculty)
- Ted Hebert, HCC Board of Trustees
- Olivia Kynard, Title IX/Affirmative Action Officer and Interim Executive Director of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (NUP)
- Tiffany Madru, HCC Foundation Board of Directors
- Amanda Sbriscia, Vice President for Institutional Advancement and Executive Director, HCC Foundation (NUP)
- Laura Schlegel, Adjunct Faculty, English (DCE)

- Amreen Shaikh, Placement Assistant, Jump Start Program (NUP)
- Vanessa Smith, HCC Board of Trustees
- Thomas Stewart, Director of Athletics (NUP)
- Ivonne Vidal, HCC Board of Trustees
- Lori Wayson, Coordinator of New Directions for Adult Learners (MCCC)
- Charlotte Wilinsky, Assistant Professor, Psychology (MCCC Faculty)

Sincerely,

Eleanor P. Williams  
Vice Chair, HCC Board of Trustees and Presidential Search Committee Chair

Robert Gilbert  
Chair, HCC Board of Trustees

***Please take note of the following schedule of interviews and [click here](#) to review the full itinerary for each candidate:***

**April 6 and 7**

Candidate: **Noemi Custodia-Lora**

Community Open Forum on April 6 at 10:15 a.m.

Feedback Survey Link: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/sv/aw09K9U/CustodiaLora>

**April 10 and 11**

Candidate: **George Timmons**

Community Open Forum on April 10 at 10:15 a.m.

Feedback Survey Link: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/sv/IbEJ8BQ/Timmons>

**April 11 and 12**

Candidate: **Tony Hawkins**

Community Open Forum on April 11 at 10:15 a.m.

Feedback Survey Link: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/sv/CK0cA82/Hawkins>

**April 13 and 14**

Candidate: **Arlene Rodriguez**

Community Open Forum on April 13 at 10:15 a.m.

Feedback Survey Link: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/sv/EYSEif0/Rodriguez>