



# **HOLYOKE PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

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**Joint Meeting of the  
Holyoke School Committee & City Council**



**Date:** 3-14-23

**Place:** Fifield Room

1045 Main St.

Holyoke, Ma

**HOLYOKE PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**Holyoke, Massachusetts**

**MEETING NOTICE**

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 28 OF THE ACTS OF 2009, SECTIONS 17-20 (FORMERLY SECTION 23B OF CHAPTER 39) OF THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, THAT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE HOLYOKE SCHOOL COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD AT 6:00 PM ON TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2023.

THE PUBLIC CAN ACCESS THIS MEETING VIA ZOOM WEBINAR HERE:

<https://hps-holyoke-ma-us.zoom.us/j/85266232176?pwd=ci9tWEs3cG81SkQxdXZrWW5GenBXQT09>

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HOLYOKE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

AGENDA ATTACHED

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SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

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- **CALL TO ORDER ~ ROLL CALL ~ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
  - Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, s. 20, I am hereby informing all attendees that a video and audio recording is being made of the meeting and the meeting is being live-streamed and run live on the City's community TV channel.
- **NEW BUSINESS:**
  - **Item #1** - Order filed by City Councilor Israel Rivera, to discuss the possibility of collaborating to offer the trade certifications to adult residents of the Holyoke at Dean Tech
  - **Item #2**- Order filed by Councilors, Jourdain, McGee, and Vacon that the school receiver provide the city council with the specific plans and goals HPS needs to achieve in order to regain local control

- **Item #3-** Order filed by Councilor Puello that the receiver of schools please explore the costs and feasibility of revamping current drivers ED classes, so that upon completion students receive a drivers license/ permit from the DMV
- **Item #4-** Order filed by Councilor Maldonado-Velez to receive information on HPS Antiracism and Diversity training already in place for employees and discuss how it can be improved.
- **Item #5-** Order filed by councilor Israel Rivera, invited the representatives of HPS SPED DEPT to address IEP process and procedures as well as to discuss who they are working with to help ensure families understand information being presented. Constituents are concerned that they many not be receiving adequate counsel when making important decision in such meetings. Bring that a considerable portion of parents identify as English as a second language, it is important that families understand the information that is being presented to them.
- **Item #6-** Order filed by Councilor Jose Maldonado-Velez, Juan. Anderson-Burgos, Kocayne Givner, that the Superintendent provide feedback on how the department is handling reports of teachers using the "N word" in front of students. Refer to Joint CC and SC Committee.
- **OLD BUSINESS:**
  - JROTC - follow up on the survey
  - Update on SBC
  - Minutes - Approve minutes from 9/28/22 meeting