



Mayor of Providence

Brett P. Smiley

September 9, 2025

Honorable Members
Providence City Council
City Hall

Dear Honorable Members:

Pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1004 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended and Public Law, Chapter 45-50, Sections 1 through 31 passed in 1987, I am this day appointing Sean Holley of 67 Tyndall Avenue, Providence, RI 02908 to the position of Director of the Department of Recreation, and respectfully submit the same for your approval.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Brett P. Smiley in black ink.

Brett P. Smiley
Mayor

IN CITY COUNCIL

OCT 02 2025

READ

WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT
THE SAME BE RECEIVED AND APPROVED

Handwritten signature of the Clerk in blue ink, followed by the word "CLERK".

RESUME/CURRICULUM VITAE

Sean Warrick Holley

**Administrator, Equal Opportunity Office, Department of Administration's Division of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion
Catholic University School of Law, JD
Providence College, BA**

For Position of:

City of Providence

Director of Recreation

Department: Recreation

Job Posting: COP-00030-25

ADDRESS:

67 Tyndall Avenue
Providence, RI 02908

PHONE (CELL):

401-559-4100

EMAIL:

Sean.Holley@doa.ri.gov

OBJECTIVE:

To secure a position of City of Providence's Director of Recreation. It is my strong and sincere desire, under the direction of the Chief Operating Officer, on behalf of the Mayor, as the Director of Recreation to be responsible for the planning and administration of recreation programming serving youth and young adults across the City of Providence.

SUMMARY:

I am a forward-thinking, innovative professional who has been cross-trained and is supportive of the growth, culture, and professionalism of the City of Providence.

My educational and professional experience enables me to have a strong knowledge of programs, functions and activities related to being responsible for working with the Mayor of Providence to understand the vision for the operations of the Department of Recreation and then translating this vision into diversified activities based on community interests and needs and other program criteria considered essential to effective service.

My skillset allows me to be able to effectively address the matters that are faced by City of Providence's Department of Recreation. This skillset is fostered by significant experiences in areas including local and state government, recreation, legal, educational, equal opportunity, civil rights, diversity, equity and inclusion, community engagement, and much more.

SKILLS/CORE COMPETENCIES:

Leadership

Management
Supervision
Communication
Problem resolution
Operational improvement
Process improvement
Project organization
Forecasting
Team Building
Customer Service
Administrative support

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

Director of Recreation
Administrator position
Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Leader
Leader of RI Diversity Liaisons
Experience with City of Providence Government
Strong relationships with Providence City Council
Experience with Federal Government
Experience with RI State Government
Experience with RI State Agencies
Experience with RI Quasi-State Agencies
Significant relationships with RI Offices of Governor, Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, General Treasurer, and Attorney General
Experience with RI General Assembly
Strong relationships with RI House of Representatives
Strong relationships with RI Senate
Experience with RI Commissions/Task Force
Affirmative Action Plans / Non-Discrimination Plans
Contract Compliance
Minority Business Enterprises, Women Business Enterprises, Disadvantaged Business Enterprises, Veterans Business Enterprises
Staff Management
Panel Discussion experience
Lecturing experience
Training experience
Experience with Legislation and Policy
Experience with TV Media
Experience with Radio Media
Community Leader
Educator
Legal experience
Participant at Senator Jack Reed RI Business Leaders Day
Power BI
PRISM
ERP / Workday

EDUCATION:

TERMINAL DEGREE:

The Columbus School of Law
Catholic University of America
Washington, DC
Juris Doctor/May 1987

Concentration: Employment Law; Civil Rights Law; Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action Laws and Policies; Sports and Entertainment Law; and Economics Law.

COLLEGE:

Providence College
Providence, RI
Bachelor of Art/Economics/May-1984
Dr. Martin Luther King Academic Scholar

HIGH SCHOOL:

Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School
Bethesda, MD
1980

JUNIOR HIGH:

Kensington Junior High School
Kensington, MD

ELEMENTARY:

Rosemary Hills Elementary School
Silver Spring, MD

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES:

CURRENT...

>Administrator, Rhode Island Equal Opportunity Office
Department of Administration (DOA)/ Department Equity Diversity & Inclusion (DEDI)
State of Rhode Island
2023/January - Current

>Adjunct Professor
Providence College
Graduate School
MBA/Sports Certificate
2020/September - Current

>Adjunct Professor
Providence College
Graduate School
Education/Sports Certificate
2020/January – Current

>Adjunct Professor
Providence College
Undergraduate School
Department of Marketing
2022/September - Current

>Adjunct Professor
Providence College
Undergraduate School
Department of Western Civilization/History
2017/January - Current

>Adjunct Professor
Johnson & Wales University/Providence
School of Hospitality - Center for Sports/Entertainment/Event Management
School of Business - Marketing
2014/September – 2020

PAST...

>Director of Workforce Development
City of Cranston
2021/January – 2022/June

>Commissioner
Providence Recreation Midnight Basketball League
Providence Department of Recreation
2017/July – 2021/January

>Director
Madeline Rogers-Selim Recreation Center
City of Providence
2018/January – 2021/January

>Special Assistant to the Director
Providence Department of Recreation
2017/January – 2018/January

>Executive
Rhode Island Midnight Basketball League
2015/July - 2016/August

>VP of Corporate Partnerships & Business Development
Providence Sky Chiefs
Providence, RI
2014/July – 2015/August
Assisted in all facets of daily operations of a Professional Basketball team

>Owner/President/Chief Negotiator
Holley Sports Entertainment Event Management
Los Angeles, CA ... Maryland
2006/August – 2014/July
Representation/Management of World's Leading Professional Athletes (MLB, NBA, NFL, NHL, and Individual Sports),
Entertainers, and Events

>Attorney/Representative-Basketball/Football
Career Sports Management Group/CSMG
Chicago, IL
2004/August – 2006/July
Representation/Management of World's Leading Professional Athletes (MLB, NBA, NFL, NHL, and Individual Sports),
Entertainers, and Events

>Owner/President/Chief Negotiator
Holley Sports Entertainment Event Management
Charlotte, NC Marina del Rey, CA
1995/August – 2004/August
Representation/Management of World's Leading Professional Athletes (MLB, NBA, NFL, NHL, and Individual Sports),
Entertainers, and Events

>Vice President-Basketball/Football/Marketing & Public Relations

Bob Woolf Associates

Boston, MA

1990/July – 1995/August

Representation/Management of World's Leading Professional Athletes (MLB, NBA, NFL, NHL, and Individual Sports), Entertainers, and Events

>Intern

BIG EAST Conference

Providence, RI

1988/August – 1990/July

Assisted in all facets of daily operations for major NCAA Conference

>Attorney

Lang, Straus, Xifaras & Bullard

New Bedford, MA

1987/June – 1988/June

Representation/Management of Professional Athletes (MLB, NBA, NFL, NHL, and Individual Sports), Entertainers, and Events

>Law Clerk

Lipshultz & Hone

Silver Spring, MD

1986/May – 1987/May

Assisted in all facets of various practices of law

>Law Clerk

Linowes & Blocher

Washington, DC

1985/May – 1986/May

Assisted in all facets of various practices of law

>Law Clerk

Judge Norma Holloway Johnson

Chief Judge Federal Court; U.S. District Court

Washington, DC

1984/September – 1985/May

Assisted in all facets of various practices of law

COURSES TAUGHT:

TBD	Inclusive Leadership Certificate Program “ <i>Preventing Harassment and Discrimination in the Workplace</i> ”
MBA770	Collegiate Sports Management
MBA770	Business of International Sports Management
EDU770	Law
EDU770	Professional & Collegiate Sports Management
MKT 344	Sports Marketing
DWC 202-C18	History of Sports
DWC	Sports and Race, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
SEE 2005	The Business of Sports
SEE 2010	Sports Facilities
SEE 2030	The Entertainment Industry
SEE 3010	Ticket Methods and Data Analysis in Sports, Entertainment and Event Management
SEE 3020	Professional Sports Management
SEE 3850	Negotiations and Agreements
SEE 3850	Negotiations and Agreements in Hospitality, Sports, Entertainment and Event Management

BOARDS/COMMISSIONS (past and present):

- >Amos House Board Member (*current*)
- >Diversity and Inclusion Professionals (DAIP) Board Member (*current*)
- >John Hope Settlement House, Chair of Board of Directors
- >Leadership Rhode Island (LRI) (*Sigma II class*)
- >MAE Organization for the Homeless Board Member
- >McAuley Ministries Board of Directors
- >NAACP Providence Board Member
- >NASCAR Drive for Diversity Board Member
- >NASCAR TECH NASCAR Advisory Board
- >National Basketball Players Association (NBPA)
- >National Football League Players Association (NFLPA)
- >NEW ENGLAND BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME Inductee
- >Providence College President's Council (*current*)
- >Providence College National Alumni Association Council (*current*)
- >Providence College Class Ambassador (*current*)
- >Providence College President's Community Advisory Committee (Chair) (*current*)
- >Providence Mayor Jorge Elorza's Sports, Recreation & Youth Committee
- >Providence Sports & Leadership (*current*)
- >Rhode Island Black Business Association (RIBBA) Board Member
- >Rhode Island Black Business Association (RIBBA) Emerging Leaders Steering Committee
- >Rhode Island Sports Commission (and Grant Committee) Board Member
- >Trinity Repertory Company Board Member, Executive Committee (*current*)
- >Trinity Repertory Company Chair of Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Anti-Racism Committee (*current*)
- >Trinity Repertory Company Board Member, Executive Director Search Committee (*current*)
- >Trinity Repertory Company Chair of Equity, Diversity, Inclusion Director Search Committee (*current*)
- >Women's Fund of RI Board Member (*current*)
- >WaterFire Providence Board of Directors (*current*)
- >WaterFire Providence Board of Directors, Governance Committee (*current*)
- >WaterFire Providence Board of Directors, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Anti-Racism Organization Chair (*starting 2024*)

ADDITIONAL SKILLS/INTERESTS/NOTEWORTHY:

- >Proficiency in Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, and Internet Explorer
- >Expert in all forms of Social Media
- > Inductee for Class of 2013 NEW ENGLAND BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME
- >Dress 4 Success PVD (Founder)
- >American Cancer Society Rhode Island "Real Men Wear Pink" Campaign (Appointed Candidate)
- >Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Rhode Island 2016 Man of the Year (Appointed Candidate)
- >Miss USA and Miss Teen USA Judge
- >Outstanding Young Men of America
- >Providence Police Department Citizens Academy
- >Rhode Island Lt. Governor Daniel J. McKee Education Committee
- >Rhode Island Governor Gina Raimondo African-American Leadership Panel
- >Rhode Island State Police Citizens Academy
- >Top 70 Most Influential African-Americans in Automotive Industry
- >TurnUPRI Workshop Presenter (Sports, Entertainment legal Education Youth Academy)
- >Who's Who Among American Law Students

MEDIA PERSONALITY-TV AND RADIO

- >TV: A Lively Experiment, PBS
- >TV: The Rhode Show, WPRI-TV12
- >TV: BET (Top Black Sports Agents)

>TV: Interviews by ABC-6, NBC-10, WPRI-12 (CBS/FOX)

>Radio: HOT 106 (Special Co-Host)

>Radio: 92ProFM

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST: