

Yavapai College
District Governing Board
Board Special Session

Tuesday, August 9, 2022
3:00 p.m.

Members Present

Ms. Deb McCasland, Board Chair
Mr. Ray Sigafoos, Secretary
Mr. Paul Chevalier, Board Member – Participated by Phone
Mr. Mitch Padilla, Board Member
Mr. Chris Kuknyo, Board Member -Participated by Zoom

Administration Present

Dr. Lisa B. Rhine, President
Atty. Lynne Adams, Board Attorney
Ms. Yvonne Sandoval, Executive Assistant
Mrs. Beckey Massey, Coordinator to the District Governing Board

Minutes

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1. General Functions: Procedural
 - a. Call to Order {Time: 1} (**Recording at: 0:07**)
Chair McCasland called the District Governing Board Meeting to order at 3:08 p.m.
 - b. Pledge of Allegiance {Time:1} (**Recording at 0:48**)
Mr. Padilla led the Pledge of Allegiance
 - c. Adoption of Agenda – **DECISION** {Time: 1} (**Recording at 1:10**)
Board Secretary Mr. Sigafoos moved to adopt the agenda. Member Padilla seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (Ayes: McCasland, Sigafoos, Chevalier, Padilla, Kuknyo).
2. Board Business
 - a. Yavapai College Aviation Program Differential Tuition – Dr. Diane Ryan, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Mr. John Morgan, Dean for Career and Technical Education – **INFORMATION, DISCUSSION, AND DECISION** (*Attached*) {Time: 15} (**Recording at 1:38**)
Dean John Morgan provided the history of the Yavapai College Aviation Flight Program, explained the VA Rule change and provided information regarding the anticipated operations and costs related to providing a private pilot's license class for students (see presentation slides).

The total cost to students will be \$14,388 for the private pilot's license program.

Member Kukyno clarified that the \$14,388 tuition and costs will get the student a private pilot's license but not a commercial pilot's license, which has additional and different tuition and costs. The total time to obtain a private license and a commercial license from the College is five semesters, or two years without taking time off during the summer.

Funding for the private pilot's license program is available for veterans through VA benefits. Non-veteran students can use a variety of options, including PELL grants and private loans from Sallie Mae or other lenders.

Currently 20 people have indicated that they would like to enroll in the program. 11 of those people are veterans, and 9 are not, so there is more "civilian" demand for the program.

Chair McCasland asked when the program will start. Dean Morgan indicated that if the Board approves the program and tuition and fees, it will start on August 15, 2022.

Member Sigafos moved to approve the aviation class fee schedule as presented and recommended by administration. Member Padilla seconded the motion.

Mr. Sigafos questioned the cost of tuition and the amount of flight time. Dean Morgan clarified the relationship between credit hours and the number hours of flight; there are other portions of the instructional program that are not flight time, including ground school class. Mr. Sigafos also asked for clarification on who Leighnor Aircraft was, and Dean Morgan provided background information on the company.

Member Kukyno confirmed that the entire program (private license and commercial license) would cost just more than \$100,000 and clarified that the ground school and SIM class all run at the same time.

Member Padilla asked if there was a cost difference between in state and out-of-state tuition. Dr. Clint Ewell indicated the tuition was a market-based price, instead of an in-state or out-of-state tuition-based program. Member Padilla asked about student eligibility for the program and the loan process for students to apply for, and Dean Morgan answered those questions, including noting that all students are required a physical to get into the program.

Member Chevalier had questions about the College's liability versus others' liability in the event of an accident. The agreement with Leighnor Aircraft required a minimum amount of insurance and mutual indemnification. Dr. Ewell confirmed that they had negotiated that Leighnor would be required to carry \$2,000,000 in liability insurance.

Member Chevalier asked if the flight instructors will be College employees. Dean Morgan confirmed that they will be part-time employees of Yavapai College. Mr. Chevalier indicated that he believed that each instructor should carry their own insurance for liability reasons. Dr. Ewell indicated that the College has been working with its insurer to ensure that the College has appropriate insurance coverage.

Mr. Chevalier asked why the program will not be offered on both sides of the county, noting that there is a location that could be used in Cottonwood. He asked Dr. Rhine to extend the program to Cottonwood.

Mr. Kukyno asked if there is money in the budget for the program. Dr. Ewell explained that the College planned to use funding from its Prop 207 fund to get the program started, and that there will be enough revenue from the program to fund any program costs as the program grows.

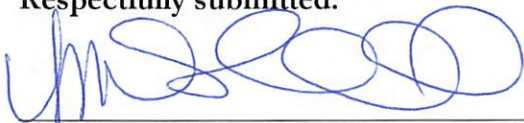
Chair McCasland called for a vote on the motion. The motion passed 4-1 (Ayes: McCasland, Sigafos, Padilla, Kukyno; Nay: Chevalier).

Mr. Chevalier gave a statement indicating that he felt he needed to vote no because the program would not also be offered in Cottonwood.

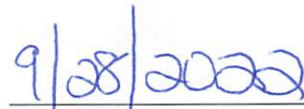
3. Adjournment of Board Regular Meeting: Procedural - **DECISION** {Time: 1} (Recording at 52:09)

Member Sigafos moved to adjourn the meeting. Member Kukyno seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (Ayes: McCasland, Sigafos, Padilla, Kukyno, Chevalier).

Respectfully submitted:



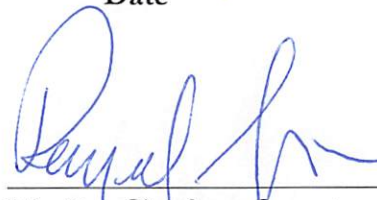
Yvonne Sandoval, Recording Secretary



Date



Ms. Deb McCasland, Board Chair



Mr. Ray Sigafos, Secretary