

Yavapai College
District Governing Board
Regular Meeting

Tuesday, November 9, 2021
1:00 p.m.

Prescott Campus
Rock House
1100 East Sheldon Street
Prescott, Arizona 86301

Member Present:

Ms. Deb McCasland, Board Chair
Mr. Ray Sigafos, Board Secretary
Mr. Paul Chevalier, Board Member
Mr. Mitch Padilla, Board Member
Mr. Chris Kuknyo, Board Member (via Zoom)

Administration Present:

Dr. Lisa B. Rhine, President
Atty. Lynne Adams, Board Attorney
Ms. Yvonne Sandoval, Executive Assistant

MINUTES

1. General Functions: Procedural
 - a. Call to Order {Time: 1}
Chair McCasland called the Yavapai College District Governing Board Regular Meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.
 - b. Pledge of Allegiance {Time: 1}
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board Secretary Sigafos.
 - c. Adoption of Agenda – **DECISION** {Time: 1}
Board Secretary Sigafos moved, seconded by Member Padilla, to adopt the District Governing Board Agenda. Motion carried unanimously (Ayes: McCasland, Sigafos, Chevalier, Padilla, and Kuknyo).
2. Study Session
 - a. Open Call – **INFORMATION** {Time: 10}

Ms. Ruth Wicks shared her opinion on a establishing a Verde Valley Community College. She provided a handout to present Board members, Dr. Lisa Rhine, and Attorney Adams.

Governing Board Secretary Sigafos asked Chair McCasland for a point of order in which all members of the public be made aware that they are given three minutes to share their comments during the Open Call.

Ms. Shannon Johns shared her appreciation for the College's President, Dr. Lisa B. Rhine.

Mr. Brian Moultrup shared his appreciation for the College's President, Dr. Lisa B. Rhine.

Ms. Diana Dowling shared her appreciation for the College's President, Dr. Lisa B. Rhine, and working at the College.

- b. President's Reports - Dr. Lisa Rhine - **INFORMATION** {Time: 60}
Dr. Lisa Rhine announced that the Yavapai College Police Department has received three separate Traffic Safety Grants. The grants total over \$13,000.

Yavapai College has been named a national finalist for a prestigious 2022 Bellwether Award. There were ten finalists nationwide, and the winners will be announced in January of 2022 in San Antonio, Texas.

The Yavapai College Regional Economic Development Center was awarded the Economic Development Distinguished by Excellence Large Organization of the Year by the Arizona Association of Economic Development.

- i. Prescott Campus Program Highlight – Dr. Diane Ryan

- 1. Performing Arts Program – Dr. Craig Ralston (*Attached*)
Dr. Diane Ryan introduced Associate Dean Dr. Craig Ralston
Dr. Craig Ralston provided information to the District Governing Board regarding the College's performing arts program and classes.

Member Paul Chevalier asked Dr. Ralston questions about the classes taught and number of students on each side of the mountain. Mr. Chevalier expressed concern about the number of these classes being offered on the west side of the mountain. He expressed that the Performing Arts Center at the Red Rock High School is very under utilized and a deal could be made to use their operations.

Governing Board member Chris Kuknyo asked if the performances could be live-streamed. Dr. Ralston clarified that at this time most main stage artists are not willing to go this route at this time.

A performance was then given to the Board with Dr. Ralston on the piano and a former student vocalist.

- ii. College Council – Dr. Diane Ryan, Dr. Emily Weinacker, and Mr. Rodney Jenkins

1. Faculty Senate – Ms. Jill Fitzgerald (*Attached*)
2. Staff Association – Ms. Linda Brannock (*Attached*)

Ms. Linda Brannock was joined by Sophia Zarifis-Russel, Library Manager at the Verde Valley Campus.

3. Student Government Association – Mr. Andrew Tucker (*Attached*)

Mr. Rodney Jenkins recognized Janet Souttee and Chris Tenney for all their hard work in the Student Government Affairs.

Member Chevalier asked if a student represented the Verde Valley campus, and he was told that there was a student representative from that campus. Member Padilla questioned if there was difficulty getting students to engage in the Embedded Tutoring Program. Mr. Tucker clarified that there was difficulty, but this was an area in which they were working on. Dr. Lisa Rhine congratulated the Student Government Association on addressing the Senate.

- iii. Budget to Actual Monthly Report and Cash Reserves Monthly Report (*Attached*)

- c. Overview and Environmental Scan of Yavapai County and Yavapai College – Dr. Tom Hughes - **INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION** {Time: 20} (*Attached*)

Dr. Tom Hughes provided a presentation to the Board.

Member Paul Chevalier asked if all students that graduate from Yavapai College have success in the readiness testing. Dr. Tom Hughes believes that students are meeting the criteria through course work that prepares them for graduation.

Member Sigafos commented that past statistics show transfer students do better than transfer students who are native to the four-year universities.

Member Padilla clarified that Dr. Hughes was providing current information. Mr. Padilla then asked who the competition would be for Yavapai College regarding students seeking an Associates Degree. Rio Salado would be the biggest competitor. Rio Salado offers course starts on a weekly basis in comparison to Yavapai College. Member Padilla expressed that flexibility is key.

Member Mr. Kuknyo asked how our completion rates are in comparison with Rio Salado. Dr. Hughes shared Yavapai College has a higher rate.

- d. Board Liaisons' Reports - **INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION** {Time: 10}
 - i. Board Spokesperson – Board Chair McCasland
Board Chair McCasland had no information to report.

- ii. Arizona Association of Community College Trustee (AACCT) – Board Chair McCasland and Board Secretary Sigafoos
Board Chair McCasland had no information to report.
- iii. Yavapai College Foundation – Board Chair McCasland
Board Chair McCasland announced that the Yavapai College Foundation would be celebrating their 50-year anniversary on November 10, 2021.

Short Recess – Meeting recessed at 2:40 p.m.; reconvened at 3:02 p.m.

- e. Dates and Time of Future Meetings and Events - **INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION** {Time: 5}
 - i. 2021-2022 Dates, Times, and Places of Future Board Meetings, Workshops, and Retreats (*Attached*)
 - ii. 2021-2022 Dates, Times, and Places of Future College Events (*Attached*)
 - iii. 2021-2022 Dates, Times, and Places of Future National, State, and Local Conferences (*Attached*)

3. Board Business

- a. Proposed Additional Tuition Discount for Fiscal Year 2023 – Dr. Clint Ewell - **DISCUSSION AND DECISION** {Time: 10}

Dr. Clint Ewell proposed to the District Governing Board an additional tuition discount for fiscal year 2023.

Member Paul Chevalier asked if athletes who lived outside of Yavapai County but within the state were given an additional discount as well. Dr. Ewell clarified that they do not.

Board Chair McCasland explained that there was an agreement that if the county in which you reside does not have a Community College the county will pay the cost.

Board Secretary Sigafoos asked for clarification on the out-of-state tuition cost. Dr. Ewell explained to the Board the rates and how they are determined.

Dr. Ewell explained this discount is only for students within Yavapai County.

Member Chevalier felt that the discount should be approved only for one year to see what the cost would be. Board Secretary Sigafoos made clear that all tuition, including any discounts, is approved on a yearly basis.

Board Chair McCasland asked for explanation on when the discount would go into effect.

Board Secretary Sigafoos moved, seconded by Member Chevalier, to adopt the online discount for concurrent high school students who are Yavapai County residents of fifty percent (50%). Motion carried unanimously (Ayes: McCasland, Sigafoos, Chevalier, Padilla, and Kuknyo).

- b. Yavapai College District Governing Board Legal Counsel Services – Chair McCasland –**DISCUSSION AND DECISION** {Time: 15} (*Attached*)

Ryan Bouhuis presented the board with the proposal for the Yavapai College District Governing Board Legal Counsel. He recommended that Osborn Maledon be granted the contract.

Board Secretary Sigafos explained to the Board the process the three-member committee went through.

Board Secretary Sigafos moved, seconded by Member Chevalier, to move award the Legal Counsel Contract for the District Governing Board of Yavapai County Community College District to Osborn Maledon, PA. Motion carried unanimously (Ayes: McCasland, Sigafos, Chevalier, Padilla, and Kuknyo).

- c. Consent Agenda – **DECISION** {Time: 5}
- i. Board Regular Minutes – Tuesday, October 19, 2021 (*Attached*)
 - ii. City of Prescott Contract Intergovernmental Agreement Northern Arizona Regional Training Academy (NARTA) Sergeant (*Attached*)
 - iii. Receipt of Report on Revenues and Expenditures for September 2021 (*Attached*)

Member Chevalier moved, seconded by Board Secretary Sigafos, to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously (Ayes: McCasland, Sigafos, Chevalier, Padilla, and Kuknyo).

- d. Executive Session
- i. Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.013(A)(3), the District Governing Board may vote to convene in executive session for the discussion and consultation with their attorney for legal advice regarding A.R.S. §15-1444(A)(7) - **PROCEDURAL** {Time: 60}
- Board Secretary Sigafos moved, seconded by Member Chevalier, to move into executive session pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.013(A)(3) for discussion and consultation with their attorney for legal advice regarding A.R.S. §15-1444(A)(7). Motion carried unanimously (Ayes: McCasland, Sigafos, Chevalier, Padilla, and Kuknyo).**

The Governing Board moved into executive session at 3:40 p.m.

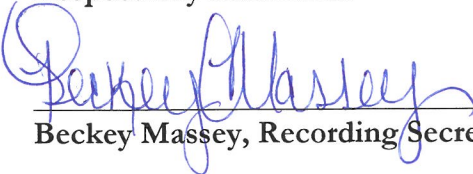
The Governing Board returned to public session at 4:00 p.m.

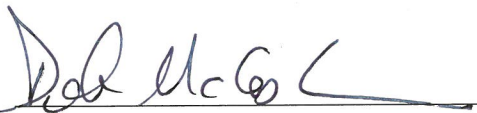
- e. Yavapai College District Governing Board Resolution 2021-07 – Directing the President to Adopt a Participatory Governance Model – Chair McCasland - **DISCUSSION AND DECISION** {Time: 10} (*Attached*)
- Board Secretary Sigafos moved, seconded by member Padilla, to adopt the Yavapai College District Governing Board Resolution 2021-07 – Directing the President to Adopt a Participatory Governance Model. Motion carried unanimously (Ayes: McCasland, Sigafos, Chevalier, Padilla, and Kuknyo).**

4. Adjournment of Board Regular Meeting: Procedural - **DECISION** {Time: 1}
Board Secretary Sigafos moved, seconded by Member Chevalier, to adjourn the District Governing Board Meeting. Motion carried unanimously (Ayes: McCasland, Sigafos, Chevalier, Padilla, and Kuknyo).

Regular meeting adjourned at 4:06 p.m.

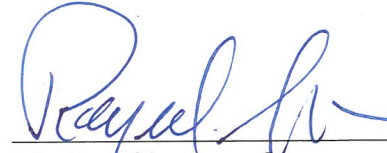
Respectfully submitted:


Beckey Massey, Recording Secretary


Ms. Deb McCasland, Board Chair

1-28-22

Date:


Mr. Ray Sigafos, Secretary