Yavapai College was established in 1966 by a county-wide election. In the four years that followed, a Board was appointed, a bond was passed, College personnel were hired, and curricula were established. The first classes were held in fall of 1969. During the past 50 years, the College has expanded to better serve the growing communities in the county by establishing the Prescott Campus, Verde Valley Campus, Chino Valley Agribusiness & Science Technology Center, Career and Technical and Education Center (CTEC), Prescott Valley Center, and Sedona Center.

The Yavapai College District Governing Board members are community individuals who live within Yavapai County. Board members are elected officials for six-year terms representing five districts within the County.

The Yavapai College District Governing Board is responsible for governing on behalf of and is accountable to the taxpayers of Yavapai County. They fulfill this accountability by developing policies that govern the operations of the College, delegate responsibilities to the President of the College, and then hold the President accountable for the delegated areas through a structured monitoring process. Yavapai College District Governing Board conducts business by using the Policy Governance® model.

The Board’s role is to act as a link between the taxpayers and management, directing and regulating the organization on the taxpayers’ behalf. While Board members are elected by the voters of Yavapai County, they make decisions in the best interest of the taxpayers as a whole.
Resident of Yavapai County can provide input on any topic or issue within the jurisdiction of the Yavapai College District Governing Board at a scheduled Board meeting during the agenda topic, “Open Call”. Under the Arizona Open Meeting Law, A.R.S. §38-431.01 (H) at the conclusion of the Open Call, individual members of the Board may ask staff to review the matter or may ask that the matter be put on a future agenda. However, members of the Board shall not discuss or take legal action on matters raised during an open call unless the matters are properly noticed for discussion and legal action.

Residents can also contact their elected Board member by contacting the College President’s Office at 928.776.2307.

The Yavapai College District Governing Board generally meets the second Tuesday of each month (except July and December) at 1 p.m. Meetings rotate to various locations within the College district. Please visit the District Governing Board website at www.yc.edu/dgb or call the President’s Office at 928-776-2307 for the current month’s meeting location.

The Mission of Yavapai College is to provide quality higher learning and cultural resources for the diverse populations of Yavapai County.
The District Governing Board has developed and approved the following Ends Statements for this current fiscal year. Throughout the year, the District Governing Board members meet with members of the local communities, both individually or in organized meetings (public forums). These venues help the Board in understanding the various views from community members of Yavapai County about Yavapai College. This input is valuable to the Board in making decisions to lead the College in the best interest of the taxpayers.

1. Ends
Yavapai College exists so communities within Yavapai County have access to and are equipped with the knowledge and skills to create a sustainable economic environment. The College will achieve these results at a justifiable cost.

1.1 Education Ends
Students achieve their educational goals at an affordable price. This is the first priority.

1.1.1 Job Seekers Ends
Job seekers have the qualifications, skills, and abilities to succeed.

1.1.2 Student Ends
Students seeking transfer have the qualifications, skills, and abilities for success at their next educational institution.

1.1.3 Lifelong Learners Ends
Lifelong learners have access to a variety of learning opportunities.

1.2 Economic Ends
Communities in Yavapai County are supported in their efforts to lead economic development, with an emphasis on generating and sustaining economic base jobs. This is the second priority.

1.3 Community Ends
Yavapai County residents have access to social and cultural opportunities. This is the third priority.
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