

Yavapai College
District Governing Board
Budget Workshop and Regular Meeting

Tuesday, February 24th, 2026
Virtually Only
9:00 a.m.

The YouTube channel will be open to the public at **8:45 a.m.** at the latest.

Livestream Link:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/YavapaiCollege>

Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) §38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Yavapai College District Governing Board and to the general public that the Board will hold a public meeting, open to the public as specified below. The Board reserves the right to change the order of items on the agenda. One or more members of the Board may participate in the meeting by telephonic communication.

Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03.A.2, A.3 and A.4, the Board may vote to go into Executive Session, which will not be open to the public, for legal advice concerning any item on the agenda to review, discuss and consider records exempt by law from public inspection, including the receipt and discussion of information or testimony that is specifically required to be maintained as confidential by state or federal law; or to consult with and instruct its attorneys regarding its position on contracts, litigation or settlement discussions. If indicated on the agenda, the Board may also vote to go into executive session, which will not be open to the public, to discuss specific agenda items.

Persons with a disability may request reasonable accommodation, such as a sign language interpreter or closed captions, by contacting the Executive Assistant at (928)776-2307. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.

Please note that the meeting conclusion time is included for planning purposes only and does not necessarily reflect the actual time of the agenda item. When regular board meetings, public hearings (both truth in taxation and budget adoption public hearings) and budget adoption special meetings are scheduled for the same date, each hearing or meeting will begin immediately upon adjournment of the preceding hearing or meeting.

If the agenda includes an Open Call, members of the public will have no more than 3 minutes to speak. The time allotted for each speaker may be less than 3 minutes, depending on the number of individuals wishing to address the board at the meeting and the board president's determination of the total time available for open call at the meeting, given the other matters on the board's agenda. *In addition, if there are a number of people who wish to speak about the same issue and who have the same viewpoint about that issue, the board president may direct them to appoint a representative or representatives to speak for the entire group. Members of the board may not discuss items that are not specifically identified on the agenda but that are raised in Open Call. Matters raised during Open Call that are on the current board agenda may be discussed and/or decided by the board at the appropriate time on the agenda.

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AGENDA

1. General Functions: Procedural
 - a. Call to Order
 - b. Pledge of Allegiance {Time: 1}
 - c. Board Meeting Procedure –Board Chair Deb McCasland– **INFORMATION** - {Time: 5}
2. Study Session
 - a. Yavapai College District Governing Board Member Duties and Responsibilities – Board Chair McCasland – **INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION** {Time: 30}
 - b. Overview of Arizona Economy – Dr. George W. Hammond, Director of the Economic and Business Research Center – Eller College of Management at The University of Arizona - **INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION** {Time: 45} (*Attached*)
 - c. High-Tech Sector Impact on Arizona Economy – Mr. Vincent Redgrave, Executive Director of Economic Development and Mr. John Morgan, Dean of Skilled Trades and Workforce Development – **INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION** {Time: 15} (*Attached*)
 - d. Yavapai College Strategic Plan Initiatives and Process- Dr. Rhine, President, Dr. Lauri Dreher, Associate Dean of Articulation and Transfer, and Ms. Ivonne Zuniga, Director of Strategic Initiatives and Special Projects – **INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION** – {Time: 60} (*Attached*)
 - e. Yavapai College Finances – Dr. Clint Ewell, Chief Operating Officer - **INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION** {Time: 60} (*Attached*)

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- f. President's Report – Dr. Lisa Rhine, President – **INFORMATION** – {Time: 60}
 - i. College Council – Dr. Douglas Berry, Dr. Marylou Mercado and Dr. Janet Nix.
 - 1. Faculty Senate – Dr. Heather Leavitt, Faculty Senate President
(Attached)
 - 2. Staff Association – Ms. Heather Knowls, Staff Association President
(Attached)
 - 3. Student Government Association – Ms. Talia Yazzie, Student Government President - (Attached)
 - ii. 2025-2026 Yavapai College Continuous Status Faculty Presentation – Dr. Douglas Berry, Provost and Vice President of Student Affairs and Dr. Marylou Mercado, Vice President of Workforce and Health Sciences
(Attached)
 - iii. Budget to Actual Monthly Reports and Cash Reserves Monthly Reports – January 2026 (Attached)
3. Board Business
- a. Delegation of Authority to College President and/or Executive Assistant to the President and District Governing Board to accept the service of process pursuant to Arizona Rule of Civil Procedure 4.1(h) –Atty. Lynne Adams – Board Attorney - **INFORMATION, DISCUSSION, AND DECISION** {Time: 10}
 - b. Yavapai College District Governing Policies – Board Chair McCasland – **INFORMATION, DISCUSSION, AND DECISION** {Time: 20}
 - i. Proposed Changes to Policy 308 Board Planning and Agenda
 - ii. Proposed Changes to Policy 310 Code of Conduct and Ethics
 - c. Consent Agenda – **DECISION** {Time: 15}
 - i. Board Regular Meeting Minutes January 14th, 2026 (Attached)
 - ii. Board Executive Session Confidential Minutes January 14th, 2026
 - iii. Yavapai College Full-Time Sabbatical for Brandelyn Andres (Attached)
 - iv. Yavapai College Full-Time Sabbatical for Robert Smith (Attached)
 - v. Receipt of Reports on Revenues and Expenditures for January 2026 (Attached)
4. Adjournment of Board Budget Workshop and Regular Meeting: Procedural – **DECISION** {Time: 1}

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