

Yavapai College
District Governing Board
Regular Meeting

Tuesday, March 31st, 2026
Rock House and Virtually
1:00 p.m.

The YouTube channel and Rock House will be open to the public at **12:45 p.m.** at the latest. All individuals attending the meeting in person will be allowed to bring clear bags **ONLY** into the meeting. In addition, the College has implemented advanced weapons detections systems/metal detectors for attendees. These requirements are similar for attendees at any sporting event or concert, and they are intended to ensure safety. Please plan accordingly.

Prescott Campus
Rock House
1100 E Sheldon Street
Prescott, AZ 86301

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. Adoption of Agenda - **DECISION**
2. Study Session
 - a. Higher Learning Commission Update Presentation – Dr. Lisa Rhine, President, Dr. Tom Bordenkircher, Vice President of Accreditation Relations from the Higher Learning Commission – **INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION** - {Time: 45}
 - b. Board Effectiveness and Open Meeting Law Reminders - Dr. David Borofsky, Executive Director, Arizona Community College Coordinating Council - **INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION** – {Time: 30}
 - c. President’s Report – Dr. Lisa Rhine, President – **INFORMATION** – {Time: 30}
 - 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 – Victoria Adams, Senator for Online Students and Secretary of the Executive Leadership Team -
(Attached)
 - ii. Budget to Actual Monthly Report and Cash Reserves Monthly Report, February 2026 (Attached)
 - d. Preliminary Capital Budget and Financing – Dr. Clint Ewell, Chief Operating Officer – **INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION** (Attached) {Time: 30}
 - e. Board Liaisons’ Report – **INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION** {Time: 10}
 - i. Board Spokesperson – Board Chair Deb McCasland
 - ii. Arizona Association of Community College Trustee (AACCT) – Board Chair Deb McCasland
 - iii. Yavapai College Foundation – Board Secretary Steve Bracety
3. Board Business
 - a. District Governing Board Budget for Fiscal Year 2027 – Dr. Clint Ewell, Chief Operating Officer – **INFORMATION, DISCUSSION AND DECISION** (Attached) {Time: 20}

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- b. Asset Purchase Agreement Between Nextel West Corp. and Yavapai County Community College District - Sale of Educational Broadband Service License – Mr. Patrick Burns, Information and Technology Chief Officer, and Dr. Clint Ewell, Chief Operating Officer - **INFORMATION, DISCUSSION AND DECISION** *(Attached)* {Time:30}
- c. Consent Agenda – **DECISION** {Time: 15}
 - i. Board Regular Meeting Minutes February 24th, 2026 *(Attached)*
 - ii. Board Policy Workshop Meeting Minutes March 4th, 2026 *(Attached)*
 - iii. Board Special Meeting Minutes March 11th, 2026 *(Attached)*
 - iv. Board Confidential Executive Session Meeting Minutes March 11th, 2026
 - v. Receipt of Report on Revenues and Expenditures for February 2026 *(Attached)*
- d. Executive Session
 - i. Pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431.03(A)(9), Discussion Regarding the College’s Information Technology Security Plans, Procedures, Assessments, Measures and Systems – Mr. Patrick Burns, Information Technology Chief Information Officer and Mr. Neil McComsey, Information Technology Chief Security Information Officer – **PROCEDURAL** {Time: 30}
 - ii. Reconvene in Public Session – **DECISION** {Time: 5}
- e. Yavapai College District Governing Board Meeting Procedures and Policies– Board Chair Deb McCasland – **INFORMATION, DISCUSSION, AND DECISION** –{Time: 25}
 - i. Consideration of inclusion a Call to the Public
 - ii. Consideration and potential revisions to Board Member discussion time limits
 - iii. Consideration of potential return to in-person Board Meetings with a virtual option
 - iv. Consideration and scheduling of a Board Retreat
 - v. Potential Revision to Board Policy 304 Board Elections and Appointments
- 4. Call to the Public – **INFORMATION ONLY** {Time: 20}
- 5. Request for Future Agenda Items - **INFORMATION, DISCUSSION, AND DECISION** {Time: 10}
- 6. Adjournment of Board Regular Meeting: Procedural – **DECISION** {Time: 1}

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