

Yavapai College
District Governing Board
Special Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 6, 2026
Rock House and Virtually
2:00 p.m.

The YouTube channel and Rock House will be open to the public at **1:45 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.

Livestream Link:

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

Members' Present

Mr. Steve Bracety, Board Chair
Mr. Toby Payne, Board Secretary
Mr. William Kiel, Board Member
Mr. Patrick Kuykendall, Board Member (participated via Zoom)
Ms. Deb McCasland, Board Member

Administration Present

Dr. Lisa Rhine, President
Ms. Yvonne Sandoval, Executive Assistant (participated via Zoom)
Ms. Kimberly Whitman, Secretary to the Board

MINUTES

1. General Functions: Procedural
 - a. Call to Order {Time: 1}

This agenda item begins at: 14:00:08

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Board Chair Bracety called the meeting to order at 2:00pm.

- b. Pledge of Allegiance {Time: 1}

This agenda item begins at: 14:00:15

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Board member Kuykendall led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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2. Board Business
a. Yavapai College District Governing Board Legal Counsel Services – Board Chair Steve Bracety – **INFORMATION, DISCUSSION, AND DECISION** {Time: 60}

This agenda item begins at: 14:00:39

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Board Chair Bracety provided a meeting format to the District Governing Board for the interview of Mr. Jon M. Paladini, a partner at Pierce Coleman PLLC. Each member of the District Governing Board was given the opportunity to ask Mr. Paladini questions. Mr. Paladini was provided with the opportunity to ask questions of the District Governing Board Members in return. The meeting format provided to the Board and the interview with Mr. Paladini can be viewed at the link above.

Board Chair Bracety, seconded by Board Secretary Payne, moved to adhere to federal, state and college financial policies and procedures to engage Mr. Paladini in a limited engagement contract, with the ability to apply for the full-time position, once the RFP is generated. The motion passed unanimously. (Ayes: Bracety, McCasland, Kiel, Payne, Kuykendall).

3. Adjournment of Board Special Meeting: Procedural - **DECISION** {Time: 1}

Board Chair Bracety moved, seconded by Board member Kiel, moved to adjourn the Wednesday, May 6th, 2026, Board Special meeting at 3:35pm. The motion passed unanimously. (Ayes: Bracety, McCasland, Kiel, Payne and Kuykendall).

Respectfully Submitted,



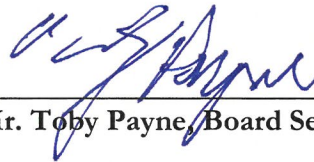
Kimberly Whitman, Recording Secretary

5/28/26

Date



Mr. Steve Bracety, Board Chair



Mr. Toby Payne, Board Secretary

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