

Yavapai College
District Governing Board
Special Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 20th, 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.

Livestream Link:

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

Members' Present

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

Administration Present

Dr. Lisa Rhine, President
Ms. Yvonne Sandoval, Executive Assistant (**Absent**)
Attorney Jon Paladnin, District Governing Board Attorney
Attorney Mike Petitti, College Attorney
Ms. Kimberly Whitman, Secretary to the Board

MINUTES

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

This agenda item begins at: 13:00:00

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Board Chair Bracety called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.

- b. Pledge of Allegiance {Time: 1}

This agenda item begins at: 13:00:10

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Board member Payne led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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2. Board Business

a. Consent Agenda – **DECISION** {Time: 5}

- i. Intergovernmental Agreement Between Yavapai County Community College District and The City of Prescott (*Attached*)

This agenda item begins at: 13:00:32

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Board Secretary Payne, seconded by Board member Kiel, moved to accept the consent agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously. (Ayes: Bracety, Payne, Kiel, McCasland, Kuykendall).

b. Executive Session

- i. A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(1)(Personnel Matters) (A)(3)(Legal Advice) and (A)(4)(Contracts), Review of President's Annual Evaluation, Compensation, and Employment Agreement – Attorney Jon Paladini – **PROCEDURAL** {Time: 90}

This agenda item begins at: 13:02:08

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Board member Kiel, seconded by Board Secretary Payne, to move into executive session under A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(1)(Personnel Matters) (A)(3)(Legal Advice) and (A)(4)(Contracts), Review of President's Annual Evaluation, Compensation, and Employment Agreement with Attorney Jon Paladini. The motion passed unanimously. (Ayes: McCasland, Kiel, Bracety, Payne and Kuykendall).

The District Governing Board entered into Executive Session at 1:05pm.

c. Convene in Public Session

- ii. Possible Action: President's Evaluation and Consideration of President's Contract, as the Result of Executive Session – Attorney Jon Paladini – **DECISION** {Time: 5}

This agenda item begins at: 15:49:45

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The District Governing Board reconvened in Public session at 3:48pm.

Board member McCasland, seconded by Secretary Payne, moved that the Board continue discussions to find an amicable resolution to achieve the best outcome for the college as a whole and our communities. The motion passed unanimously. (Ayes: Bracety, McCasland, Kiel, Payne, Absent from vote: Kuykendall).

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

This agenda item begins at: 15:50:15

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Board Chair Bracety, seconded by Board member Kiel, moved to adjourn the Wednesday, May 20th, 2026 Board Special Meeting at 3:50pm. The motion carried unanimously. (Ayes: Bracety, Kiel, Payne, McCasland, Absent from vote: Kuykendall).

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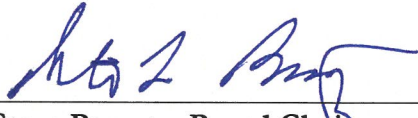
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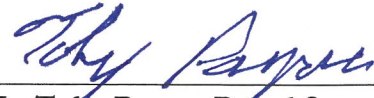
Kimberly Whitman, Recording Secretary

5/28/24

Date



Mr. Steve Bracety, Board Chair



Mr. Toby Payne, Board Secretary