

**Yavapai College**  
District Governing Board  
**Regular Board Meeting**

**Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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. Call to the Public – **INFORMATION ONLY** – {Time: 10}
  - d. Adoption of Agenda – Board Chair Steve Bracety – **DECISION** {Time: 5}
2. Study Session
  - a. President's Report – Dr. Douglas Berry, Acting President – **INFORMATION** – {Time: 60}
    - i. Roughrider Student Spotlight – Dr. Douglas Berry, Acting President  
(*Attached*)
    - ii. College Council – Dr. Marylou Mercado, Dr. Janet Nix and Ms. Diana Dowling
      1. Faculty Senate – Dr. Heather Leavitt, Faculty Senate President  
(*Attached*)
      2. Staff Association – Ms. Heather Knowles, Staff Association President  
- (*Attached*)
      3. Student Government Association – Mr. Samuel Ogunrinu, Student Government Association President – (*Attached*)
    - iii. Yavapai Works Presentation – Dr. Marylou Mercado, Interim Provost and Vice President Workforce Development, Health Sciences, and Public Services (*Attached*)
    - iv. Budget to Actual Monthly Reports and Cash Reserves Monthly Reports – (June, July and August 2026) (*Attached*)
  - b. Policy 205 Treatment of Students – Ms. Diana Dowling, Interim VP of Student Affairs, and Ms. Tania Sheldahl, AVP of Student Affairs and Dean of Students, - (*Attached*) **INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION** – {Time: 20} (*Attached*)
  - c. Yavapai College District Governing Board Budget Update FY26/FY27 – Dr. Clint Ewell, Chief Operating Officer – **INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION** – {Time: 15}
  - d. Board Liaisons' Reports – **INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION** – {Time: 10}
    - i. Board Spokesperson – Board Chair Steve Bracety
    - ii. Arizona Association of Community College Trustee (AACCT) – Board Chair Steve Bracety (*Attached*)
    - iii. Yavapai College Foundation – Board Member William Kiel
  - e. Yavapai College District Governing Board Consent Agenda Items Q&A – Mr. Ed Lacasse, Purchasing Director of Procurement and Contract Services - **INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION** – {Time: 15} (*Attached*)

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3. Board Business
  - a. Revisions to Board Policy 310 for Consistency with HLC Criteria 2.C. Board Governance – Dr. Douglas Berry, Acting President, and Ms. Megan Crossfield, Director of Academic Initiatives and HLC Accreditation Liaison Officer (ALO) – **INFORMATION, DISCUSSION AND DECISION** – {Time: 20} (*Attached*)
  - b. Potential Revision to the Yavapai College District Governing Board Executive Session Process and Potential Revision of Current Minutes Process – **INFORMATION, DISCUSSION AND DECISION** – {Time: 30}
    - i. Yavapai College District Governing Board Minutes Format
    - ii. Inclusion of Yavapai College Secretary to the District Governing Board in Future Executive Sessions
  - c. Yavapai College District Governing Board Meeting Dates and Times Selection Process – Mr. Jon Paladini, Board Attorney – **INFORMATION, DISCUSSION AND DECISION** – {Time: 15}
  - d. Association of Community College Trustee (ACCT) Delegate Conference Selection (ACCT Leadership Congress 2026) for Yavapai College – Board Chair Steve Bracety – **INFORMATION, DISCUSSION AND DECISION** {Time: 10}
  - e. Consent Agenda – **DECISION** – {Time: 10}
    - i. Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Arizona Board of Regents, University of Arizona and Yavapai County Community College District (*Attached*)
    - ii. Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) and Yavapai County Community College District (Contract #YH27-0052)
    - iii. District Governing Board Special Public Meeting Minutes – July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026 (*Attached*)
    - iv. District Governing Board Special Public Meeting Minutes – August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026 (*Attached*)
    - v. District Governing Board Special Public Meeting Minutes – August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026 (*Attached*)
    - vi. District Governing Board Special Public Meeting Minutes – September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026 (*Attached*)
    - vii. Receipt of Reports of Revenues and Expenditures for June 2026, July 2026 and August 2026 (*Attached*)
4. Request for Future Agenda Items – **INFORMATION, DISCUSSION, AND DECISION** {Time: 10}
5. Adjournment of Board Regular Meeting: Procedural – **DECISION** {Time: 1}

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