



OFFICE OF THE ARIZONA ATTORNEY GENERAL
OPEN MEETING LAW ENFORCEMENT TEAM

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VIA EMAIL to deborah.mccasland@yc.edu

Re: Resolution of Open Meeting Law Complaints
Investigation No. OML2026-0024

Dear Ms. McCasland:

The Open Meeting Law Enforcement Team (“OMLET”) at the Attorney General’s Office has reviewed your two complaints regarding the Yavapai College Governing Board (the “Board”). This letter informs you of OMLET’s findings.

1. Your complaint submitted on April 6, 2026 alleges that at the March 31, 2026 open meeting, Board Member William Kiel, stated that he had sent an email to all Board members regarding Agenda Item 3(c)(v) and a board policy change. OMLET has determined no Open Meeting Law violation occurred because, after further investigation and reviewing the video recording of the March 31, 2026 meeting, Mr. Kiel asked a question regarding a hypothetical scenario, and did not actually send the alleged correspondence to the whole Board. Because no correspondence was sent, no quorum of Board members was implicated, and the Open Meeting Law was not violated.
2. Your complaint on April 28, 2026 alleges that Board Member Toby Payne violated Open Meeting Law by corresponding with members of the public about information that should have been contained within executive session. Specifically, you cite to an email communication sent from Board Member Payne on August 14, 2024, and an executive session held a month later on September 24, 2024. Members of a public body may discuss issues with the public so long as the communication is not principally directed at or directly given to other board members. *See* A.R.S. § 38-431.09(B). Here, the email was sent by one Board member to two members of the public. No other Board members were on the communication, thus, no Open Meeting Law violation existed.

We appreciate you taking the time to contact our Office. This matter is now considered closed. Thank you for your patience and for your interest in open government.

Sincerely,

Open Meeting Law Enforcement Team