

Yavapai College
District Governing Board
Board Workshop

Wednesday, March 4th, 2026
Rock House and Virtually
9:00 a.m.

The YouTube channel and Rock House will be open to the public at **8:45 a.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. Policy Review Procedure –Board Chair Deb McCasland– **INFORMATION** - {Time: 15}
2. Board Business
 - a. Policy Governance Regulations and Operational Principles – Attorney Sarah Lawson – Board Attorney - **INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION** {Time: 15}
 - b. Yavapai College District Governing Board’s Meeting Items for Consideration to be included on the March Agenda for Final Decision - Board Chair McCasland - **INFORMATION, DISCUSSION, DECISION** {Time: 45}
 - i. Consideration of Call to the Public for potential inclusion on the March Regular Meeting Agenda
 - ii. Consideration of Removal of Board Member Discussion Time Limits for potential inclusion on the March Regular Meeting Agenda
 - iii. Consideration of Potential to Return to In-Person Board Meetings for potential inclusion on the March Regular Meeting Agenda
 - iv. Consideration of Potential Board Retreat for potential inclusion on the March Regular Meeting Agenda
 - v. Consideration of Revision to Board Policy 304 – Board Elections & Appointment for potential inclusion on the March Regular Meeting Agenda
 - c. Yavapai College District Governing Board Policy Revision – Board Chair McCasland – **INFORMATION, DISCUSSION AND DECISION** {Time: 60} (*Attached*)
 - i. **Board Policy 308 – Board Policy & Agenda Discussion**
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 - ii. **Board Policy 308 – Board Policy & Agenda Decision**
 - iii. **Board Policy 310 – Code of Conduct and Ethics Discussion**
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 - iv. **Board Policy 310 – Code of Conduct and Ethics Decision**
3. Study Session
 - a. Board Liaisons’ Reports - **INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION** {Time: 10}
 - i. Board Spokesperson – Board Chair McCasland
 - ii. Arizona Association of Community College Trustee (AACCT) – Board Chair McCasland
 - iii. Yavapai College Foundation – Board Member Steve Bracety
4. Adjournment of Board Workshop: Procedural – **DECISION** {Time: 1}

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308 Board Planning & Agenda

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The President and any Board member who wishes to place an item on the agenda should do so the following through the Board Chair:

1. If it is the Board's issue it will be placed on the next Board agenda.
2. If it is the President's issue, the Chair will refer it to the President to be addressed in accordance with Board policy and inform any Board member concerned.
3. If the Board member feels that this process has not been followed appropriately, she/he will inform the Chair who will place the matter on the next Board agenda.

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2. To escalate the processing of Board decisions which the Chair believes the Board may not need further deliberation.
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1. A two step process will be used to provide more clarity and discussion on agenda items. Agenda items suggested will be placed on the next Board agenda for discussion. If the item is determined to be Board business it will then be discussed and decided on at the next Board meeting.
2. If it is the President's issue, the Chair will refer it to the President to be addressed in accordance with Board policy and inform any Board member concerned.
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****Proposed Revision — Policy 308** (Kiel)**

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Board member who wishes to place an item on the agenda should do so the following through the Board Chair:

The President and any member of the District Governing Board may have an item be placed on a Board meeting agenda.

If such request is submitted more than two working days prior to the start of a regularly scheduled Board meeting, the Board Chair shall place the requested item on the agenda for that meeting. If the item is requested less than two working days before the board meeting than that item shall be placed on the next scheduled board meeting.

If the Chair determines that a matter raised by a Governing Board member is an issue for the President, the Chair shall refer the matter to the President and notify the Board member accordingly.

In the event the Board member disputes that determination, the matter shall not be resolved solely by the Chair but shall be presented to the Governing Board for review and direction.

The Board Chair shall not deny, refuse, or decline placement of a requested agenda item that meets the two working day submission requirement.

Clarification of Chair's Role

With respect to agenda items requested by Board members, the Board Chair's role is procedural rather than discretionary. The Chair may determine appropriate agenda categorization (discussion, action, or information) and sequencing, but shall not exercise judgment as to whether a requested item is placed on the agenda, except as expressly provided above.

Mandatory Agenda Items

The following items shall be placed on every Board meeting agenda:

1. Adoption of Agenda
2. Open Call

Location of Board Meetings and Workshops

Regular and special meetings and workshops of the District Governing Board shall be held **live and in person**, at a physical location accessible to the public, except when the Board determines that circumstances necessitate an alternative meeting format.

If a Board meeting is conducted virtually or in a hybrid format, the **specific reason** for not holding the meeting fully in person shall be **stated on the public meeting agenda and disclosed at the outset of the meeting**.

Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the Board's authority under applicable law; however, deviation from in-person meetings shall not be routine and shall be supported by a stated comprehensive rationale in the interest of transparency and public trust.

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3. Yavapai College District Governing Board will demonstrate a commitment to informed, ethical decision-making based on what is best for the students, the college and the community-- not on special interests or personal agendas. Members will review Board materials provided, attend scheduled meetings, and request data and information through protocols established by the Board in conjunction with the President

In addition:

Per Yavapai College Board Policy 401, Delegation to and Accountability of President, the Governing Board has delegated the day-to-day management of Yavapai College to the President. Therefore,

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2. Each Board member provides visible public support for the President, does not undermine his/her authority and counters misinformed public criticism.
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5. Concerning a college or community issue, under no circumstances should an individual Board member direct or contact by any means, a staff member. Each Board member will refer all of their concerns and constituent concerns via email to the President to resolve or answer. Board members never speak or act on behalf of the college, unless instructed to do so by a majority vote of the Board.
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9. Each Board member will do not speak to the press in any way that reflects negatively on their colleagues, the President or the college.
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The Higher Learning Commission Accreditation Criteria #2 (in part)

2.C. Board Governance-In discharging its fiduciary duties, the institution's governing board is free from undue external influence and empowered to act in the best interest of the institution, including the students it serves.

The Higher Learning Commission Assumed Practices – A. Integrity: Ethical and Responsible Conduct (in part)

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Fiduciary Duties

A community college trustee's fiduciary duties consist of three principal obligations: Duty of Care, Duty of Loyalty, and Duty of Obedience.

Community college board members have three overarching obligations to their boards and institutions: Duty of Care, Duty of Loyalty, and Duty of Obedience.

The **Duty of Care** requires that board members/trustees always work in the best interests of the college by working collaboratively to make decisions based on sound information and to use deliberative judgments in the interest of their institutions. Board members have a duty to establish and implement reporting systems and regularly review reports from the CEO, to attend and participate in board meetings, to support decisions made by the board, to operate transparently, and to fairly and regularly evaluate and compensate the college President who they employ.

The **Duty of Loyalty** prevents conflicts of interest. All community college trustees are obligated to forgo their personal and professional interests when working with their respective boards for the sake of upholding this duty and protecting the interests of their college. They should pass and enforce conflict-of-interest policies, keep private institutional matters confidential, uphold whistleblower-protection policies, uphold open meeting laws and operate honestly.

The **Duty of Obedience** requires that all board members obey all requisite laws—local, federal, and state—as well as all board and institutional policies. As the ultimate body responsible for the well-being of the college, the board of trustees holds tremendous responsibility to set the example for all others by establishing and adhering to policies.

Source: Association of Community College Trustees

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2. Governing Board members shall respect this delegation of authority. At the same time, Board members may communicate with faculty, staff, and students for the purpose of gaining information and understanding the strengths, challenges, and operations of the College, so that they may make informed, responsible policy decisions. Such communications shall not include directing staff.
3. Each Board member shall respect the authority delegated to the President by the Governing Board and shall conduct themselves professionally and responsibly in public communications, consistent with their governance and fiduciary responsibilities.

4. The Governing Board and the College President share responsibility for creating and maintaining a spirit of cooperation and a mutually supportive working relationship. Each Yavapai College District Governing Board member and the College President shall promote a healthy working relationship through respectful, open, and honest communication, consistent with their respective roles and responsibilities.

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6. While individual Board members shall not direct staff or interfere with the administration of the College, a Board member may contact faculty, staff, or students for the purpose of gathering information and perspectives relevant to the development, review, or evaluation of Board policies. Any matters requiring action or resolution shall still be referred to the President. Faculty, staff, students, and other members of the College community may communicate with Board members without fear of retaliation for doing so.

7. Each Board member understands that the President is the primary contact with the college community. Nothing in this policy shall be construed to prohibit a Board member from publicly expressing concerns, criticism, or dissent regarding the President or the College in the exercise of their governance and fiduciary duties.

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The Higher Learning Commission Accreditation Criteria #2 (in part)

2.C. The governing board of the institution is autonomous to make decisions in the best interest of the institution in compliance with board policies and to ensure the institution's integrity.

1. The governing board is trained and knowledgeable so that it makes informed decisions with respect to the institution's financial and academic policies and practices; the board meets its legal and fiduciary responsibilities.

2. The governing board's deliberations reflect priorities to preserve and enhance the institution.

3. The governing board reviews the reasonable and relevant interests of the institution's internal and external constituencies during its decision-making deliberations.

4. The governing board preserves its independence from undue influence on the part of donors, elected officials, ownership interests or other external parties.
5. The governing board delegates day-to-day management of the institution to the institution's administration and expects the institution's faculty to oversee academic matters.