

**Yavapai College**  
District Governing Board  
**Special Meeting**

**Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026**  
**Virtually Only**  
**9:00 a.m.**

The YouTube channel will be open to the public at **8:45 a.m.** at the latest.

Livestream Link:

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

**Members Present:**

Ms. Deb McCasland, Board Chair  
Mr. Steve Bracety, Secretary  
Mr. Patrick Kuykendall, Board Member  
Mr. Toby Payne, Board Member  
Mr. William Kiel, Board Member

**Administration Present:**

Dr. Lisa B. Rhine, President  
Dr. Janet Nix, Chief Human Resources  
Atty. Sarah Lawson, Board Attorney  
Atty. Eli Enger, College Attorney  
Ms. Kimberly Whitman, Secretary to the Board

**MINUTES**

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1. General Functions: Procedural
  - a. Call to Order

**This agenda item begins at 09:01:50**

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Board Chair McCasland called the meeting to order at 9:01 am.

- b. Pledge of Allegiance {Time: 1}

**This agenda item begins at 09:01:58**

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The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board Member Payne.

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2. Board Business

a. Executive Session

- i. Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.01 (A)(3) – For Legal Advice. – Discussion and Consultation for Legal Advice with the College Attorney’s Regarding Personnel Investigations – Dr. Lisa Rhine, President, Dr. Janet Nix, Chief Human Resources Officer, Attorney Eli Enger, College Attorney and Attorney Sarah Lawson, Board Attorney - **INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION** {Time: 60}

**This agenda item begins at 09:02:24**

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**Board Secretary Bracety moved, seconded by Board Member Kuykendall, to move into Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.01 (A)(3) – For Legal Advice. – Discussion and Consultation for Legal Advice with the College Attorneys Regarding Personnel Investigations. The motion passed with four votes. (Ayes: McCasland, Payne, Kuykendall, and Bracety. Board Member Kiel’s vote was not recorded. Member Kiel did not indicate whether he voted for or against the motion, and his microphone was not active at the time of the vote.)**

The Board entered into Executive Session at 9:04 am.

b. Reconvene in Public Session

- i. Possible Action to confirm directions provided to Yavapai College representatives and/or legal counsel in Executive Session – **DECISION** {Time: 5}

**This agenda item begins at 10:07:06**

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The Board reconvened in Public Session at 10:07 am.

**Board Secretary Bracety moved, seconded by Board Member Kuykendall, to confirm directions provided to Yavapai College representatives and/or legal counsel in Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously. (Ayes: McCasland, Kiel, Payne, Kuykendall and Bracety).**

3. Adjournment of Board Regular Meeting: Procedural – **DECISION** {Time: 1}

**This agenda item begins at 10:07:42**

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**Board Secretary Bracety moved, seconded by Board Member Kuykendall, to adjourn the March 11<sup>th</sup> District Governing Board Special Meeting. The motion carried unanimously. (Ayes: McCasland, Kuykendall, Kiel, Bracety, Payne).**

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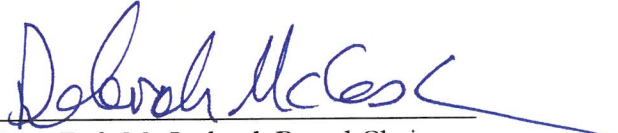
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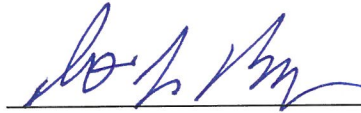
Kimberly Whitman, Recording Secretary

3/31/26

Date



Mrs. Deb McCasland, Board Chair



Mr. Steve Bracety, Board Secretary

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