

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**  
**(Approving FY 2026 Department of Education Vocational Rehabilitation Program Budget)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 25-315**

1 **WHEREAS, the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council is authorized "to manage any funds**  
2 **within the exclusive control of the Tohono O'odham Nation . . . and to appropriate**  
3 **these funds for the benefit of the nation and its members" provided that "[a]ll**  
4 **expenditures of these funds shall be pursuant to appropriations or budgets"**  
5 **authorized by resolution or ordinance (Constitution of the Tohono O'odham**  
6 **Nation, Article VI, Section 1(d)(2)); and**

7 **WHEREAS, the Department of Education has prepared and submitted for review and**  
8 **approval its FY 2026 Vocational Rehabilitation Program Budget, which is**  
9 **incorporated by this reference, in the amount of \$450,723.00 to be funded from**  
10 **the Nation's general fund pending reimbursement from the grantor, the United**  
11 **States Department of Education; and**

12 **WHEREAS, the Human Resources Development and Budget and Finance Committees have**  
13 **reviewed the FY 2026 Department of Education Vocational Rehabilitation**  
14 **Program Budget and recommend its approval.**

15 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council approves the**  
16 **FY 2026 Department of Education Vocational Rehabilitation Program Budget**  
17 **effective October 1, 2025, in amount of \$450,723.00 which shall be funded by the**  
18 **Nation's general fund pending reimbursement from the grantor, the United**  
19 **States Department of Education.**

20 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council that the Tohono O'odham**  
21 **Nation chairperson or any designated official is authorized to administer and**  
22 **expend the FY 2026 Department of Education Vocational Rehabilitation Program**  
23 **Budget, provided that any amendments or modifications shall be submitted for**  
24 **prior approval by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council.**

25 **The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 15<sup>TH</sup>**  
26 **day of SEPTEMBER 2025 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 3,321.1 FOR;**  
27 **-0- AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and -0- ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by**  
28 **Article VI, Section 1(d)(2) and (3) of the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation, adopted by**  
29 **the Tohono O'odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting Deputy Assistant**  
30 **Secretary - Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June**  
31 **18, 1934 (48 Stat.984).**

TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman

23<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2025

ATTEST:

Evonne Wilson

Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

23 day of September, 2025

Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2025 at 12:54 o'clock, 2 .m., pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of Article VII of the Constitution and will become effective upon his approval or upon his failure to either approve or disapprove it within 48 hours of submittal.

TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman

☒ APPROVED

☐ DISAPPROVED

on the 24 day of September, 2025

at 4:39 o'clock, 1 .m.

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VERLON M. JOSE, CHAIRMAN  
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 25 day of

September, 2025, at 10:43 o'clock, 11 .m.

Evonne Wilson  
Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

**ACTION: APPROVING FY 2026 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION PROGRAM BUDGET**

**Moved: COUNCILWOMAN JANICE FELIX**

**SECOND: COUNCILWOMAN DELISA M. RAMON**

**DATE: SEPTEMBER 15, 2025**

DISTRICT	LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES	# OF VOTES	FOR	AGAINST	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
SIF ODAK 251.2	1. WAVALENE M. SAUNDERS (Mary Lopez) 2. FRANCIS HOMEWYTEWA ( )	125.6 125.6	X X			
SELLS 565.7	1. JANET B. ELEANDO ( ) 2. EVELYN JUAN MANUEL (Juan Buendia)	282.85 282.85	X X			
SCHUK TOAK 195.3	1. THEORIA CAMPILLO (Rebecca Ann Valentine) 2. DELISA M. RAMON (Quintin C. Lopez)	97.65 97.65	X X			
SAN XAVIER 249.8	1. DANIEL L.A. PRESTON III ( ) 2. JANICE FELIX ( )	124.9 124.9	X X			
SAN LUCY 266.3	1. GLORIA M. RAMIREZ (Lorraine M. Eiler) 2. ROGER MANUEL (Christina Andrews)	133.15 133.15	X X			
PISINEMO 240.3	1. PAMELA J. BENAVIDEZ (Nora J. Ruelas) 2. NAOMI MONTE (Edward D. Manuel)	120.15 120.15	X X			
HICKIWAN 222.9	1. LOUIS R. LOPEZ (Loretta A. Ortega) 2. DELMA M. GARCIA ( )	111.45 111.45	X X			
GU VO 279.6	1. LESLIE LUNA ( ) 2. BENNETT CHEWING ( )	139.8 139.8	X X			
GU ACHI 289.2	1. JEROME F. JOAQUIN (Gloria Johnson) 2. LUCIUS E. LOPEZ (Absent) (Victoria A. Hobbs) (Present)	144.6 144.6	X X			
CHUKUT KUK 361.9	1. MARIKAY HENRY ( ) 2. VIVIAN JUAN-SAUNDERS (Cornelius Antone)	180.95 180.95	X X			
BABOQUIVARI 398.9	1. JESSE NAVARRO (Alberta J. Ray) 2. NED NORRIS, JR (Leander Mase)	199.45 199.45	X X			
TOTAL		3,321.1	3,321.1	-0-	-0-	-0-