

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**  
**(Appointing Dr. Matthew Ignacio to the Tohono O'odham Nation Institutional Review Board)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 25-411**

1   **WHEREAS,**     the Legislative Council is vested with the power to “provide for, appoint, or  
2                   provide for the appointment of, and prescribe the duties and powers of  
3                   committees, boards, officers and agents” and “to promote, protect and provide  
4                   for public health, peace, morals, education and general welfare of the Tohono  
5                   O'odham Nation and its members” (Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation,  
6                   Article VI, Section 1(b) and Section 1(c)(2)); and

7   **WHEREAS,**     the Nation's Research Code, enacted May 23, 2013, established the Nation's  
8                   Institutional Review Board to review and consider research proposals from  
9                   researchers seeking to conduct research on the Nation (17 Tohono O'odham Code  
10                  Chapter 8 – Research Code); and

11 **WHEREAS,**     the Nation's Institutional Review Board is comprised of five enrolled members of  
12                  the Nation with sufficient education and experience within their respective fields  
13                  to effectively evaluate research proposals (17 Tohono O'odham Code Chapter 8,  
14                  Section 8104); and

15 **WHEREAS,**     Institutional Review Board members are nominated by the Nation's chairperson  
16                  and appointed by the Legislative Council to serve staggered three-year terms  
17                  expiring on September 30 of the third year, provided that the Legislative Council  
18                  may appoint three initial IRB members to a three-year term and two initial  
19                  members to two-year terms and all terms thereafter shall be for three years with  
20                  all members serving until replaced (17 Tohono O'odham Code Chapter 8, Section  
21                  8104(D)); and

22 **WHEREAS,**     Chairman Verlon Jose has nominated Dr. Matthew Ignacio, a member of the  
23                  Nation with sufficient education and experience in the field of academics, for the  
24                  Institutional Review Board; and

25 **WHEREAS,**     the Human Resources Development and Rules Committees have reviewed Dr.  
26                  Matthew Ignacio's resume, cover letter, and background investigation report and  
27                  recommend appointment.

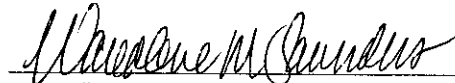
28 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council appoints Dr.  
29                  Matthew Ignacio, a member of the Nation with sufficient education and  
30                  experience in the field of academics under Section 8104(C)(3) of the Nation's  
31                  Research Code, to the Institutional Review Board for a two-year term beginning  
32                  on the effective date of this resolution and expiring September 30, 2027, provided  
33                  that he shall continue to serve until replaced.

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The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 07<sup>TH</sup> day of NOVEMBER 2025 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 3,321.1 FOR; -0- AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and [02] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by Article VI, Section 1(b) and Section 1(c)(2) of the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation, adopted by the Tohono O'odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat.984).

TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

  
Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman  
10 day of November, 2025

ATTEST:

  
Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary  
10 day of November, 2025

Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation on the 10 day of November, 2025 at 9:50 o'clock, p.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 12th day of November, 2025  
at 3:17 o'clock, p.m.

  
VERLON M. JOSE, CHAIRMAN  
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

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Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 12 day of  
November, 2025, at 4:17 o'clock, P.m.

Deanna Juan for:  
Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

**ACTION: APPOINTING DR. MATTHEW IGNACIO TO THE TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD**

**Moved: COUNCILWOMAN JANICE FELIX**

**SECOND: COUNCILMAN BENNETT CHEWING**

**DATE: NOVEMBER 07, 2025**

DISTRICT	LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES	# OF VOTES	FOR	AGAINST	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
SIF OIDAK 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. Eller) 2. ROGER MANUEL (Christina Andrews)	133.15 133.15	X X			
PISINEMO 240.3	1. PAMELA J. BENAVIDEZ (Nora J. Ruelas) 2. NAOMI MONTE (Absent) (Edward D. Manuel) (Present)	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			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. MARLAKAY HENRY ( ) 2. VIVIAN JUAN-SAUNDERS (Cornelius Antone)	180.95 180.95	X X			
BABOQUIVARI 398.9	1. JESSE NAVARRO (Absent) (Alberta J. Ray) (Present) 2. NED NORRIS, JR (Leander Mase)	199.45 199.45	X X			X
TOTAL		3,321.1	3,321.1	-0-	-0-	[02]