

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Approving the Appointment of Woodee Manuel to the Tohono O'odham
Utility Authority Management Board)**

RESOLUTION NO. 26-031

1 **WHEREAS,** the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation vests the Legislative Council with
2 the power to "provide for, appoint, or provide for the appointment of, and
3 prescribe the duties and powers of committees, boards, officers and agents"
4 (Constitution, Article VI, Section 1(h)); and

5 **WHEREAS,** by Resolution No. 91-175, the Legislative Council adopted the Second Restated
6 Plan of Operation of the Tohono O'odham Utility Authority ("TOUA Plan of
7 Operation") (24 Tohono O'odham Code Chapter 1), subsequently amended by
8 Resolution No. 25-023; and

9 **WHEREAS,** the TOUA Plan of Operation provides for a Management Board consisting of seven
10 members that are appointed by the chairperson of the Nation, subject to approval
11 by the Legislative Council, to serve three year terms (Section 9(A) of the TOUA Plan
12 of Operation); and

13 **WHEREAS,** Chairman Verlon Jose has appointed Woodee Manuel to the TOUA Management
14 Board, subject to Legislative Council approval; and

15 **WHEREAS,** Woodee Manuel has 25 years of experience in electric utilities; and

16 **WHEREAS,** the Commerce and Rules Committees have reviewed Woodee Manuel's
17 appointment and recommend approval.

18 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that notwithstanding Section 9(C)(2) of the TOUA Plan of
19 Operation, the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council approves the appointment of
20 Woodee Manuel to the Management Board of the Tohono O'odham Utility
21 Authority for a term beginning on the effective date of this resolution and
22 expiring June 30, 2029, provided that Woodee Manuel shall continue to serve until
23 his successor has been appointed and qualified.

24 **The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 09th**
25 **day of FEBRUARY 2026 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 2,560.3 FOR;**
26 **-0- AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and 760.8[06] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the**
27 **Council by Article VI, Section 1(b) of the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation, adopted by**
28 **the Tohono O'odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting Deputy Assistant**
29 **Secretary - Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June**
30 **18, 1934 (48 Stat.984).**

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Wavalene M. Saunders
Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman

17th day of February, 2026

ATTEST:

Evonne Wilson

Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

13 day of February, 2026

Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation on the 17th day of February, 2026 at 4:46 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
Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman

APPROVED on the 17 day of February, 2026

DISAPPROVED at 5:00 o'clock, P.m.

Verlon M. Jose

VERLON M. JOSE, CHAIRMAN
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 19 day of February, 2026, at 9:40 o'clock, A.m.

Evonne Wilson

Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

ACTION: APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF WOODEE MANUEL TO THE TOHONO O'ODHAM UTILITY AUTHORITY MANAGEMENT BOARD

Moved: COUNCILWOMAN THEORIA CAMPILLO

SECOND: COUNCILWOMAN EVELYN JUAN MANUEL

DATE: FEBRUARY 09, 2026

DISTRICT	LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES	# OF VOTES	FOR	AGAINST	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
SIF OIDAK 251.2	1. WAVALENE M. SAUNDERS (Mary Lopez)	125.6	X			
	2. FRANCIS HOMEWYTEWA ()	125.6	X			X
SELLS 565.7	1. JANET B. ELEANDO ()	282.85	X			
	2. EVELYN JUAN MANUEL (Juan Buendia)	282.85	X			
SCHUK TOAK 195.3	1. THEORIA CAMPILLO (Rebecca Ann Valentine)	97.65	X			
	2. DELISA M. RAMON (Quintin C. Lopez)	97.65	X			
SAN XAVIER 249.8	1. DANIEL L.A. PRESTON III ()	124.9	X			
	2. JANICE FELIX ()	124.9	X			
SAN LUCY 266.3	1. GLORIA M. RAMIREZ (Lorraine M. Eiler)	133.15	X			
	2. ROGER MANUEL (Christina Andrews)	133.15	X			
PISINEMO 240.3	1. PAMELA J. BENAVIDEZ <i>(Absent)</i> (Nora J. Ruelas) <i>(Present)</i>	120.15	X			
	2. NAOMI MONTE (Edward D. Manuel)	120.15	X			
HICKIWAN 222.9	1. LOUIS R. LOPEZ (Loretta A. Ortega)	111.45	X			
	2. DELMA M. GARCIA ()	111.45	X			
GU VO 279.6	1. LESLIE LUNA ()	139.8	X			
	2. BENNETT CHEWING ()	139.8	X			X
GUACHI 289.2	1. JEROME F. JOAQUIN <i>(Absent)</i> (Gloria Johnson) <i>(Present)</i>	144.6	X			
	2. LUCIUS E. LOPEZ (Victoria A. Hobbs)	144.6	X			
CHUKUT KUK 361.9	1. MARLAKAY HENRY ()	180.95				X
	2. VIVIAN JUAN-SAUNDERS <i>(Absent)</i> (Cornelius Antone) <i>(Present)</i>	180.95				X
BABOQUIVARI 398.9	1. JESSE NAVARRO ()	199.45				X
	2. NED NORRIS, JR. <i>(Absent)</i> (Leander Mase) <i>(Present)</i>	199.45				X
TOTAL		3,321.1	2,560.3	-0-	-0-	760.8 [06]