

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Approving the Appointment of Justin Manuel as Executive Director of the
Tohono O'odham Nation's Department of Water Resources)**

RESOLUTION NO. 26-244

1 **WHEREAS,** the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation vests the Nation's chairperson
2 with authority to appoint the Nation's treasurer, and other officers and heads of
3 all governmental departments, subject to the approval of the Tohono O'odham
4 Legislative Council (Constitution, Article VII, Section 2(e)); and
5 **WHEREAS,** Chairman Verlon M. Jose has identified Justin Manuel as the appointee for the
6 executive director of the Department of Water Resources of the Tohono
7 O'odham Nation, subject to the approval of the Legislative Council; and
8 **WHEREAS,** the Appointed Officers law, 1 T.O.C. Chapter 4, establishes the process for review
9 of appointments by the appropriate oversight committee and the Council and
10 the documents required, including copies of the current job description, the
11 appointee's current resume, contact information, and current written
12 background investigation report; and
13 **WHEREAS,** pursuant to Article III, Section 6(B) of the Legislative Rules of the Tohono
14 O'odham Legislative Council, the chairperson's "appointee to the position of
15 treasurer or other officers or heads of governmental departments shall not be
16 added to any Legislative Council session agenda for approval unless the
17 appropriate legislative committee interviews the appointee after receiving a
18 resumé and written background investigation report" containing detailed
19 employment, education, credit, litigation, and other information necessary to
20 determine the appointee's qualifications and fitness; and
21 **WHEREAS,** the Water Resources Committee has received and reviewed the detailed written
22 background report and other documents required by the Legislative Rules and 1
23 T.O.C. Chapter 4, interviewed the appointee, and recommends that the
24 Legislative Council approve the appointment; and
25 **WHEREAS,** pursuant to Section 4003(E) of the Appointed Officers law, the Legislative Council
26 has been provided all the documents required by Section 4003(B), and has had
27 the opportunity to interview the appointee and to review the background
28 investigation report in closed session.
29 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council approves the
30 appointment of Justin Manuel as executive director of the Nation's Department
31 of Water Resources, subject to the terms of the Nation's Appointed Officers law
32 and Constitution.

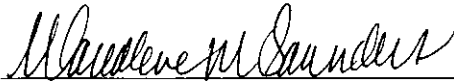
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The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 04TH day of AUGUST 2026 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 3,321.1 FOR; -0- AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and -0- ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by Article VII, Section 2(e) 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).

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Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman

6 day of August, 2026

ATTEST:



Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

6 day of August, 2026

Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation on the 6 day of August, 2026 at 4:11 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.

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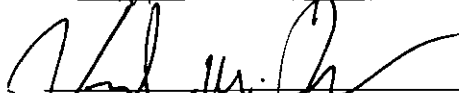
Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman

☒ **APPROVED**

on the 6 day of August, 2026

☐ **DISAPPROVED**

at 5:11 o'clock, P.m.


VERLON M. JOSE, CHAIRMAN
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Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 7 day of

August, 2026, at 8:41 o'clock, A.m.

Evonne Wilson
Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

ACTION: APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF JUSTIN MANUEL AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION'S DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES**Moved: COUNCILWOMAN DELISA M. RAMON****SECOND: COUNCILMAN DANIEL L.A. PRESTON III****DATE: AUGUST 04, 2026**

DISTRICT	LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES	# OF VOTES	FOR	AGAINST	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
SIF OIDAK 251.2	1. WAALENE M. SAUNDERS (Mary Lopez) 2. FRANCIS HOMEWYTEWA (Dionne Kuth-Le)	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 (<i>Absent</i>) (Christina Andrews) (<i>Present</i>)	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. GLORIA JOHNSON (Rodney T. Aguilla) 2. LUCIUS E. LOPEZ (Victoria A. Hobbs)	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 () 2. NED NORRIS, JR. (Leander Mase)	199.45 199.45	X X			
TOTAL		3,321.1	3,321.1	-0-	-0-	-0-