

**TOHONO O’ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
MARCH 2026 GENERAL SESSION
MARCH 04, 2026**

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER: Wavalene M. Saunders, Chairwoman, TOLC
Marlakay Henry, Vice Chairwoman, TOLC

ROLL CALL: Evonne Wilson, Secretary

PRESIDING OFFICERS: Wavalene M. Saunders, Chairwoman, TOLC
Marlakay Henry, Vice Chairwoman, TOLC

INVOCATION: Volunteer

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Tohono O’odham Legislative Council

BUSINESS:

1. **Nominating Tohono O’odham Nation’s Chairperson to Serve as National Congress of American Indians’ Tribal Border Caucus Co-Chair - Border Security Delegation: Chairman Verlon Jose; DAC/Appropriations Chair Vivian Juan-Saunders; Cultural Preservation Chair Jesse Navarro; Agricultural & Natural Resources Chair Janet Eleando**
2. **Tohono O’odham Department of Health and Human Services Items: Dr. Eddie Levins, Detailed Executive Director, Department of Health and Human Services; Sylvia L. Lopez, Program Manager Senior, Child Welfare; Victor Stevens, Program Manager Senior, Management of Health**
 - A. **Approving the Professional Services Agreement Between the Tohono O’odham Nation and Human Resource Training, Inc. DBA Clarvida 2**
 - B. **Approving the Professional Services Agreement Between the Tohono O’odham Nation and Intermountain Centers for Human Development, Inc.**
3. **High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Budget**
4. **FY 2026 Planning and Economic Development Children’s Home Supplemental Construction Project Budget and Ratifying MOA between the Nation and TOKA, as Amended - Alexander Yazza, Interim Executive Director, Planning and Economic Development Department; Dr. Eddie Levins, Detailed Executive Director, Department of Health and Human Services; Pete Delgado, CEO, Tohono O’odham Ki:Ki Association (TOKA)**
5. **Tohono O’odham Nation Rodeo Queen Report – Anika Joaquin; Director Richard Saunders**
 - A. **4th Quarter Report 2025 Miss Tohono O’odham Nation Rodeo Queen - Riley Thomas**
 - B. **Written 4th Quarter Report 2024 Miss Tohono O’odham Nation Rodeo Queen - Daydrion Yazzie**
6. **Approving FY 2022-2027 Sells District American Rescue Plan Act Budget Amendment No. 2 – Chairman Wilson; Sells District ARPA Team**
7. **TOLC Minutes:**
 - A. **February 09, 10, 11, 12 and 17, 2026 General Session**
8. **Setting April 17, 2026 Special Session for Tour of and Presentation Regarding A’al Waipia (Quitobaquito) – Water Resources Committee**

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REVISED RUNNING AGENDA

- √1. Appointing Representative Francis Homewytewa to the Agricultural and Natural Resources Committee and Representative Gloria Johnson to the Cultural Preservation, Domestic Affairs, and Human Resources Development Committees – Rules Committee; Administration**
- √2. Council Tabled Items:**
 - A. Consider Appointment of Judge applicant to the Tohono O’odham Judicial Court-Judiciary Committee**
 - i. Introduction of Candidates:**
 - a. Veronica Darnell**
 - b. Background Review <CLOSED to Include: Candidate; Council; Legislative Secretaries>**
 - c. Jose Luis Castillo**
 - d. Background Review <CLOSED to Include: Candidate; Council; Legislative Secretaries>**
 - ~~B. Border Security Update – Border Security Delegation <CLOSED; to Include: LAO; Attorney General Hue Le; Chairman Verlon Jose; Vice Chairwoman Carla Johnson; Legislative Secretarial Staff> (addressed Feb. 17, 2026)~~**
- √3. Council Travel for February 2026: TOLC Administration**
 - A. Summary**
 - B. Travel Reports**
- √4. Executive Director Update – Chairman Verlon Jose**
- √5. Border Security Update – Border Security Delegation <CLOSED; to Include: LAO; Attorney General Howard Shanker; Chairman Verlon Jose; Vice Chairwoman Carla Johnson; Legislative Secretarial Staff>**
- √6. Approving FY 2026 Department of Public Safety Law Enforcement Federal Budget Amendment No. 1 – Mario Saraficio Sr.; Interim Chief of Police James Cook**
- √7. San Xavier Coop Association (Farm) FY26 9B Cashout Fund Budget Amendment - Duran Andrews, SXCF Manager; Amy R. Juan, Admin Manager; Stephanie Cannon, Bookkeeper**
- √8. CDFI-TON Presentation: Stanley Gilmore Ruiz, CDFI CEO; Frances Hosten, CDFI COO; Steve R. Mankee, CPA, CGMA, MBN Consulting Service, LLC**
 - A. 2024-2025 CDFI Audited Financial Statements <CLOSED SESSION>**
 - B. 2024-2025 CDFI Annual Report <OPEN SESSION>**
- √9. Approving the First Extension of Intergovernmental Agreement for Mutual Protection and Law Enforcement Assistance between the Pascua Yaqui Tribe and the Tohono O’odham Nation - Chief of Police James Cook; Executive Director Mario Saraficio Sr.**

- √10. **ARPA Master Contract Contract Change of Order #2-North Komelik Fire and Police Station and Planning and Economic Development Department Building – Alexander Yazza, Interim Executive Director, Planning and Economic Development Department; David Madril, Planning Supervisor, Planning and Economic Development Department; Arvin Lewis, Fire Chief, Tohono O’odham Nation Fire Department**

- √11. **Request for TOLC approval of the Chairman’s nomination of Nadine Manuel as Executive Director of the Department of Planning & Economic Development - Verlon M. Jose, Chairman; Carla Johnson**
 - A. **Introduction**
 - B. **Background (*CLOSED SESSION; Include: candidate; Chairman Verlon Jose; Vice Chairwoman Carla Johnson*)**
 - C. **Interview**

- √12. **Enrollment Program Agenda Items for TOLC March 2026 Session - Marietta Martin; Ida Norris; Lorie Paton <*CLOSED; to Include: Enrollment Committee; Enrollment Director & Staff; Office of the Attorney General Harrison Rice; Legislative Attorney Staff*>**
 - A. **Approving Enrollment or Adoption Applications for Membership in the Tohono O’odham Nation for March 2026**
 - B. **Recognition of Relinquishment from membership in the Tohono O’odham Nation for the month of March 2026**
 - C. **Amending Enrollment Resolution No. 22-368 to Reflect Legal Name Changes of Enrolled Members**
 - D. **Amending Enrollment Resolution Nos. 09-575 and 12-085 to Correct Names of Enrolled Members**
 - E. **Amending Resolution No. 25-231 Approving the Monthly Age 18 Report for August 2025 to Correct the Enrollment Number of One Member**

- √13. **Enrollment Program Per Capita Agenda Items for TOLC March 2026 Session - Marietta Martin; Ida Norris <*CLOSED; to Include: Enrollment Committee; Enrollment Director & Staff; Office of the Attorney General Harrison Rice; Legislative Attorney Staff*>**
 - 1. **Approving the Monthly Age 18 Report for March 2026 of Tohono O’odham Eligible Minor Members and Authorizing Distribution of the Per Capita Payments and Interest Held in Trust on Their Behalf by Principal Trust Company**
 - 2. **Approving the Certification of and Distribution to A Tohono O’odham Nation Eligible Adult Member for the Initial Per Capita Distribution for March 2026**

- √14. **Approving the Tohono O’odham Nation’s 2026 Indian Housing Plan – Pete Delgado; Marcos Ysmael; Sheila Espino; Sandra Johnson; David Perez; Alex Terry; Roxanne Neal; Novalene Garcia; Hester Francisco**

- √15. **Approving FY 2026 Department of Public Safety Law Enforcement Budget Amendment No. 1 – Chief of Police James Cook; Executive Director Mario Saraficio Sr.**

- √16. **Legislative Order “Setting March 31, 2026, Special Session for a Probate Presentation” Judiciary Committee - Gloria Ramirez-Chairperson; Judiciary Committee**

- √17. **Approving a Post-Design Engineering and Construction Management Contract between the Tohono O’odham Nation and Tetra Tech, Inc. - Selso Villegas - Executive Director; Justin Manuel – Assistant Director**
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