TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 2026 GENERAL SESSION
NOVEMBER 19, 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: **Volunteers**

ANNOUNCEMENTS: **Tohono O'odham Legislative Council**

BUSINESS:

1. **Environmental Protection program FY 2027 Native American Lands Environmental Mitigation program Budget**

2. **Approving FY 2027 Department of Education, Education Assistance Program Budget Amendment No. 1 Presenters: Executive Director Patrick Andrews, Director Winifred Begay, David Perez, Sr. Program Manager**

3. **Approving FY 2026 – FY 2027 Hewel Ni'ok Bureau of Indian Affairs One-Time Funding Budget Amendment No. 1 and Accepting No Cost Extension**

4. **TOLC Minutes:**
   A. October 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16, 2026 General Session

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1. Council Tabled Items:

- **✓A. Tribal Health Convening Report - Arizona Advisory Council on Indian Health Care: John Molina, Executive Director; Corey Hemstreet, Legislative Liaison; McKayla Keams, Executive Project Coordinator**
  - **i. Tribal Health Convening Full Report**
  - **ii. Tribal Health Convening 2025 Brief Report Presentation**
- **B. Miss Tohono O'odham Nation 2024-2025 Final Report - Miss Tohono O'odham Nation 2024-2025 Autumn Parra *(Table to Dec. Gen. Sess.)***
- **C. Legislative Order Approving August 2026 Amendments to the Legislative Branch Travel Policy - Appropriations Committee, Committee Chair Vivian Juan Saunders *(REMOVE)***
  - **i. Legislative Branch Travel Policy Draft amendments October 2026 – *(End of Running Agenda)***
- **✓D. Executive Office Appointments: Chairman Verlon Jose, Vice Chairwoman Carla Johnson; Arlene Wood**
  - **i. Approving the Appointment of Mary Bliss to the Board of Trustees for the Tohono O'odham Kekel Ha-Maṣcamakuḍ (Tohono O'odham Community College)**
    - **a. Introduction of Candidate**
    - **b. Tracking Form *(CLOSED SESSION; Include: Candidate; Chairman Verlon Jose; Vice Chairwoman Carla Johnson; Legislative Secretaries)***
    - **c. Interview**
    - **d. Resolution**
- **E. A Resolution Denying Permission for the Arizona Commerce Authority to Approve Any Award of Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program Grant Funding to Third Party Carriers or Organizations for Broadband Infrastructure on the San Xavier Allottee Lands and Affirming the Deployment of Broadband Infrastructure by the Tohono O'odham Utility Authority or an Agreed Upon Designee – Ben Standifer, Jr., Executive Director; Joseph "Tony' Burrell, SXAA Board President – *(Remove)***

✓2. Council Travel for October 2026 – Legislative Administration

- **A. Summary**
- **B. Travel Reports**

✓3. Executive Director Update – Chairman Verlon Jose

✓4. Border Security Delegation *<CLOSED; to Include: LAO; Attorney General Howard Shanker; Chairman Verlon Jose; Vice Chairwoman Carla Johnson; Legislative Secretarial Staff> (Move to the end to the agenda)*

- **A. Border Security Update**
- **B. Amending November 20, 2026, Meeting Location *(Off Air)***
- **C. Meeting with Federal Officials *(Off Air)(REMOVE)***

✓5. Approving FY 2027 Baboquivari District South Komelic Budget Amendment No. 1 – Chairwoman Veronica J. Harvey; Vice Chairwoman Idella M. Stanley; Treasurer Amelia Arnold; Asst. Treasurer Earleen Patricio

√6. RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL (Approving FY 2026 Planning and Economic Development Department Roads Program Community Project Funding HUD Grant, Baboquivari High School Turning Lanes/BIA Route 19 Budget) - Fred Stevens Jr., Project Administrator; Nadine Manuel, Executive Director Planning & Economic Development Department – *(Running Agenda)*

✓7. Approving Amendment ARPA Budget Amendment No. 4 - Rene Alcoverde, Chief Judge; Venessa Jose, Court Administrator; Deidra Lopez, Accountant Specialist

✓8. Approving FY 2025 – 2027 Sells Alternative Rural Health Center Project I TONHC Design Budget Amendment No. 1 - Benjamin Pintor

✓9. Approving FY 2027 Sif-Oidak District Mining Revenue Supplemental Budget - Rita A. Wilson, Chairwoman, Sif-Oidak District; Joshua Albert, Vice-Chairman, Sif-Oidak District

10. BIE School Reports-Dr. Maxine Roanhorse Dineyazhe, Mr Frank Rogers, Principal San Simon School; Mr. Douglas Barringer, Principal Santa Rosa Day School, Dr. LaRonda Lugo, Principal Santa Rosa Ranch School, Dr. Otis Clarke, Principal Tohono O'odham High School; BIE School Board Jessica Juan President; Cynthia Manuel; Delilah Anselmo *(Dec. General Session)*

11. Opposing Disproportionate Reductions to Indian Community Development Block Grant Competitive Funding Affecting Large, Land-Based Tribes and Seeking Restoration of Equitable Funding Ceilings - Pete Delgado, Executive Director, Alex Terry, Deputy Director; Novalene Garcia, Chief Operations Officer; Barbara Havier, Residential Services Coordinator; Hester Francisco, Executive Assistant; Marcos Ysmael, TOKA Board Chair; Sheila Espino, Vice Chair; Sandra Johnson, Secretary; David Perez, member; Greg O'Keefe, member *(Move to Dec. 2026 Gen. Sess.)*

✓12. Recognizing Hickiwan Council Appointment of Shirley Santos Molina as Alternate to Legislative Council Representative Delma M. Garcia - Rules Committee

13. Appointing Theresa Bourne to the Tohono O'odham Utility Authority - Chairman Verlon Jose; Vice Chairwoman Carla Johnson; GAA Arlene Wood *(Nov. 18, 2026 Wed. PM) (REMOVE)*

✓14. Legislative Order Setting December 17, 2026, Special Session for a Legislative Branch Travel Policy Work Session - Appropriations Committee, Committee Chair Vivian Juan Saunders

✓15. Natural Resources Department Supplement Range Conservation and Management Program 001-27-New Budget - Executive Director Richard Saunders; Assistant Director Eric Verwys

√16. Enrollment Program Agenda Items for TOLC November 2026 Session: Marietta Martin; Geneva Acosta; Spencer Rhodes <*CLOSED; to Include: Enrollment Committee; Enrollment Director & Staff; Legislative Attorney Staff*>

- **A. Approving Enrollment or Adoption Applications for Membership in the Tohono O'odham Nation for November 2026**
- **B. Recognition of Relinquishment from membership in the Tohono O'odham Nation for the month of November 2026**

C. Amending Enrollment Resolution Nos. 46-80, 15-82, 74-83, 129-83, 58-85, 213-90, 92-247, 99-360, 05-114, 06-578, 07-706, 11-459 and 12-425 to Reflect Legal Name Changes of Enrolled Members

D. Amending Enrollment Resolution Nos. 01-496, 04-109, 09-066, 09-614, 10-257, 10-439, 11-033, 11-074, 12-085, 13-063, 24-334, 26-078, 26-324, and 26-327 to Correct Names and/or Enrollment Numbers and/or Resolution Numbers of Enrolled Members

E. Approving Amendments to the Monthly Age 18 Reports for April 2013, July 2021, and September 2023 to Correct Names and/or Dates of Births of Members

√17. Enrollment Program Per Capita Agenda Items for TOLC November 2026 Session: Marietta Martin; Geneva Acosta <*CLOSED; to Include: Enrollment Committee; Enrollment Director & Staff; Legislative Attorney Staff*>

A. Approving the Monthly Age 18 Report for November 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

√18. Authorizing the Tohono O'odham Farming Authority Management Board to Execute the Agreements with Empower and Approving a Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity - General Manger Rick King, Human Resources Elanie Felix; Autumn Shone

✓19. TOLC Minutes:

✓A. September 8, 9, 10 and 11, 2026 Special Session
✓B. September 16, 17, 21 and 22, 2026 General Session
✓C. September 29, 2026 Special Session
✓D. October 06, 2026 Special Session
E. October 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16, 2026 General Session
✓F. October 29, 2026 Emergency Session

√20. Update on IRS Issues- Carmen Juan, Controller; Michael Ventura, Assistant Controller; Howard Shanker, OAG; Norma Antonio, CAO <*CLOSED*>

21. Tohono O'odham Nation Audits - <*CLOSED*>

√A. Tohono O'odham Nation Hewel Ni'ok FY2025 Audit - Chris Tyhurts, CPA REDW; Carlos Aguilera, Audit Manager REDW; Verlon Jose, Chairman; Carla Johnson, Vice Chairwoman; Carmen Juan, Controller; Michael Ventura, Assistant Controller; Drew Stevens, Detail Treasurer; Gardenia Ortega, Assistant Treasurer, Sial Thonolig, Manager and Norma Antonio, CAO

i. Resolution - Accepting and Approving the FY 2025 Hewel Ñi'okĭ Auditor's Report and Authorizing its Distribution <*OFF AIR*>

√B. Tohono O'odham Nation/Tohono O'odham Nation Health Care FY2025 Audit - Chris Tyhurts, CPA REDW; Carlos Aguilera, Audit Manager REDW; Verlon Jose, Chairman; Carla Johnson, Vice Chairwoman; Veronica Geronimo, CEO; Carmen Juan, Controller; Michael Ventura, Assistant Controller; Drew Stevens, Detail Treasurer; Gardenia Ortega, Assistant Treasurer and Norma Antonio, CAO

i. Resolution - Approving the Tohono O'odham Nation Financial Statements and Government Services Department/Single Audit Reports for the Year Ended September 30, 2025 and Authorizing its Distribution <*OFF AIR*>

~~**23. Border security item meeting with federal officials to the November 20, 2026 General Session**~~ ***(Item added to Item No. 4)***

√**24. Approving FY 2021-2027 Chukut Kuk District American Rescue Plan Act Budget Amendment No. 2** ***(Running Agenda)***

✓**26. Setting January-June 2027 General Session Locations27. Approving FY 2027 Planning and Economic Development Department Roads Program PIR 400(1) San Lucy Sidewalks & Street Lights Budget Amendment No. 4) Presenter Melissa Andrade, Project Administrator, Yuriko Toro, Project Administrator, Executive Director Nadine Manuel**

✓**28. Office of Attorney General FY2027 Budget amendment No. 1**

29. Environmental Protection program FY 2027 Native American Lands Environmental Mitigation program Budget

30. Approving FY 2027 Department of Education, Education Assistance Program Budget Amendment No. 1 Presenters: Executive Director Patrick Andrews, Director Winifred Begay, David Perez, Sr. Program Manager ***(Thurs., Nov. 19, 2026)***

✓**31. Approving FY 2027 Legal Defense Fund Implementation**

32. Approving FY 2026 – FY 2027 Hewel Ni'ok Bureau of Indian Affairs One-Time Funding Budget Amendment No. 1 and Accepting No Cost Extension