

**TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 2026 GENERAL SESSION
SEPTEMBER 22, 2026**

AMENDED AGENDA NO. 1

CALL TO ORDER: Wavalene M. Saunders, Chairwoman, TOLC

ROLL CALL: Evonne Wilson, Secretary

PRESIDING OFFICERS: Wavalene M. Saunders, Chairwoman, TOLC

INVOCATION: Councilwoman Janice Felix, San Xavier District

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Tohono O'odham Legislative Council

BUSINESS:

1. Accepting the Bureau of Indian Affairs Budget Year 2024 Supplemental Tribal Transportation Program Funds for the Tohono O'odham Nation's PIR Road Maintenance TTP - Melissa Andrade, Project Administrator; Nadine Manuel, Executive Director
2. Advocate Office Items: Cheryl M. Lopez, Program Manager; William Bruce, Advocate Sr.; Belinda BreMiller, Attorney Sr.
 - A. Approving FY2027 Professional Services Contract between the Tohono O'odham Nation and Michael Brown, Esq.
 - B. Approving FY2027 Professional Services Contract between the Tohono O'odham Nation and Saul Huerta, Esq.
 - C. Approving FY2027 Professional Services Contract between the Tohono O'odham Nation and Isabel Amsel, Esq.
 - D. Approving FY2027 Professional Services Contract between the Tohono O'odham Nation and Tyler Francis, Esq.
 - E. Approving FY2027 Professional Services Contract between the Tohono O'odham Nation and Thomas Hartzell, Esq.
 - F. Approving FY2027 Professional Services Contract between the Tohono O'odham Nation and Benjamin Aguilera, Esq.
 - G. Approving FY2027 Professional Services Contract between the Tohono O'odham Nation and Brooke Bedrick, Esq.
 - H. Approving FY2027 Professional Services Contract between the Tohono O'odham Nation and Joshua Marshall, Esq.
 - I. Approving FY2027 Professional Services Contract between the Tohono O'odham Nation and Robert Curigliano, Esq.
 - J. Approving FY2027 Professional Services Contract between the Tohono O'odham Nation and Jennifer Wiedle, Esq.
3. Office of Attorney General Items: AG Howard Shanker; DAG Hue Le; Rebecca Cohen
 - A. Memorandum of Understanding regarding Special Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction
 - B. Resolution approving the adoption of a Uniform State Indian Child Welfare Act by the Uniform Law Commission
 - C. Resolution opposing the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's proposed revisions and permitting reform legislation to section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act

4. **Approving 2026 Grantees for the Disbursement of the Gaming Compact Section 12(d) 12% Contribution - Verlon Jose Chairman; Carla Johnson, Vice Chairwoman; Matt Smith SIMG <CLOSED SESSION>**
5. **Tohono O’odham Department of Health and Human Services Items: Detailed Executive Director, Health and Human Services, Brightstar Benson; Director, Jennie Becenti Division Program Manager Seniors, Andrew Long, Behavioral Health; Monica Laborin, Family Assistance**
 - A. **Approving Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement Between the Tohono O’odham Nation and Marcus Funeral Care, LLC DBA Marcus Funeral Services**
6. **American Rescue Plan Act Budgets:**
 - A. **Approving FY2025-2026 Sif-Oidak District American Rescue Plan Act Budget Amendment No. 3 - Rita Wilson, Chairwoman; Joshua Albert, Vice Chairman; ARPA Team**
 - B. **Approving FY2022-2027 San Xavier District American Rescue Plan Act Budget Amendment No. 4 - Austin Nunez, Chairman; Celestine Pablo, Vice Chairwoman; ARPA Team**
 - C. **Approving FY2025-2027 Baboquivari District American Rescue Plan Act Budget Amendment No. 3 - Veronica Harvey, Chairwoman; Idella Stanley, Vice Chairwoman; Amelia Arnold, Treasurer; ARPA Team**
 - D. **Approving FY2025-2026 Pisinemo District American Rescue Plan Act Budget Amendment No. 1 - Stanley Cruz, Chairman; Gerald Fayuant, Vice Chairman; Andrew Saraficio, Treasurer; ARPA Team**
 - E. **Approving FY2022-2027 Sells District American Rescue Plan Act Budget Amendment No. 3 - Larry Wilson, Chairman; ARPA Team**
 - F. **Approving FY2022-2027 Gu Achi District American Rescue Plan Act Budget Amendment No. 2 - Angeline D. Ramon, Chairwoman; Gordon Ramon Sr., Vice Chairman; Grace Gonzales, Treasurer; ARPA Team**
7. **Authorizing Tohono O’odham Nation Delegation to the National Congress of American Indians 83rd Annual Convention and Marketplace – Chairwoman Wavalene M. Saunders**
8. **Condemning Illegal Diminishment of the Nation’s Reservation, Trespass, and Use of Bureau of Indian Affairs and Other Federal Agents Against the Nation in Violation of the Duty to Support Tribal Self-Government and Protect Indian Lands and Resources – Border Security Delegation**