

APPROVED on August 31, 2023

**Arizona Department of Homeland Security
East Regional Advisory Council
MEETING MINUTES**

April 13, 2023

A regular meeting of the Arizona Department of Homeland Security (AZDOHS) East Regional Advisory Council (ERAC) was convened on April 13, 2023. The meeting was held in person. Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.02, notice had been duly given (**Attachment A**). Present and absent were the following members of the East RAC:

Members Present:

Chairman, Chief Bruce Walls, Florence Police Department
Chief Hayden Boyd, Duncan Valley Rural Fire District
Sheriff Mark Lamb, Pinal County Sheriff's Office
Chief Dale Walters, Globe Police Department
Supervisor Paul David, Graham County
Dr. Matt Bolinger, Greenlee County Emergency Management
Captain Weston White, Arizona Department of Public Safety
Emergency Manager Carl Melford, Gila County Emergency Management
Chief Mark McCrory, Case Grande Police Department
Deputy Director Collin Fanning, Graham County Emergency Management

Members Absent:

Chief Brad Pitassi, City of Maricopa Fire

Arizona Department of Homeland Security (AZDOHS) Staff Members Present:

Susan Dzbanko, Interim Director
Belinda Torres, Strategic Planner
Kim Brooks, Strategic Planner

Public Members:

Members of the public were present.

REGULAR BUSINESS

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Bruce Walls called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. It was determined a quorum was present. Members of the RAC introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A **motion** was made by Dale Walters and **seconded** by Hayden Boyd to approve the March 17, 2022 and May 26, 2022 meeting minutes as submitted. (**Attachment B**). **The motion passed unanimously.**

GENERAL BUSINESS

REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL SELECTION OF FY 2022-2023 CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Bruce Walls was nominated by Mark Lamb to serve as Chair of the East RAC. The nomination was seconded by Weston White. **The nomination passed unanimously.**

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Dale Walters was nominated by Mark Lamb s for the position of Vice-Chair. The nomination was seconded by Carl Melford. **The nomination passed unanimously.**

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (AZDOHS) UPDATE

Strategic Planner, Belinda Torres provided the East RAC members with information on the following via PPT (**Attachment C**):

- 2023 Grant Application Process
- 2023 Federal Budget/ State Application
- FEMA’s National Priority Areas and Regional Allocations
- Upcoming Quarterly Reports deadlines
- Training and Exercise update
- Upcoming Events- RAC meetings and AZDOHS Monitoring Program

TLO UPDATE

Captain Gabe Saenz from Phoenix Fire Department provided the ACTIC /TLO update

- Facilitation of TLO training
 - Classes from January 2022- January 2023
- Intelligence Analyst Academy
- Threat assessment for the ACTIC
- Upgrading space and technology at the ACTIC

FFY 2023 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (SHSGP) REVIEW/RECOMMENDATIONS AND FFY 2021 REALLOCATION AND FFY 2022 REALLOCATION RECOMMENDATIONS

Strategic Planner, Belinda Torres provided an overview of the FFY 2023 SHSGP Spreadsheet. The RAC was briefed on the various projects submitted for FFY 2023. The RAC was tasked with reviewing 14 SHSGP projects for the East Region. The East RAC then reviewed each project in order of National Priority, then the scoring tool. Members of the public who submitted projects were called upon to answer questions and provide additional information, if necessary. Out of the 14 projects submitted, 11 projects were recommended for “Full funding”, “Partial” funding, or “No” funding for a total of \$493,029.

Chairman Walls made requested a motion to the recommend the allocation of \$493,029 in FFY 2023 funding, \$16,000 in FFY 2022 and \$2,609 in FFY 2021 as allocated on the spreadsheet. A **motion** was made by Dale Walters and **seconded** by Hayden Boyd. **The motion passed unanimously. (Attachment D).**

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

NEXT MEETING

The summer meeting will be held either the last week of August 2023 to discuss potential changes in the SHSGP application and scoring tool.

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CALL TO ADJOURN

Chairman Bruce Walls requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dale Walters **motioned** and Collin Fanning **seconded** to adjourn the meeting at 12:24 p.m. **The motion passed unanimously.**