

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

April 15, 2026

A regular meeting of the Arizona Department of Homeland Security (AZDOHS) West Regional Advisory Council (WRAC) was convened on Wednesday, April 15, 2026. The meeting was held in-person and pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.02, notice having been duly given (**Attachment A**). Present were the following members of the WRAC:

Members Present:

Vice-Chair Robert Ticer, Chief, Prescott Valley Police Department, Proxy for John Feddema
Leslie Horton, Director of Community Health Services, Yavapai County Public Health
Peter Pilafas, Chief, Lake Havasu City Fire Department
Andrew Shurtz, Captain, Arizona Department of Public Safety
Jon Brambila, Deputy Chief, Prescott Police Department
Jack Yeager, Chief, Kingman Fire Department
Brian Freudenthal, Chief, Cottonwood Police Department
Miguel Alvarez, Undersheriff, LaPaz County Sheriff's Department, proxy for William Ponce

Members Absent:

Chair John Feddema, Operations Chief, Central Arizona Fire & Medical Authority

AZDOHS Staff Members Present:

Kim Brooks, Strategic Planner
Belinda Torres, Strategic Planner
Michelle Raskey, Grants/Finance Specialist

Public Present:

Members of the public were present.

REGULAR BUSINESS

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Vice-Chair Robert Ticer called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. It was determined a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A **motion** was made by Brian Freudenthal and **seconded** by Jon Brambila to approve the August 20, 2025 and February 25, 2026 meeting minutes as presented (**Attachment B**). **The motion passed unanimously.**

GENERAL BUSINESS

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (AZDOHS) UPDATE

Kim Brooks updated the WRAC on the following **(Attachment C)**:

- FFY 2026 Grant Application Update
- FFY 2025 SHSGP Update
- Upcoming events

MARICOPA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Brian Dais, CISSP, AZTAK Program Lead from the Maricopa County Sheriff's Department provided an overview of the AZTAK software and the operational uses to support officer safety and operational efficiencies **(Attachment D)**.

ACTIC / TLO UPDATE

Aaron Adams, Phoenix Fire Department provided a presentation on TLO Back to Basics, a Fusion Liaison Officer overview, stressing an emphasis on bridging the gap between public service and public healthcare, and an update on the ACTIC/TLO initiatives. Upcoming training offerings were shared. **(Attachment E)**.

FFY 2026 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (SHSGP) PROJECT REVIEW / RECOMMENDATIONS **(Attachment F)**

Kim Brooks provided an overview of the FFY 2026 SHSGP Spreadsheet. Members of the public whom submitted projects were called upon to answer questions and provide additional information, if necessary. Project were recommended for "full" funding, "Partial" funding or "No" funding.

Vice-Chair Bob Ticer requested a motion to recommend the allocation of \$418,769 as indicated on the spreadsheet. A **motion** was made by Andrew Shurtz and **seconded** by Peter Pilafas to recommend funding for the projects as discussed. **The motion passed unanimously.**

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held August 19, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. in Prescott Valley.

CALL TO ADJOURN

Danny Thomas **motioned** and Peter Pilafas **seconded** to adjourn the meeting at 11:35 a.m. **The motion passed unanimously.**