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Arizona Department of Homeland Security East Regional Advisory Council MEETING MINUTES

July 9, 2026

A regular meeting of the Arizona Department of Homeland Security (AZDOHS) East Regional Advisory Council (ERAC) was convened on Thursday, July 9, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. The meeting was held virtually. 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:

Chairperson Michael Pooley, Police Chief, Apache Junction Police Department and Proxy for Carl Melford, Emergency Manager, Gila County Emergency Management
Collin Fanning, Deputy Director, Graham County Emergency Management
Weston White, Captain, Arizona Department of Public Safety
Brian Ramirez, Deputy Chief, Proxy for Mark McCrory, Police Chief, Casa Grande Police Department
Ross Teeple, Sheriff, Pinal County Sheriff's Office
Hayden Boyd, Fire Chief, Duncan Valley Rural Fire District

Members Absent:

Vice-Chairperson, Dale Walters, Police Chief, Globe Police Department
Brad Pitassi, Fire Chief, Maricopa Fire and Medical Department

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

Belinda Torres, Strategic Planner
Kim Brooks, Strategic Planner
Quteiba Al-Timeemy, Budget Manager

Public Members:

Members of the public were present

REGULAR BUSINESS

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chairperson Michael Pooley called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m. It was determined a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairperson Michael Pooley requested a motion to approve the May 7, 2026 meeting minutes as submitted. Brian Ramirez **motioned** and it was **seconded** by Ross Teeple (**Attachment B**). **The motion passed unanimously.**

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GENERAL BUSINESS

REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL SELECTION OF FY 2026-2027 CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Michael Pooley was nominated by Ross Teeple to serve as Chairperson of the East RAC. The nomination was seconded by Hayden Boyd. **The nomination passed unanimously.**

Collin Fanning was nominated by Michael Pooley to serve as Vice-Chairperson of the East RAC. The nomination was seconded by Ross Teeple. **The nomination passed unanimously.**

FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FFY 2026 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (SHSGP) (Attachment C)

Belinda Torres provided an overview of the FFY 2026 SHSGP ERAC Recommended Spreadsheet. The RAC was briefed on the shortfall of funding received in FFY2026 SHSGP. All other projects were finalized for “Full” funding, “Partial” funding or “No” funding.

Chairperson Michael Pooley requested a motion to recommend the allocation of \$478,418 in FFY 2026 and SHSGP and 21,382 in FFY2023 and \$16,356 in FFY 2024. A **motion** was made by Ross Teeple **seconded** by Hayden Boyd to recommend the projects as discussed. **The motion passed unanimously.**

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be determined

CALL TO ADJOURN

Chairperson Michael Pooley requested a **motion** to adjourn the meeting. Brian Ramirez **motioned** and Ross Teeple **seconded** to adjourn the meeting at 1:24 p.m. **The motion passed unanimously.**