

APPROVED on 7/9/2026

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

May 7, 2026

A regular meeting of the Arizona Department of Homeland Security (AZDOHS) East Regional Advisory Council (ERAC) was convened on May 7, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. 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:

Chairperson Michael Pooley, Police Chief, Apache Junction Police Department
Justin Quarles, Emergency Management Coordinator, 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
Brad Pitassi, Fire Chief, Maricopa Fire and Medical 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

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

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

Public Members:

Members of the public were present

REGULAR BUSINESS

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chairperson Michael Pooley called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. It was determined a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairperson Michael Pooley requested a motion to approve the February 19, 2026 meeting minutes as submitted. Brian Ramirez **motioned** and it was **seconded** by Hayden Boyd (**Attachment B**). **The motion passed unanimously.**

GENERAL BUSINESS

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 C**).

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (AZDOHS) UPDATE

Belinda Torres updated the CRAC on the following (**Attachment D**):

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

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).

Belinda Torres provided an overview of the FFY 2026 SHSGP Spreadsheet. The ERAC was briefed on the various projects. The ERAC was tasked with reviewing all submitted SHSGP projects for the East Region. 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.

Chairperson Michael Pooley requested a motion to recommend the allocation of \$514,298. A **motion** was made by Collin Fanning and **seconded** by Hayden Boyd 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 in person in Payson on August 27, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

CALL TO ADJOURN

Chairperson Michael Pooley requested a **motion** to adjourn the meeting. Hayden Boyd **motioned** and Collin Fanning **seconded** to adjourn the meeting at 11:55 a.m. **The motion passed unanimously.**