

APPROVED on May 7, 2026

Arizona Department of Homeland Security
East Regional Advisory Council
MEETING MINUTES

February 19, 2026

A regular meeting of the Arizona Department of Homeland Security (AZDOHS) East Regional Advisory Council (ERAC) was convened on February 19, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was held in 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
Carl Melford, Emergency Manager, Gila County Emergency Management
Collin Fanning, Deputy Director, Graham County Emergency Management
Weston White, Captain, Arizona Department of Public Safety
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

Members Absent:

Vice-Chairperson, Dale Walters, Police Chief, Globe Police Department
Hayden Boyd, Fire Chief, Duncan Valley Rural Fire District

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

Susan Dzbanko, Deputy Director
Belinda Torres, Strategic Planner
Kim Brooks, Strategic Planner
Michelle Raskey, Grants/Finance Specialist II
Kelsie Blazier, Communications Manager

Public Members:

Members of the public were present

REGULAR BUSINESS

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chairperson Michael Pooley called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. It was determined a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairperson Michael Pooley requested a motion to approve the August 14, 2025 meeting minutes as submitted. Carl Melford **motioned** and it was **seconded** by Brad Pitassi (**Attachment B**). **The motion passed unanimously.**

GENERAL BUSINESS

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY UPDATE (Attachment C)

Belinda Torres provided the EAST RAC members with information on the following via PPT:

- FFY 2026 Grant Application Process
- FFY 2025 DHS Updated Terms and Conditions
- Period of Performance
- Supplemental Applications Solicited in October 2025
- FFY 2025 Regional Allocation
- Upcoming Meeting

ACTIC/TLO UPDATE (Attachment D)

Captain Aaron Adams from the Phoenix Fire Department provided the following update:

TLO Course Descriptions:

- Basic TLO Course
- Statewide Threat Assessment & Mitigation Program STAMP Course
- Threat Vulnerability Assessment (TVA) Certification
- Field Intelligence Team (FIT) Certification Course

FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FFY 2025 AND REALLOCATION FOR FFY 2023 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (Attachment E).

Belinda Torres provided an overview of the final recommendations for the FFY 2025 SHSGP Spreadsheet and the FFY 2023 reallocation for the ERAC. This included details on projects recommended for funding discussed during the April 10, 2025 ERAC meeting. Additionally, an overview was given regarding projects recommended for partial funding or no funding.

The Arizona City Fire District was funded in the amount of \$16,356 from the FY2023 budget for the acquisition of three portable radios.

Chairperson Michael Pooley requested a motion to recommend the FFY 2025 allocation of \$514,298 and the FFY 2023 reallocation of \$16,356. A **motion** was made by Collin Fanning and **seconded** by Carl Melford 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 Date and time, TBD

CALL TO ADJOURN

Chairperson Michael Pooley requested a **motion** to adjourn the meeting. Ross Teeple **motioned** and Brad Pitassi **seconded** to adjourn the meeting at 10:33 a.m. **The motion passed unanimously.**