



Arizona Emergency Response Commission

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REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES – March 31, 2026

The Arizona State Emergency Response Commission convened virtually via GoToWebinar on March 31, 2026.

VOTING MEMBERS/DESIGNEES PRESENT

Cpt. Tom Neve, Chair (Present)	AZDPS (AZ Department of Public Safety)
Cheryl Kennedy (Virtual)	AZDOHS (AZ Department of Homeland Security)
David Egliskis (Virtual)	ADOT (AZ Department of Transportation)
Joseph Pinkerman (Present)	AZCC (AZ Corporation Commission)
Bryce Rucker (Virtual)	AZICA (AZ Industrial Commission of Arizona)
Chris Kriebel (Present)	AZDFFM (AZ Department of Forestry and Fire Management)
Les Presmyk (Virtual)	AZSMI (AZ State Mine Inspector)
Brian Darling (Present)	AFCA (AZ Fire Chiefs Association)
Edward Valinski (Virtual)	AZDHS (AZ Department of Health Services)

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:

G. Lavine	AZDEMA (AZ Dept of Emergency and Military Affairs)
Dwayne Uhlig	AZDA (AZ Department of Agriculture)

GUESTS

James Olson	AGO (Attorney General’s Office)
Tony Shamblen (Present)	AZDFFM (AZ Department of Forestry and Fire Management)
Jason Jessamine (Virtual)	AFCA (AZ Fire Chiefs Association)
Eric Villa (Virtual)	AZCC (AZ Corporation Commission)
Sonya Herrera	ADOT (AZ Department of Transportation)
Frederick Heggstad	Yavapai County LEPC
Collin Fanning	Graham/Greenlee LEPC
Joey Kosiorowski	Pima County LEPC
Joseph Cruz	Maricopa County LEPC
Karl Postula	Central AZ Fire and Medical Authority
Rose Casey	Unknown
Sydney Cleavenger	Unknown
Travis Mitchell	Pinal County LEPC

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY PRESENT

Julie Riemenschneider	ADEQ - WPD Director
Alicia Chacon	ADEQ - WPD EA
Arcangel Barragan	ADEQ - Emergency Response Unit
Michele Martinez	ADEQ - Emergency Response Unit
Joaquin Marruffo	ADEQ
Roxanne Linsley	ADEQ

1. Establish quorum (Roll Call)

A quorum was established. Capt. Tom Neve, Interim Chairman noted a quorum of voting members participating virtually. Nine members in attendance either in person or virtually and two absent. There were two representatives present from the AZ Department of Forestry and Fire Management, AZ Fire Chiefs Association, and the AZ Department of Transportation; only one representative voted on behalf of each agency.

2. Call meeting to order

Meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by Chairman Tom Neve.

3. Welcome and introductions

After introductions, Chairman Neve welcomed members and attendees and reviewed in person and virtual housekeeping for attendees.

4. Approval of Minutes –

Chairman Neve asked the Commissioners if they had reviewed the draft minutes for the following meetings:

- a. September 11, 2025 SERC Meeting Minutes

Chairman Neve called for a motion to accept the September 11, 2025 minutes. Bryan Darling moved to accept the minutes and Chris Kriebel seconded the motion. **The motion carried with a vote of 9-0, with two members absent.**

5. **America's Water Infrastructure Act (AWIA)** – Michele Martinez provided an overview of all disruption in water services that occurred from September 9, 2025 through March 26, 2026. **No action taken.**

6. **Highly Hazardous Flammable Trains (HHFT)** – Michele Martinez provided an overview of all HHFT Confidential reports that were submitted from September 12, 2025 through March 11, 2026. These reports were disseminated to the Commission members and the impacted LEPCs and Fire Chiefs per the established process. **No action taken.**

7. **Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant** – Michele Martinez provided an overview of the HMEP Grant, the funding amount for the performance period and the number of agencies that benefit from the grant. **No action taken.**
8. **Emergency Response Fund (ERF)** – Arcangel Barragan provided an overview of the ERF, the funding amount and the number of agencies who benefit from the fund. **No action taken.**

9. **Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) -**

- a. Discussion held regarding the Emergency Response Plan Review/Process (ERP) under Arizona Revised statute A.R. S. § 49-125 B. Chairman Neve provided an overview of the process as presented in the agenda packet.

The LEPC Emergency Response Plans were presented to the Commission. Chairman Neve asked the Commissioners if they had reviewed the plans and called for a motion to approve the ERPs as presented with the exception of Yuma County's. Yuma County's LEPC ERP will be returned to for review of recommendations. Brian Darling moved to accept the LEPC ERPs with the exception of Yuma County's and Chris Kriebel seconded the motion. **The motion carried with a vote of 7-2 abstaining, with two members absent.**

- b. Discussion was held regarding the LEPC's biennial exercise status. **No action taken.**
- c. Discussion was held regarding the LEPC membership applications presented for SERC ratification. Chairman Neve called for a motion to approve the LEPC membership applications as presented. Brian Darling moved to approve the LEPC membership applications as presented and Chris Kriebel seconded the motion. **The motion carried with a vote of 9-0, with two members absent.**
- d. Discussion was held regarding the status of LEPCs who are actively holding meetings in accordance with Arizona Revised Statute. **No action taken.**

10. **Old Business**

- a. **Arizona State Emergency Response Commission By-Laws.** Discussion was held regarding the bylaws regarding the meeting frequency. **No action taken.**

11. **New Business**

- a. **Annual Conflict of Interest Forms.** Michele Martinez presented the information regarding ADEQ's policy regarding the requirement of Commissioners submitting Conflict of Interest forms annually. Discussion held. **No action taken.**
- b. **Annual Open Meeting Law Training.** Michele Martinez asked the commission if they were interested in having an OML training at one of the SERC Meetings in the future. Discussion held. **No action taken.**

12. **EXECUTIVE SESSION - None**

13. Resume Open Session – N/A

14. Executive Session Review – N/A

15. Action Item Review Action Item 1: Sent ERP back to Yuma County for review with recommendations provided by Commission.

16. Call to the public. No comments from the public.

17. Future Agenda Items. Add Emergency Response Plan Review Committee, Open Meeting Law Training, Ruling on Yuma ERP.

18. Proposed Date and Time of Next Meeting. Discussion held. The next regular AZSERC meeting will be tentatively scheduled for June 3, 2026 at 1:00 p.m.

19. Adjournment

There being no further business. Meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Meeting minutes approved on June 3, 2026.