

Public Service Announcement Thursday, December 11, 2025

Tohono O'odham Nation Institutional Review Board (TON IRB)

The Tohono O'odham Nation Institutional Review Board is pleased to announce and welcome **Dr. Matt Ignacio as a member of the IRB representing the Nation in the field of Academics.**

Dr. Matt Ignacio is a citizen of the Tohono O'odham Nation from the Chukut Kuk District and an Assistant Professor of Social Work at the Arizona State University Tucson Campus. He received his PhD in Social Welfare from the University of Washington in Seattle, a Master of Science in Social Work from Columbia University, and a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from the University of California, Santa Barbara.

We look forward to Dr. Ignacio's contributions in supporting the Nation's oversight of research that protects the rights, dignity, and well-being of Tohono O'odham people and communities.

Tohono O'odham Nation Legislative Resolution No. 25-411

Term of Appointment: From November 12, 2025 to September 30, 2027, provided that he shall continue to serve until replaced.

IRB Members

- Beth Michel, Interim Chair, Holdover (Baboquivari District)
- Lisa S. Palacios, Secretary, Holdover (Baboquivari District)
- Susan Warmack, Vice-Chair, Holdover (GuVo District)
- Dr. Matt Ignacio, Member (Chukut Kuk District)

Contact Information

For research concerns or to request a presentation for your District or Department, please contact the Board at IRB@tonation-nsn.gov.