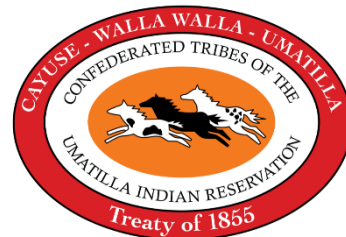


Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation PRESS RELEASE



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CTUIR Voters Retain 5 Incumbents, Elect 6 New Officials in General Election

MISSION – On Tuesday, Nov. 4, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) voters retained five incumbents and elected six new members to the Board of Trustees (BOT) and General Council to lead the CTUIR for the next two years.

For the BOT, the CTUIR's governing body, voters elected N. Kathryn Brigham to replace Gary I. Burke as chair. For vice chair, incumbent Aaron Ashley retained his seat. Also retaining his seat was Treasurer Raymond Huesties. However, incumbent Roberta J. Wilson was defeated by Monica Paradise for the secretary position.

Three incumbent BOT members at large retained their seats: Toby Patrick, Corinne Sams and Lisa Ganuelas. However, incumbent Steven Hart lost his seat to Sierra Quaempts.

Lindsey X. Watchman was elected the new General Council chairman, defeating incumbent Alan Crawford. Boots Pond defeated incumbent Michael Ray Johnson for the General Council vice chair, and Shawna Gavin won the General Council secretary race easily defeating write-in candidates.

As for General Council interpreter, incumbent Thomas Morning Owl will retain his seat as a holdover until a new interpreter is elected. The CTUIR Election Commission issued a statement on Nov. 4 saying because it did not receive any nominating petitions from candidates it subsequently did not catch the missing write-in line until after the absentee ballots were mailed. Therefore, no write-in line for the seat was on the ballot. According to the CTUIR Constitution, the Election Commission will establish a separate voting process for all General Council members to vote for the interpreter position.

Voters also passed a referendum question to allow alcohol sales at Arrowhead Travel Plaza by a 54.45% to 45.55% split. Alcohol sales will be limited to beer, wine, hard seltzer and hard cider and only for off-site consumption.

The elected officials take office Dec. 3 in a 9 a.m. inauguration ceremony at the Nixyáawii Governance Center. The public is invited to attend.

Following are the unofficial election results showing the number of votes received. A total of 819 votes were cast. The winners are identified in bold. The certified results will be completed in accordance with the CTUIR Election Code.

BOT Chair	
N. Kathryn Brigham	285
Gary I. Burke	267
Julie Taylor	221
Lavon Herrera	20
Write-in	11

BOT Vice Chair	
Aaron Ashley	447
David Wolf Jr.	319
Write-in	25

BOT Treasurer	
Raymond Huesties	401
Andrea Hall	207
Rosenda Shippentower	184
Write-in	7

BOT Secretary	
Monica Paradise	331
Roberta J. Wilson	305
Cedric Wildbill	151

BOT Members At Large	
Toby Patrick	394
Corinne Sams	372
Lisa Ganuelas	302
Sierra Quaempts	290
Steven Hart	289
Jill-Marie Gavin	284
Malvin Jamison III	253
Crystal Pond	208
Ellen Taylor	189
Nizhonia Toledo	153
Lloyd Commander	131
Derek Quaempts	111
Write-in	67
Kyle McGuire	62

General Council Chair	
Lindsey X. Watchman	358

Alan Crawford	230
Kathleen Elliot	211
Write-in	6

General Council Vice Chair	
Boots Pond	339
Michael R. Johnson	317
Donald Sampson	148
Write-in	2

General Council Secretary	
Shawna Gavin	685
Write-in	36

Referendum Question	
Yes	428
No	358

The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation is comprised of the Cayuse, Walla Walla and Umatilla Tribes, and formed under the Treaty of 1855 at the Walla Walla Valley, 12 Stat. 945. In 1949, the Tribes adopted a constitutional form of government to protect, preserve and enhance the reserved treaty rights guaranteed under federal law.

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Caption: Members of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) Election Commission watch voters wait their turns to vote in the CTUIR's Nov. 4 General Election at the Nixyáawii Governance Center. LEE GAVIN/CTUIR