



Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

Board of Trustees Meeting Recap: May 18, 2026

Board of Trustees (BOT) Chair N. Kathryn Brigham called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. A quorum of eight was verified with General Council Chairman Lindsey X. Watchman out on personal leave.

Old Business

Polled Motion (26-012): The BOT ratified using the DEB Book to buy a cultural item to donate to the June 5 Washington State Society banquet raffle/silent auction.

Polled Motion (26-013): The BOT ratified sending a letter to the Washington Department of Revenue establishing staff and policy contacts for the Tribal Tax Working Group and general consultation with the agency.

Polled Motion (26-014): The BOT ratified approving any available BOT members and pertinent staff to attend the 2026 Oregon Energy Policy Academy Convening hosted by the National Governors Association May 20-21 at the Wildhorse Resort & Casino.

Polled Motion (26-015): The BOT ratified a polled motion to approve Chair Brigham to sign two documents regarding a tribal member's request for ingress, egress and utility easements to a property the tribal member owns across allotments in which the CTUIR holds interest.

Executive Director Information

The BOT approved Trustee Lisa Ganuelas and pertinent staff to attend and participate with approved talking points in the Washington State Department of Ecology's virtual Tribal Forum on June 2 and Ecology meeting on June 3 regarding the former Columbia Gorge Aluminum site in Goldendale.

The BOT approved General Council Chairman Lindsey X. Watchman to attend and participate in the consultation on Housing in Unincorporated Communities Rulemaking as part of Gov. Tina Kotek's housing production priority.

The BOT approved Trustee Ganuelas to attend the training for Age-Friendly Disaster Planning for Rural Oregon at the Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center on May 21.

The BOT approved any available BOT member to attend the 2026 annual Tribal-State Government-to-Government Summit Dec. 9-10.

The BOT approved tribal attorney Martha Izenon as a speaker for the Building Just Futures panel for the Governor's Data Center Advisory Committee meeting on May 29.

The BOT approved Trustee Ganuelas and tribal attorney Izenon to attend and participate with talking points developed with the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission in the Governor's Data Center Advisory Committee meeting on May 29.

The BOT approved CTUIR Wildlife Program Manager Andrew Wildbill to participate in the consultation with the Hanford Reach National Monument Rattlesnake Unit Elk Management Project.

Next Board of Trustees Meeting: 9 a.m., June 1, 2026

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The BOT approved Department of Natural Resources staff to meet with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to engage in government-to-government consultation for the proposed prescribed burn on BLM-managed lands in Malheur County.

The BOT approved Trustee Sierra Quaempts to attend the 211info and Umatilla County Public Health Department's Follow-Up Community Partner Roundtable on June 2 in Hermiston, Oregon.

The BOT approved assigning Cultural Resources Protection Program staff to review the Wallowa County Planning Department's request for a conditional use permit by the Wallowa Band Nez Perce Trail Interpretive Center and respond to the BOT if formal approval is needed.

The BOT approved Fisheries Program Manager Jerimiah Bonifer to contact the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks regarding its proposal to dispose of the Sportsman Bridge Fishing Access Site as well as Office of Conservation Investment Fish and Wildlife biologist Jay Ogawa and the Nez Perce Tribe.

The BOT approved all BOT members to meet with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for nation-to-nation consultation on proposed plans submitted by the National Oceanic Atmosphere Administration, National Marine Fisheries Service regarding attaching antenna equipment to existing dike structures for its Columbia and Lower Willamette Rivers Project.

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