



Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

Board of Trustees Meeting Recap: August 10, 2026

Board of Trustees (BOT) Chair N. Kathryn Brigham called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. A quorum of eight was present with Trustee Toby Patrick out on personal leave.

New Business

Supplemental Tribal Assistance and Food Distribution (26-046): The BOT approved updated guidance and income qualifications for Tribal Emergency Assistance. The assistance came in response to increased living costs, as well as poor air quality from wildfires affecting human health, closed workplaces and increased household expenditures. The resolution allows the Department of Children and Family Services to hire temporary employees to assist with the administration of the emergency assistance and directs DCFS staff to monitor expenditures, utilization and community need before reporting to the BOT during Fiscal Year 2027 budget hearings to determine if the funds should be continued, modified or discontinued.

Executive Director Information

The BOT nominated Trustee Sierra Quaempts to serve on Washington State's Social Emotional Learning Advisory Committee and attend its 2026-27 meetings.

The BOT approved Tribal Court Director Matt Johnson to speak to first-year students at Whitman College on Sept. 25.

(This meeting recap is an effort to get BOT news to the public in a timelier manner. It is not intended to be a replacement for the official minutes of BOT meetings or any Confederated Umatilla Journal coverage.)

Next Board of Trustees Meeting: 9 a.m., August 17, 2026

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