



Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

Board of Trustees Meeting Recap: June 29, 2026

Board of Trustees (BOT) Vice Chair Aaron Ashley called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. A quorum of five was verified with Chair N. Kathryn Brigham, General Council Chairman Lindsey X. Watchman and Trustees Lisa Ganuelas and Toby Patrick out on personal leave.

New Business

Nicht-Yow-Way Elders Advisory Group Bylaws (26-037): The BOT passed a resolution supporting revisions to the elders group's bylaws and appropriates additional funding per year to support the group. The group's officers and members recommended bylaw changes earlier this year, and the Law and Order Committee reviewed them and offered suggestions on April 20. The BOT were briefed of the changes on June 26.

Other Board Actions

The BOT approved the following motions for CTUIR Commissions and Committee appointments and advertisements:

- Advertise an Education and Training Committee position that is expiring July 7,
- Advertise a Farm Committee position that expired March 24,
- Deferred a motion to reappoint Carrie Sampson to the Health Commission for a three-year term due to her being named a CTUIR deputy executive director in the Office of Executive Director,
- Advertise a position on the Land Protection Planning Commission,
- Reappoint Jeanine Gordon and appoint Celeste Wolf and Cathy Sampson to positions on the Science and Technology Committee, and
- Appoint Rosenda Shippentower to the Tiichám Conservation District for the remaining term expiring on Oct. 3.

All completed applications are due by 4 p.m. on July 17. A BOT work session is set for 8:30 a.m. on July 22 to review applications with appointments being made on July 27.

Executive Director Information

The BOT approved all BOT members to meet with Oregon Attorney General Dan Rayfield on Aug. 24 following the scheduled BOT meeting.

The BOT approved all available BOT members to attend the Friday Nights in Milton-Freewater on July 24 for the All-American Festival celebrating 250 years of the United States of America's independence and share a cultural exhibition or dance that reflects and celebrates CTUIR heritage.

The BOT approved Trustee Corinne Sams to attend the Honoring Our People Powwow on July 18 at the Oregon State Correctional Institution in Salem.

The BOT approved Cultural Resources Protection Program staff to participate in the consultation of the Washington State's Department of Natural Resources Titanium Overall Project involving overpulling fiber optic cable through existing conduit or permitted utility infrastructure in Washington, including facilities on or crossing DNR-managed lands.

Next Board of Trustees Meeting: 9 a.m., July 6, 2026

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