Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

Board of Trustees Meeting Recap: November 9, 2026

Board of Trustees (BOT) Vice Chair Aaron Ashley called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. A quorum of seven was present with Chair N. Kathryn Brighm and Trustee Lisa Ganuelas on personal leave.

New Business

U.S. Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee (STAC) Nomination Letter (2026-022): The BOT approved a polled letter nominating Trustees Sierra Quaempts for the HHS STAC as a tribal representative of the Portland Area. The STAC is HHS' formal government-to-government advisory body for American Indian and Alaska Native tribes, providing a forum for tribal leaders to share perspectives, advise on policies, and collaborate on health programs

Executive Director Information

The BOT approved any available BOT members to attend the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians 2027 Winter Convention and Marketplace on Jan. 17-21 in Ridgefield, Washington.

The BOT approved Trustee Ganuelas to tentatively attend the Tribal Leadership Summit on Nov. 20 at the University of Washington in Seattle.

The BOT approved Vice Chair Ashley to participate in the "Tribal Leaders Panel: Sovereignty, Priorities, and the Meaning of Return" Nov. 16-20 at the Reach 250 Conference in Washington, D.C.

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Next Board of Trustees Meeting: 9 a.m., November 16, 2026
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