



Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

Board of Trustees Meeting Recap: April 27, 2026

Board of Trustees (BOT) Vice Chair Aaron Ashley called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. A quorum of five was verified with Chair N. Kathryn Brigham, General Council Chairman Lindsey X. Watchman and Trustee Sierra Quaempts out on travel; and Trustee Lisa Ganuelas out on personal leave.

New Business

Tutuilla Solar Project (26-027): The BOT approved a resolution amending lease terms between the CTUIR and Tutuilla Solar LLC for a 10.355-acre solar energy project on Coyote Business Park South. The amendment brings Tutuilla Solar into compliance with a 2022 lease agreement after the company had issues obtaining an interconnection agreement with Pacific Power as well as project construction and permanent financial approval.

Funding and Participation in Oregon Public Utility Commission (OPUC) Dockets (26-028): The BOT approved the Department of Economic & Community Development (DECD) to continue engaging outside legal counsel Jim Deason to provide representation in the OPUC dockets No. LC85 regarding PacifiCorp's 2025 Integrated Resource Plan, No. UG525 regarding Cascade Natural Gas Corporation's (CNGC) request for a general rate increase and those related to House Bill 3179, the FAIR Energy Act. The resolution also authorizes the DECD, via Deason, to pursue a multi-year intervener funding agreement (IFA) with PacifiCorp and CNGC. An IFA is part of OPUC's efforts to ensure that all stakeholders such as environmental justice communities and low-income customers have access to safe, reliable and high-quality utility services.

CTUIR Probate Code (26-029): The BOT approved a draft Probate Code to govern the administration of decedent estates and to resolve contested probate-related matters within the Tribal Court's exclusive jurisdiction and its concurrent jurisdiction. The code will take effect after 120 from its passage, which is Aug. 25, 2025.

Other Board Action

Commission/Committee Update: The BOT approved Michelle Moses to fill a remaining four-year term on the Enrollment Commission; DeArcie Abraham to fill a three-year term on the Farm Enterprise; Alan Crawford and Michelle Moses for two-year terms on the Housing Commission; and Cara Greene to fill a two-year seat on the Tiicham Conservation District. The BOT also approved advertising one seat for the Tiicham Conservation District. Applications are due by 4 p.m. on May 22. A BOT work session is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. on May 29 to review applications with appointments set for June 1.

Wildhorse Foundation Annual Report: The BOT approved to accept the foundation's annual report, which is required by the Tribal-State Gaming Compact between the CTUIR and state of Oregon.

Executive Director Information

The BOT approved Intergovernmental Affairs Coordinator Audie Huber for consultation and collaboration for the Oregon Department of Energy, Natural Climate Solutions programs for two workstreams: Natural Climate Solutions and Metrics Analysis and Goal setting for Natural & Working Lands. Huber was also authorized to bring any pertinent information back to the BOT.

Next Board of Trustees Meeting: 9 a.m., May 4, 2026

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The BOT approved any available BOT members to attend the 2026 annual Oregon Continuum of Care Board Meeting June 23-24 at the Tamástslíkt Cultural Institute.

The BOT approved Chair Brigham to attend a fundraiser to support Washington Gov. Bob Ferguson on June 5 in Spokane, Washington, and to contribute \$1,250 to the fundraiser.

The BOT approved any available BOT members to attend the Return to the River Salmon Festival on May 16 at the Walla Walla Community College.

The BOT approved Treasurer Raymond Huesties as the CTUIR representative for the Department of Revenue Tribal Tax Advisory Group.

The BOT approved to engage in nation-to-nation consultation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and provide written comments by May 17 regarding the possible review of a five-year license to the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission at the John Day Lock and Dam Project that involves lamprey translocation and fish management. The proposed activity could potentially affect federally protected tribal resources, tribal treaty rights or tribal lands.

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