



Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

Board of Trustees Meeting Recap: March 2, 2026

Board of Trustees (BOT) Vice Chair Aaron Ashley called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. A quorum of eight was verified with Chair N. Kathryn Brigham on personal leave.

Old Business

Polled Motion re: Suggested Salmon Protection Amendments to Washington 32SHB 2515, Data Center Protection Bill (26-006): The BOT ratified suggested salmon protection amendments to WA SBH 2515 and designated Trustee Corinne Sams to give testimony on the bill Feb. 27 in the Senate Ways and Means Committee in Olympia.

New Business

2026 Noxious Weed Proposal (26-009): The BOT approved a resolution supporting three cooperative projects outlined in the 2026 Noxious Weed Proposal for the Umatilla Indian Reservation and a request for \$80,500 in Bureau of Indian Affairs funding to carry out the efforts.

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) Signatory Authorization (26-010): The BOT approved a resolution calling for continued participation in all agricultural programs under the USDA's jurisdiction, including those administered by the FSA and Natural Resources Conservation Service. It also authorizes the executive director, Department of Economic and Community Development director, Farm manager, assistant Farm manager and Farm Committee chair to execute all documents required to participate in and comply with USDA FSA program requirements.

Kilby Bus Barn Acquisition (26-011): The BOT approved the real estate purchase and sale agreement between the CTUIR and Michael J. Kilby and Marshall Jon Kilby for the Kilby Bus Barn property, which provides covered shelter for Public Works operations, equipment maintenance and vehicle and equipment storage. The resolution also states that upon receipt of title, the CTUIR shall file a fee-to-trust application on the property.

Alternative Investment Opportunity (26-012): The BOT rejected a resolution authorizing investment into Prophetic Technologies, an artificial intelligence-driven, software-as-a-service platform focused on land acquisition and real estate development analytics.

Executive Director Information

The BOT approved any available BOT members and pertinent staff to attend the introductory consultation meetings for interested tribes to provide an overview of the Metro Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) and draft a MTIP project list via Zoom on March 6, 10 or 11.

The BOT approved Treasurer Monica Paradise and Department of Economic and Community Development Director Bill Tovey to meet with the U.S. General Accountability Office to discuss Economic Development Administration-funded activities in rural areas.

The BOT approved any available BOT member and pertinent staff to attend the 2026 Oregon Tribal Behavioral Health Summit May 4-6 at the Wildhorse Resort & Casino.

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

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The BOT approved any available BOT member and pertinent staff to attend a ribbon-cutting ceremony for Blueberry Bridal on March 10 at Vista Field in Kennewick, Washington.

The BOT approved a meeting between Umatilla County commissioners and CTUIR members on May 8.

The BOT approved Trustee Lisa Ganuelas to attend the Spring Native American Advisory Board meeting on March 13 at the Elson S. Floyd Cultural Center on the Washington State University campus in Pullman.

The BOT approved any available BOT member and pertinent staff to attend the Union Pacific Tracks to the Future Event follow-up meeting on March 12 in La Grande.

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