

Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

Board of Trustees Meeting Recap: June 30, 2025

Board of Trustees (BOT) Treasurer Raymond Huesties called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. Quorum of six was verified with Chairman Gary I. Burke, Vice Chairman Aaron Ashley and Member at Large Lisa Ganuelas on personal leave. Agenda was approved 5-0-0 with action items only due to the loss of a tribal member.

Old Business

Commission/Commitee Past Due Appointments (25-004): The BOT unanimously approved the polled motion to consider appointments by acclamation for April applicants due to recent cancellations. Approved were DeArcie Abraham to the Culture Coalition, Dorothy Cyr to the Health Commission, Leiloni Eustaquio to the Housing Commission and Lawanda Bronson to the TERO Commission.

New Business

Amended and Restated Economic Ventures Revolving Fund Policy (25-050): The BOT approved a resolution to amend policy designed to outline the process for evaluation, reporting and management of ventures funded by the Revolving Econonic Venture Fund passed in 2023. It also authorized the CTUIR treasurer, executive director and Finance director to take further necessary action to implement the amended policy. The BOT voted 4-0-1 with Secretary Roberta Wilson abstaining.

Cairnspring Mills Blue Mountain Lease Amendment (25-051): The BOT approved a resolution to amend a lease agreement between the CTUIR and Cairnspring Mills Blue Mountain (CMBL) LLC that waives the requirement that CMBL post a performance bond, approves lease payments that were negotiated in the CTUIR's best interest, and waive the valuation of the leases premises and any periodic reviews for valuation or lease adjustment. The BOT voted 4-0-1 with Secretary Roberta Wilson abstaining.

Executive Director Information

The BOT unanimously approved available BOT members and Office of Executive Director staff to attend FEMA Management Courses for tribal leaders and government Aug. 18-22 at the Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center.

The BOT unanimously approved a letter of support from the BOT and Chairman Burke for the First Face for Law & Justice research project proposal. The project aims to support public safety officers and other law and justice professionals through collaboration of the Healing Lodge and the Division of Addiction at Cambridge Health Alliance, a Harvard Medical School teaching hospital.

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