



Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

Board of Trustees Meeting Recap: May 19, 2025

Meeting called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Board of Trustees (BOT) Chairman Gary I. Burke. Invocation given by Member at Large Toby Patrick. Quorum of eight was verified with Member at Large Lisa Ganuelas on personal leave. Agenda approved 7-0-0.

Old Business

None

New Business

Rural Transit Day (25-039): The BOT approved a resolution designating July 16 as Rural Transit Day and supporting efforts at the tribal, federal, state, and local levels that promote increases in public funding for rural transit, promote accessibility of public transit for seniors and people with disabilities, promote the availability and connectivity of intercity bus service in rural areas, reduce barriers, and increase job opportunities. The resolution calls for July 16 to be an annual designation, with the first national Rural Transit Day celebrated in 2019 by the Rural Transit Assistance Program, from which the CTUIR's Kayak Public Transit receives assistance. The BOT approved the motion 7-0-0.

Other Board Actions

None

Executive Director Information

The BOT approved Department of Economic & Community Development Director Bill Tovey to meet with Business Oregon Director Sophorn Cheang to discuss strengthening the relationship between the Oregon economic development agency and CTUIR. The BOT approved the motion 7-0-0.

The BOT approved all available BOT members to meet Director Cheang for a tour of the Nixyáawii Governance Center and CTUIR properties on June 26 with a reception to follow. The BOT approved the motion 7-0-0.

The BOT approved Member at Large Corinne Sams to meet with the Oregon Department of Justice's Crime Victim and Survivor Services Division regarding community collaboration on June 3 at the Tamástslikt Cultural Institute. The BOT approved the motion 7-0-0.

The BOT approved any available BOT members to attend a site visit to Heritage University in Toppenish, Washington, on a Friday before June 30. The BOT approved the motion 7-0-0.

The BOT approved all BOT members to participate in/attend Flag Day on May 20 at the Nixyáawii Governance Center's front lawn. The BOT approved the motion 7-0-0.

(This meeting recap is an effort to get abbreviated, objective BOT meeting news to the public in a more timely manner. It is not intended to be a replacement for the official minutes of the BOT meetings or any Confederated Umatilla Journal coverage.)

Next Board of Trustees Meeting: 9 a.m., June 2, 2025

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