

Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

Board of Trustees Meeting Recap: September 22, 2025

Board of Trustees (BOT) Chairman Gary I. Burke called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. Quorum of eight was verified with Member at Large Corinne Sams absent. Agenda was approved 7-0-0.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Other Board Actions

CTUIR Letter to Indian Health Service (IHS): The BOT unanimously approved sending a letter to IHS stating its objection to the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians' request to expand its purchase/referred care delivery area to Morrow, Wallowa, Baker, Grant and Malheur counties in Oregon.

Executive Director Information

The BOT unanimously approved attending a joint consultation with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and authorized the Office of Legal Counsel to coordinate meeting details with USFWS and the other Columbia River Treaty Tribes to discuss distribution of surplus hatchery fish.

The BOT unanimously approved available staff to attend Columbia County's 150th anniversary celebration on Saturday, Oct. 4 in Dayton, Washington.

The BOT unanimously approved a site visit from Executive Director Danielle Stensgar of the Healing Lodge of the Seven Nations on Oct. 22.

The BOT unanimously approved available staff to attend the Public Power Forum on Oct. 23 at the Three Rivers Convention Center in Kennewick, Washington.

The BOT unanimously approved any available BOT members to attend the Arts of Council of Pendleton on Nov. 8.

The BOT unanimously approved any available BOT members or Education & Training Committee members and Education Department staff to attend the President's Native American Advisory Council Fall Meeting on Oct. 29 in Moscow, Idaho.

The BOT approved Member at Large Sams to attend the Satterberg Foundation-Columbia River Tour on Oct. 5-8. The vote was 6-0-0 with Member at Large Lisa Ganuelas not present for the vote.

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