



Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

Board of Trustees Meeting Recap: August 31, 2026

Board of Trustees (BOT) Vice Chair Aaron Ashley called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. A quorum of six was present with Chair N. Kathryn Brigham out on administrative leave and Trustees Lisa Ganuelas and Toby Patrick out on personal leave.

New Business

Mission Community Water and Sewer Rates 2027 to 2030 (26-052): The BOT approved the Mission Community Water and Sewer Rates for 2027 to 2030, which stem from a CTUIR water rate study completed earlier this year to determine rates necessary to address long-term needs.

Approval of Investment of Callan OS Private Credit Fund (26-053): The BOT approved investing in the Callan OS Private Credit Fund up to amounts recommended by CTUIR investment advisor Ulrich Investment Consultants. According to the resolution, an allocation from the Minors Trusts, Working Capital Reserve and Perpetual Funds portfolios into the Callan OS Private Credit Fund is consistent with the policies and goals of the portfolios.

Commission/Committee Update

The BOT approved to advertise for a seat on the Economic Community Development Committee and one on the Education and Training Committee. The current terms for both seats expire Sept. 10. The BOT also reapproved Mary Holt to the Gaming Commission for a four-year term that will end Aug. 1, 2030. The BOT approved to advertise a seat on the Health Commission to fill a three-year term ending Feb. 9, 2029, as well as a seat on the Housing Commission to fill a two-year term expiring Sept. 10, 2030. The BOT approved General Council Chairman Lindsey X. Watchman to replace Secretary Monica Paradise on the Land Acquisition Committee. That term will end Dec. 1, 2027. For the Law and Order Committee, the BOT approved to advertise for a seat that's expiring Sept. 10. And for the Land Protection Planning Commission, the BOT approved Nizhonia Toledo to a three-year term. All applications are due by 4 p.m. on Sept. 18. A BOT work session is set for 8:30 a.m. on Sept. 25 to review applications, and appointments will be made on Sept. 28.

Executive Director Information

The BOT approved all available BOT members to meet with the State of Washington Department of Ecology - Richland Office for consultation on draft changes to the U.S. Department of Energy, Hanford Facility Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Permit, Dangerous Waste Portion, Revision 9A for the Treatment, Storage and Disposal of Dangerous Waste.

The BOT approved pertinent staff to submit comments or request government-to-government consultation regarding the Community Engagement Plan Guidance with the Oregon Water Resources Department and report back to the BOT.

The BOT approved Department of Natural Resources staff to review a letter from the U.S. Bureau of Land Management Montana/Dakotas State Office regarding an Oil and Gas Lease Parcel Preliminary Review and submit comments.

Next Board of Trustees Meeting: 9 a.m., September 14, 2026

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The BOT approved Nixyáawii Community Financial Services staff to track possible changes to the Native American Direct Loan Program that will be discussed Sept. 1 in Washington, D.C., during the Housing and Urban Development National Tribal Housing Summit.

The BOT approved Trustee Ganuelas to virtually attend a state of Washington Climate Commitment Act Workgroup meeting on Sept. 3.

The BOT approved Chair Brigham and Trustee Patrick to attend the Governor's Task Force on Oregon Tribal Cultural Items in Salem on Sept. 11 at the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife.

The BOT approved Chair Brigham and contract attorney Brent Hall to meet new Bonneville Power Administration Administrator Travis Kavulla on Sept. 15 during the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians' general session with Office of Legal Counsel drafting talking points.

The BOT approved Trustee Sierra Quaempts to attend the 2026 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Tribal Technical Advisory Committee Sept. 15-17 in Anacortes, Washington.

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