



Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

Board of Trustees Meeting Recap: November 3, 2025

Board of Trustees (BOT) Chairman Gary I. Burke called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. Quorum of eight was verified with Vice Chairman Aaron Ashley on personal leave. Agenda was approved 7-0-0.

New Business

Temporary Assistance to Tribal Member Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Recipients (25-078): The BOT unanimously approved a polled resolution to provide temporary general welfare assistance to tribal members currently enrolled in the federal SNAP due to the U.S. government shutdown. The aid is non-taxable due to it being general welfare assistance.

Commission/Committee Update

The BOT approved Aaron Jackson to the Land Acquisition Committee, Sam Spino to the Land Protection Planning Commission, Gretchen Hines to the Tribal Employment Rights Office Commission and DeArcie Abraham to the Tiicham Conservation District. The BOT also unanimously voted to advertise a position on the Election Commission on the Nov. 3 Public Notice.

Executive Director Information

The BOT unanimously approved Treasurer Raymond Huesties to speak at the Traveling Vietnam Wall Opening Ceremony on Nov. 7 at the Tamástslíkt Cultural Institute.

The BOT unanimously approved a \$600 donation for the 74th Northwest Fish Culture Concepts Workshop for Dec. 9-11 at the Wildhorse Resort & Casino.

The BOT unanimously approved a motion that any BOT member attend the Workforce Development ribbon-cutting ceremony on Nov. 14.

The BOT unanimously deferred a motion to attend the 20th annual Government-to-Government Violence Against Women Tribal Consultation set for Jan. 21-23 at the Mystic Lake Center in Prior Lake, Minnesota, until the CTUIR Law & Order Committee has reviewed it.

The BOT unanimously approved a one-time donation of \$5,000 out of the Contingency Fund for the Western Alaska Disaster Relief 2025.

The BOT approved a motion for Higher Education, Workforce Development and Informational Technology staff members to contact Dr. Rebecca Hawk of Portland State University for guidance, feedback and direction about implementing an educational agreement regarding cybersecurity training for Oregon tribes. The vote was 5-0-0 as Members at Large Lisa Ganuelas and Corinne Sams had to leave to attend an appointment at the Reach Museum in Richland, Washington.

The BOT unanimously approved tribal staff to contact Mike Tessean, tribal liaison/Native American Program coordinator with Oregon Youth Authority, to set up a meeting.

Next Board of Trustees Meeting: 9 a.m., November 10, 2025

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The BOT unanimously approved Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) staff to participate in a formal consultation with Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) Adult Protective Services regarding rule changes with Leona Enwright by Nov. 28.

The BOT unanimously approved DCFS and Office of Legal Counsel staff to participate in a formal consultation with ODHS Foster Licensing and Certification Transition by Nov. 28.

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