



# Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

## Board of Trustees Meeting Recap: February 9, 2026

Board of Trustees (BOT) Vice Chair Aaron Ashley called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. A quorum of eight was verified with Chair N. Kathryn Brigham out on travel.

### **Executive Director Information**

The BOT approved Secretary Monica Paradise and pertinent staff to participate in the University of Idaho President's Native American Advisory Council Spring Meeting at the Legends Casino Hotel on April 21.

The BOT approved General Council Chairman Lindsey X. Watchman and Housing Department staff to participate in consultation and coordination for evaluation of Oregon's State Policies and Programs on Housing Production.

The BOT approved pertinent staff to coordinate and schedule a consultation with Franklin County commissioners.

The BOT approved Cultural Resources staff to participate in consultation for review of the HiTech McDermitt Lithium Exploration Plan of Action draft and Inadvertent Discovery Plan draft and to potentially bring back any concerns to the BOT.

The BOT approved Housing Department staff to participate in consultation with Oregon Housing Community Services (OCHS) for a direct lending program as directed by House Bill 684 for 2025-27 biennium and Senate Bill 3589 to incentivize senior housing development with input due by March 23 to OCHS Agency Tribal Liaison Tim Mahern-Macias.

The BOT approved Treasurer Raymond Huesties and Trustee Toby Patrick to provide a prayer for the League of Oregon Cities (LOC) opening ceremony on April 23 and attend dinner on April 24 at the LOC's Spring Conference in the Pendleton Convention Center.

The BOT approved General Council Chairman Watchman to attend the Native American Advisory Council meeting on May 14 in Portland and to invite CTUIR Education & Training Committee members.

The BOT approved Office of Legal Counsel (OLC) and staff to coordinate in the annual consultation between U.S. Attorney's Office Consultation, BOT, Umatilla Tribal Police Department and Prosecution.

The BOT approved Trustee Corinne Sams to attend the Willamette Falls Trust's Reimagine the River session on March 18 at the Redd on Salmon Street in Portland.

The BOT approved Tamástslikt Cultural Institute Director Bobbie Conner, Trustee Patrick and CTUIR language staff to participate in the Willamette Falls Trust's Project Naming Committee.

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