



Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

Board of Trustees Meeting Recap: August 25, 2025

Board of Trustees (BOT) Vice Chairman Aaron Ashley called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. Quorum of seven was verified with Chairman Gary I. Burke and Member at Large Toby Patrick absent. Agenda was approved 6-0-0.

New Business

Revolving Economic Ventures Fund (25-065): The BOT unanimously approved a resolution authorizing an investment in North Vancouver LLC stemming from the Revolving Economic Ventures Fund and approves the North Vancouver LLC operating and subscription agreements.

CTUIR Fiscal Management Policies Amendments (25-066): The BOT unanimously amended the CTUIR Fiscal Management Policies with an immediate effective date except for Parts I and VIII, which will go into effect Jan. 1, 2026. The Fiscal Management Policies guide the CTUIR's overall fiscal affairs and are reviewed annually.

Birch Creek Habitat Acquisition (25-067): The BOT unanimously approved a resolution to buy 98.63 acres commonly known as Kwáikwal, located at the confluence of Birch and Stewart creeks in Umatilla County, from the nonprofit conservation group Western Rivers Conservancy. The acquisition will be funded with federal dollars through the Umatilla Tribes' Stream Corridor Conservation & Protection Project because it meets fish habitat restoration criteria set forth by Bonneville Power Administration. It also allows for the permanent instream transfer of senior water rights to restore flows in Birch Creek.

Other Board Actions

City Different Ultra Short-Term SMA: The BOT unanimously approved a motion approving the BOT chair and vice chair, as well as the executive director and Finance director to execute the applicable Schwab custodial forms to implement the recommended separate account manager City Different Ultra-Short Term SMA.

Executive Director Information

The BOT unanimously nominated Buck Jones to the U.S. Department of Agriculture Advisory Committee and to attend a virtual meeting set for Sept. 18.

The BOT unanimously approved any available BOT member and pertinent staff to meet with Executive Director Danielle Stensgar of The Healing Lodge of the Seven Nations. Date is to be determined.

The BOT approved Member at Large Lisa Ganuelas to consult with Oregon Department of Human Services' Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) regarding the federal government's fiscal year 2026 SNAP state plans. The vote was 5-0-1.

The BOT unanimously approved any available BOT member to attend the screening of "The American Revolution and America 250" on Nov. 7 at Whitman College. The motion also calls for CTUIR's official participation in the event.

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The BOT unanimously approved Member at Large Corinne Sams to attend the Rural Development Initiatives Board & Partner Appreciation Dinner on Sept. 10 at Foundry Vineyards in Walla Walla, Washington.

The BOT unanimously approved all BOT members to register for the National Congress of American Indians annual convention set for Nov. 16-21 in Seattle.

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

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