



Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

Board of Trustees Meeting Recap: August 17, 2026

Board of Trustees (BOT) Vice Chair Aaron Ashley called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. A quorum of seven was present with Chair N. Kathryn Brigham out on travel and Trustee Toby Patrick out on personal leave.

New Business

Nuclear Policy (26-047): The BOT adopted the CTUIR Nuclear Policy to guide staff when strategically engaging with local, state, federal and private entities and to ensure meaningful tribal consultation from nuclear impacts to tribal-ceded territories. The adoption also calls for the Office of Executive Director (OED), through the Energy Strategy Team to report quarterly to the BOT on all new, existing or proposed nuclear development that could adversely impact tribal-ceded lands and describe actions that have or are recommended to prevent or mitigate the adverse harms.

BOT Secretary Policy (26-048): The BOT adopted amendments to the BOT Procedure Code that revise and incorporate the BOT Secretary Procedures, rescind the standalone BOT Secretary Procedures, direct the Office of Legal Counsel (OLC) to make the amended BOT Procedure Code available on the CTUIR website and direct the OED ensure that staff are trained as necessary about the procedures as well as ensure the code is reviewed at least every five years.

Protecting the Tribal Flag and Veterans Flag (26-049): The BOT approved a motion to support the renewal of the "Three Horses Over Setting Sun" mark used by the Wildhorse Resort & Casino to increase protections of the Tribal Flag and that design element. The motion also directs OED to work with OLC to finalize appropriate letters and materials to submit the Tribal Flag design elements to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's Native American Tribal Insignia Database, as well as directs OLC to report within 120 days regarding any protections available for the Veterans Flag under federal law and provide a memo to OED evaluating the utility of a Tribal Trademark Code.

Executive Director Information

The BOT approved Trustees Sierra Quaempts and Patrick along with pertinent staff to play in the 2026 Oregon Tribal Gaming Alliance Golf Tournament at the Wildhorse Resort & Casino on Sept. 3 as well as a \$3,000 sponsorship from the CTUIR Contingency Fund.

The BOT approved the nomination of Trustee Patrick to the 2027 Nez Perce National Historic Trail Sesquicentennial Commemoration.

The BOT approved the CTUIR Youth Leadership Council to attend the fourth annual Rise Up Northwest in Unity in its stead Oct. 13-15 at the Spokane Tribe Resort & Casino in Spokane, Washington.

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

Next Board of Trustees Meeting: 9 a.m., August 24, 2026

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