



Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

Board of Trustees Meeting Recap: March 23, 2026

Board of Trustees (BOT) Vice Chair Aaron Ashley called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. A quorum of six was verified with Chair N. Kathryn Brigham and Trustee Toby Patrick on personal leave and Trustee Lisa Ganuelas on travel.

Old Business

Polled Motion: Education Department letter to Office of Head Start (2026-008): The BOT ratified a letter to the Education Department's Head Start Program formally requesting an extension for corrective action from March 19 to June 17.

Polled Motion: Washington Data Center Workgroup (2026-009): The BOT ratified a letter to the Washington State Department of Revenue commenting on the Washington Data Center Workgroup's Dec. 1, 2025, preliminary report.

Polled Motion: Washington Senate Bill 6355 (2026-010): The BOT ratified a motion approving Treasurer Raymond Huesties as a BOT designee for a March 20 virtual meeting regarding SB 6355, a transmission line bill, facilitated by the Association of Washington Tribes.

New Business

Columbia Development Authority (CDA) Appropriation (26-013): The BOT passed a resolution authorizing an allocation from the Contingency Fund to cover operating expenses incurred or planned to be incurred as outlined in the CDA intergovernmental agreement.

Executive Director Information

The BOT approved Trustee Corinne Sams to attend the annual meeting of the Oregon Chapter of the American Fisheries on May 4-7 in Portland.

The BOT approved Trustee Sams to participate on the League of Oregon Cities' People of Color Caucus Leading with Learned Experience on April 24 in Pendleton.

The BOT approved any available BOT member to attend the 44th annual Native American Finance Officers Association Conference session spotlight for Artificial Intelligence Data Centers: Economic Empowerment or the Next Extractive Industry on April 27-28 in Reno, Nevada.

The BOT approved BOT and General Council members and the Office of Executive Director to attend the Wildhorse Foundation's annual luncheon on May 12 at the Wildhorse Resort and Casino.

The BOT approved the sponsorship \$1,500 from the BOT Reserve Fund for the Blue Mountain Community College Powwow on May 30 at the McCrae Activity Center in Pendleton.

Next Board of Trustees Meeting: 9 a.m., March 30, 2026

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