



Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

Board of Trustees Meeting Recap: May 5, 2025

Meeting called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Board of Trustees (BOT) Chairman Gary I. Burke. Invocation given by Member at Large Toby Patrick. Quorum of nine was verified. Agenda approved 8-0-0. Action items only due to the loss of a tribal member.

Old Business

None

New Business

Election Code Amendment (25-037): The BOT amended the CTUIR's Election Code by changing the first sentence of Section 3.01 to reflect the general election would be held on the first Tuesday in November on odd-numbered years instead of the second Tuesday. CTUIR Election Commission members made the request at an April 30 work session after realizing this year's general election would fall on Nov. 11, which is Veterans Day. With Veterans Day being a federal holiday, absentee ballots would not be picked up from post offices for the election's tally because the U.S. Postal Service would be closed. The BOT approved the motion 7-0-1 with Vice Chairman Aaron Ashley abstaining.

Office Space Lease for Indian Health Service (25-038): The BOT agreed to lease office space to the Indian Health Service (IHS) for one environmental engineer in the Nixyáawii Governance Center through a direct lease pursuant to Public Law 94-437, the Indian Health Care Improvement Act. The lease begins May 1, 2025, and expires April 30, 2030, with IHS paying \$1,296 the first year. The rent amount will increase by 3% annually in May. The BOT approved the motion 7-0-1 with Ashley abstaining.

Other Board Actions

None

Executive Director Information

The BOT approved BOT Secretary Roberta Wilson to participate in the speaking engagement on May 6 at the Nixyáawii Governance Center to discuss constitutional duties and experiences on Tribal Policy with Whitman College. The BOT approved the motion 8-0-0.

No meeting will be held May 12 due to a lack of quorum as most BOT members will be on travel to attend the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians convention.

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Next Board of Trustees Meeting: 9 a.m., May 19, 2025

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