



Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

Board of Trustees Meeting Recap: September 28, 2026

Board of Trustees (BOT) Chair N. Kathryn Brigham called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. A quorum of eight was present with Trustee Toby Patrick on personal leave.

New Business

Capital Improvements Plan 2026 Update (2026-060): The BOT approved an update to the Capital Improvements Plan to include two addendums. One addendum involves updates and estimated costs to capital projects such as a sewer treatment/wastewater recycling facility and pedestrian improvements to Mission Road between Highway 331 and Short Mile Road. According to the resolution, the BOT directs projects listed in this addendum are to be pursued by the responsible CTUIR departments and entities according to the Capital Improvements Plan process. The second addendum involves planning for water resource availability through consumptive reduction, consumptive mitigation and source protection and development.

Executive Director Information

The BOT approved any available BOT members and pertinent staff to attend a virtual U.S. Census Bureau Tribal Consultation on Oct. 2 regarding proposed 2030 Census rules and require the Office of Legal Counsel to draft written comments that are due Nov. 2 to the Census Bureau.

The BOT approved a \$2,000 sponsorship from the Board Contingency fund for the A Path to Wellness Gala on Oct. 30 in Spokane, Washington. The sponsorship includes a table at the event, in which the BOT approved Trustee Sierra Quaempts and Health Commission members to occupy.

The BOT approved Trustee Lisa Ganuelas to attend Washington State University's Walla Walla County Extension Office's inaugural open house on Oct. 10 in Walla Walla. The approval includes informing Department of Children and Family Services Director Julie Taylor and the Tribal Youth Leadership Council of the event in case any of them wants to attend.

The BOT approved Trustees Quaempts and Patrick to participate in the Nixyáawii Community School's golf tournament on Oct. 16 at the Wildhorse Resort & Casino Golf Course. The approval included a \$500 sponsorship from the Board Contingency fund.

The BOT approved any available BOT members to attend Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center's Healing through Community annual Tribal Opioid Summit on Oct 22.

The BOT approved Trustee Ganuelas and General Council Chairman Lindsey X. Watchman to virtually attend the University of Oregon's 20th annual Rennard Strickland Lecture with Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs Bryan Newland on Sept. 30.

The BOT approved Treasurer Raymond Huesties to attend and give welcoming remarks at the Oregon Emergency Management Conference on Oct. 6 in Pendleton.

(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., October 5, 2026

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