



Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

Board of Trustees Meeting Recap: January 12, 2026

Board of Trustees (BOT) Chair N. Kathryn Brigham called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. Quorum of eight was verified with Trustee Toby Patrick out on personal leave. Agenda was approved.

New Business

Umatilla Basin Water Rights Negotiation Team Appointment (26-002): The BOT approved Chair Brigham, Department of Natural Resources Director Eric Quaempts, Tribal Contract Attorney Brent Hall and Joe Ely, tribal water rights consultant from Stetson Engineers, to the Tribal Negotiation Team.

Fiscal Management Policy (26-003): The BOT amended Part VII (Procurement) of the CTUIR Fiscal Management Policies with an effective date of Jan. 1.

Other Board Actions

The BOT deferred BOT appointments to outside organizations.

Executive Director Information

The BOT approved members of the Education & Training Committee as well as staff from the Office of Legal Counsel and Tribal Court to attend the Summit for Northern American Indian Law at the University of Oregon School of Law and Many Nations Longhouse on Feb. 7.

The BOT approved any available BOT member to attend the State of the City at the Pendleton Center for the Arts on Feb. 25 with a \$500 sponsorship from the CTUIR Reserve Fund.

(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., January 26, 2026

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