



Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

Board of Trustees Meeting Recap: April 28, 2025

Meeting called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Board of Trustees (BOT) Chairman Gary I. Burke. Invocation was given by Treasurer Raymond Huesties. Quorum of seven was verified with Vice Chairman Aaron Ashley on travel and Member at Large Lisa Ganuelas on person leave. Agenda was approved 6-0-0.

Old Business

Tribal Leaders' virtual meeting meeting with Gov. Kotek (25-003): The BOT approved any available BOT members and/or key technical staff to participate in the semi-monthly Tribal Leaders' Coordination virtual call hosted by the Office of Gov. Tina Kotek. The BOT approved the motion 6-0-0.

New Business

In Other Board Actions, the BOT approved Julius Patrick, Isaiah Welch and Marjorie Wahleneka to two-year terms to the Cultural Resource Committee by a 6-0-0 vote. The BOT also approved John Barkley to a two-year term to the Water Commission by a 6-0-0 vote. And the BOT voted 6-0-0 to advertise the following positions on the Public Notice: two positions for three-year terms on the Culture Coalition, one position for a three-year term on the Health Commission, one position for a two-year term on the Housing Commission, and one position for a two-year term on the Tribal Employee Rights Office (TERO) Commission. All applications are due by 4 p.m. on Monday, May 26. A BOT work session is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. on Friday, May 30 to review applications. Appointments will be made on Monday, June 2.

The BOT voted 6-0-0 to approve the Wildhorse Foundation's 2024 annual report, which stated the foundation had given more than \$1.8 million dollars in charitable donations.

Executive Director Information

The BOT deferred a motion to provide input to the draft West Coast Ocean Alliance (WCOA) and protocols packet by May 15 and send a representative to attend the Tribal Caucus set for June 1-5 in Washington, D.C., until it can receive information from the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (CRITFC) to see if CRITFC would participate in the CTUIR's place. The BOT approved 6-0-0.

The BOT approved any available BOT members and key technical staff to participate in the welcome and panel discussions of the Eastern Oregon Economic Summit scheduled for July 24-25 at the Wildhorse Resort & Casino. The motion included Member at Large Ganuelas participating in the Walla Walla & Umatilla Basin and First Foods & Agriculture panels as well as Member at Large Corinne Sams participating in the Wildlife & Forestry panel.

The BOT took no action on approving a representative to attend the third annual Tribal Energy Evolution Summit on May 5-8 in St. Paul, Minnesota.

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Next Board of Trustees Meeting: 9 a.m., May 5, 2025

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