



QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING EVENT GUIDE

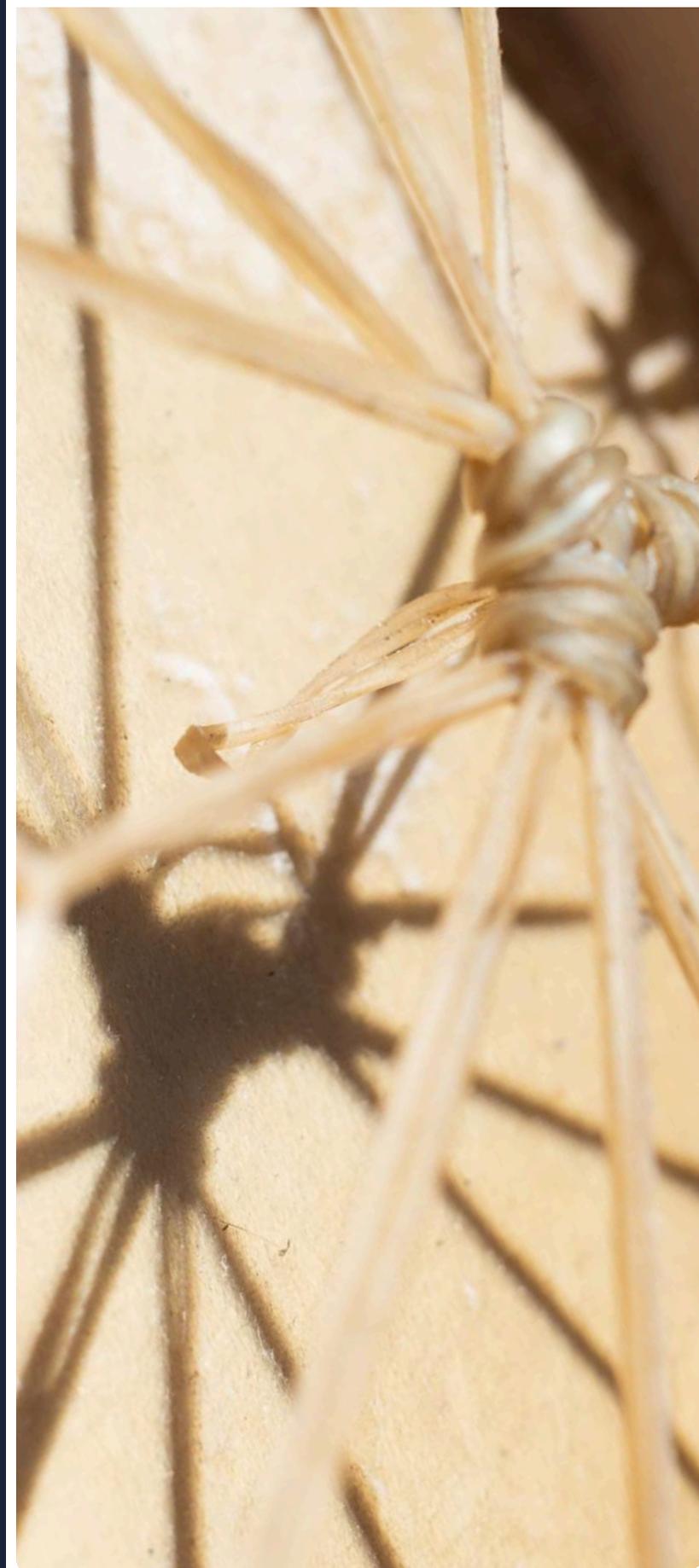
NORTHWEST PORTLAND AREA INDIAN HEALTH BOARD PRESENTS:
January Quarterly Board Meeting
January 12-15, 2026

Location:
NPAIHB Home Office
920 NW 17th Ave, Portland, OR, 97209



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CHAIR HINE'S WELCOME



Chair Aaron Hines

Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

Dear Tribal Leaders, Delegates, and Tribal Health Directors,

I would like to extend a warm welcome to each of you. It is with great pleasure to welcome you all to our first NPAIHB QBM in our own building. In January 2024, our Delegates voted to pursue the purchase of the 920 NW 17th Ave. Lovejoy Building in response to the need for more office space for NPAIHB's growing workforce.

When the Board was first established in 1972 under direction from our federally recognized member Tribes, the board maintained a small staff, only a handful in size. In the 54 years since then, NPAIHB has grown exponentially. Expanding its range of services, programs, and policy efforts for the pursuit of our vision statement, Health and Wellness for the Seventh Generation. We encourage you to explore and familiarize yourself with our new space as we look to the future to many more events hosted in our own facility.

This QBM will cover the following:

- Elections for the executive committee positions for Chair and Secretary roles.
- Tribal Health Directors Meeting
- NPAIHB updates
- Collaborate on policy initiatives
- Engage with state, federal, and regional partners

Celebrating our organization's growth, we look forward to a grounding and productive QBM in our new home.

Aaron Hines

Chair, Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board

NORTHWEST PORTLAND AREA INDIAN HEALTH BOARD

ABOUT THE BOARD

Established in 1972, the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB or the Board) is a non-profit tribal advisory organization serving the forty-three federally recognized tribes of Idaho, Oregon, and Washington. Each member tribe appoints a Delegate via tribal resolution and meets quarterly to direct and oversee all activities of NPAIHB.

We are engaged in many areas of Indian health, including legislation, health promotion and disease prevention, as well as data surveillance and research. Our strengths include an active board, talented staff, and a forward-thinking organization. We know that there is much work to be done to improve the health status in Indian Country, but we do not shy away from the challenge.

NPAIHB Delegates create and update a strategic plan, which contains four main functional areas:

- Health promotion and disease prevention*
- Legislative and policy analysis*
- Training and technical assistance*
- Surveillance and research*

NPAIHB houses a tribal epidemiology center (EpiCenter), several health promotion and disease prevention projects, and is active in Indian health policy.

The mission statement of NPAIHB is:

To eliminate health disparities and improve the quality of life of American Indians and Alaska Natives by supporting the 43 Federally Recognized Tribes in the States of Idaho, Oregon, and Washington (Northwest Tribes) in their delivery of culturally appropriate, high-quality healthcare.

This guides every aspect of NPAIHB's work.



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The NPAIHB Executive Committee is comprised of a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and Sergeant-at-Arms. The Executive Committee approves the Quarterly Board Meeting agendas, approves Executive Committee resolutions, develops and refers policy issues to the entire delegation for approval, reviews and monitors NPAIHB financial matters, represents NPAIHB at regional and national meetings, and is the direct supervisor to the Executive Director.



Aaron Hines

*Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla
Indian Reservation*

Chair



Greg Abrahamson

Spokane Tribe of Indians

Vice-Chair



Cheryle Kennedy

Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde

Secretary



Rachel Edwards

Nez Perce Tribe

Treasurer



Dr. Sharon Stanphill

Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indians

Sergeant-at-Arms

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Executive Director (E.D.) is responsible for all staff and programs at NPAIHB and answers directly to a five-person Executive Committee, composed of the elected officers of the Board. The Management Team consists of the E.D., Controller, Director of Operations and IT, Human Resources Director, Director of Legal and Government Affairs, Director of Programs and Development, and Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center Director.

The Team acts in an advisory capacity to the E.D., assists in the research and development of organizational policy and practices, and is a liaison between the E.D. and staff. NPAIHB's Strategic Plan maps its priorities, organizational values, mission, and health issues and concerns. NPAIHB collaborates with the Indian Health Service (IHS), federal and state agencies, universities, and private organizations.



Laura Platero, J.D.

Navajo Nation
Executive Director

EVENT OVERVIEW

NPAIHB is excited to announce that the first QBM of 2026 will be hosted at NPAIHB's own building in Portland, OR. The January QBM will take place from January 12, to January 15 at the NPAIHB Lovejoy Building, 920 NW 17th Ave, Portland, OR 97209

Attendees are kindly asked to [register online](#) no later than Monday, December 8, 2025.



EVENT CONTACT INFORMATION



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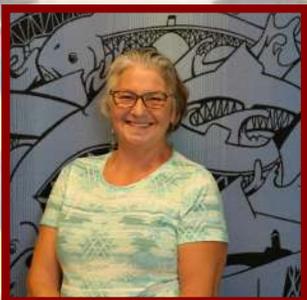
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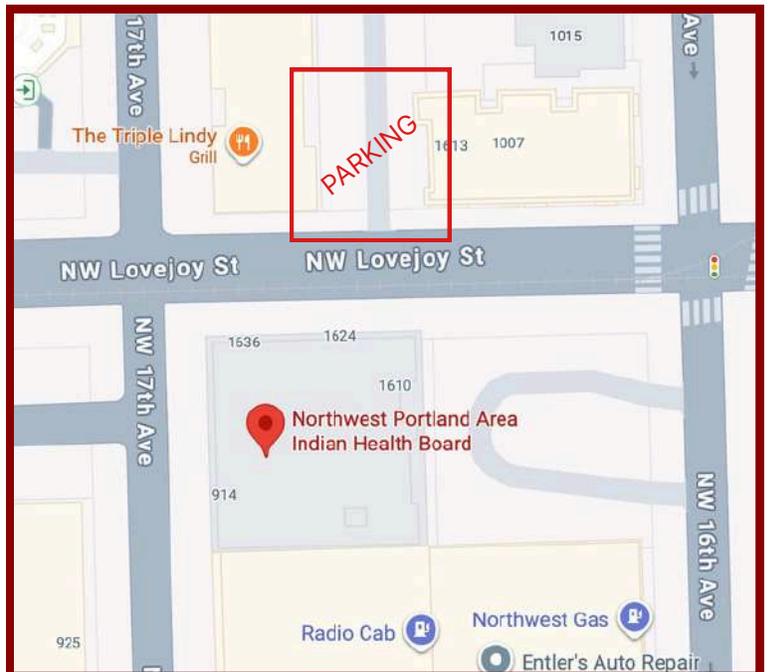


VENUE INFORMATION



PARKING

The Lovejoy Building is street parking only, therefore NPAIHB has secured an agreement with our neighbors Radio Cab to utilize part of their lot for off street parking at no cost to our delegates and attendees. Radio Cabs has provided 10 parking spaces for guests.



SHUTTLE

NPAIHB recognizes that parking is limited therefore, we are offering a shuttle service from the hotel which is a 10-minute walk between the hotel and the Lovejoy Building.

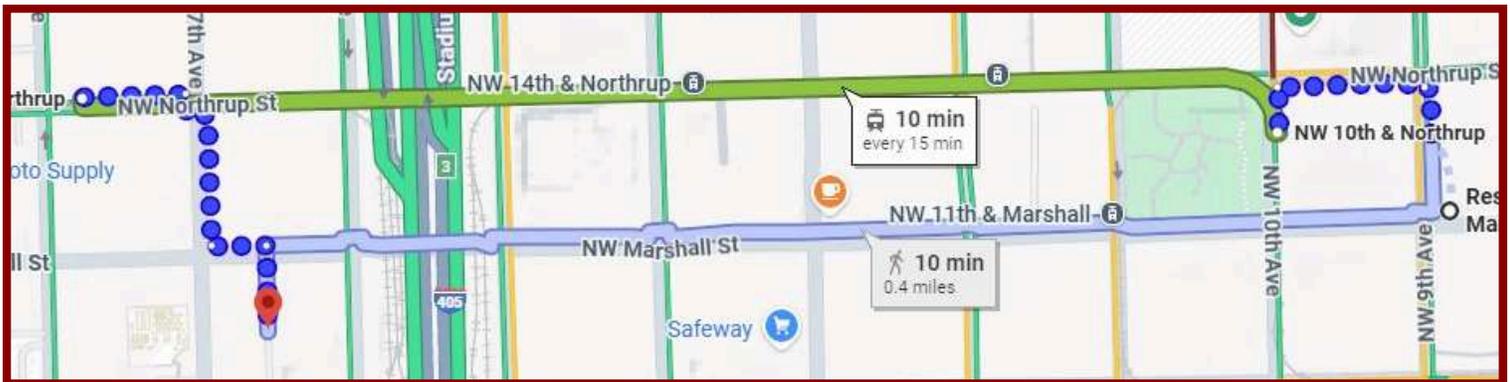
The shuttle service will run on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at the following times:

T, W: Morning:
7:30am-9:00am drop off at NPAIHB

Thursday:
7:30am-9:00am

T, W: Afternoon:
5:00pm-6:00pm drop off at Residence Inn by Marriott

10:30am-11:00am



LOVEJOY BUILDING

Getting to Lovejoy

There are multiple ways to get to NPAIHB's Lovejoy building from the Residence Inn by Marriot hotel. NPAIHB will be offering a morning and evening shuttle service between the building and the hotel for the most direct transportation, however for those who would like more flexibility here are some alternative routes to get to the Lovejoy building.

Walking

The Residence Inn by Marriott is a ½ mile to NPAIHB's Lovejoy Building. For those not taking the scheduled shuttles from the hotel to the Board and back – or driving – the walking distance is 10 minutes.

Public Transportation

Additionally, for those who would like to take public transportation, the NS streetcar picks up passengers on NW 10th & Northrup and drops off on NW 18th & Northrup. This route takes approximately 10 minutes.

HOTEL INFORMATION

Registration

NPAIHB has negotiated a rate of \$155.00/night + applicable taxes for hotel rooms at Residence Inn by Marriott

Hotel Reservations can be made by calling **+1(503)220-1339**, or online via the following link, [here](#).

Please ask for the group rate of \$155.00 under the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board Quarterly Board Meeting.

Residence Inn by Marriott

1150 NW 9th Avenue,
Portland, Oregon, USA, 97209

Hotel FAQ

- Check in: 4 PM
- Check out: 11 AM

Security Deposit or Incidental Hold

The total value of your stay, plus \$50 per night, will be temporarily held for expected charges. With a maximum charge of \$350 total.

Depending on your banking institution's policies, it may take up to 7-10 business days after your departure for the funds to be refunded to your account.

Cancellation

Hotel guests have until 3 days prior to their reservation to cancel their reservation for no charge. If a guest fails to cancel their reservation within the 3-day window, they will be charged a fee of \$ 197.76 to the card on file for the booking.

Accessibility Features

- Service animals are allowed.
- Mobility-accessible rooms are available for guests with restrictions.

Parking

There is no parking on the premises. Residence Inn by Marriott does provide valet parking, which is \$55 per day. Additionally, there is off-site parking across from the hotel, which costs \$12 per day.

Please note: for delegates, we ask that you contact our event team for additional parking information.

MEETING AGENDA

AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

This January, QBM, two seats on the executive committee that are up for election:

- Chair
- Secretary

Both seats are two-year terms and will be elected by our 43-member Tribes' elected delegates.

AGENDA-AT-A-GLANCE

Monday, January 12, 2026

12:00 PM

1:00 PM

4:00 PM

Pre-QBM;

Welcome/Lunch

Tribal Health Director's Meeting (THD)

Closing

Tuesday, January 13, 2026

8:00 AM

9:00 AM

10:15 AM

10:30 AM

11:00 AM

QBM - Day 1

Arrival/Breakfast

Posting of the Colors & Meeting Start:

- Agenda
- Minutes
- Elections
- Future QBM Dates

Break

QBM Reports:

- Chair's Report
- Executive Director's Report

DHHS & Congressional Updates

12:00 PM	Lunch
1:00 PM	Cindy Darcy Policy Update
2:00 PM	Tribal Strategy and Legislative & Policy Priorities
4:00 PM	Break
4:15 PM	Committee Breakouts: Day 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elders & Veterans Committee • Food Sovereignty Committee • Youth Committee
5:30 PM	End of Day 1
6:00 PM	Winterhawks vs. Moose Jaw Warriors

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

QBM - Day 2

8:00 AM	Arrival/Breakfast
9:00 AM	Tribal Caucus
10:00 AM	HHS Update
11:00 AM	IHS Headquarters
12:00 PM	Lunch
1:00 PM	IHS Portland Area
2:00 PM	Regional Specialty Referral Center Demonstration Project
2:45 PM	Snack Break
3:00 PM	Strategic Planning Session
4:15 PM	Break/Transition
4:30 PM	Committee Breakouts: Day 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Behavioral Health Committee • Public Health Committee • Resolutions & Legislative Committee
5:30 PM	End of Day 2

Thursday, January 15, 2026

QBM - Day 3

8:00 AM	Arrival/Breakfast
9:00 AM	Welcome
9:15AM	Congressional Updates: OR & WA
9:30 AM	State Updates: ID, OR, WA
10:30 AM	Resolutions
11:00 AM	Committee Updates
11:30 AM	End of QBM

COMMITTEE INFORMATION

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