

November 2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Monday, November 3, 2025 | 7 – 9pm

In-person: 3534 SE Main Street

Via Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/92334943945> | Meeting ID: 923 3494 3945

This meeting is for the Board of Directors to conduct organizational business. As such, only board members actively participate in discussions unless otherwise noted in the agenda or at the discretion of the President. Guests are welcome to observe.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members present:

- Brentwood-Darlington NA – Kimberly DiLeo
- Creston-Kenilworth NA - Amit Zinman
- Foster-Powell NA – Ryan Sooley
- Kerns NA – Elizabeth Armstrong
- Madison South NA - Travis Saner-Hathaway
- Mt. Scott-Arleta NA – Daniel Portis-Cathers
- Rose City Park NA - Don Levine
- Roseway NA - Ash Hester (President)
- Sunnyside NA – Chris Waldmann
- Woodstock NA – Anna Weichsel
- 82nd Ave of Roses BA – Nancy Chapin
- Hawthorne Blvd. Bus. Assoc - Dresden de Vera
- At Large - Chris Hansen
- At Large: Matt Lembo

Board Members sending regrets:

- Buckman - Daniel Te
- Brooklyn Action Committee – Debbie Dicks
- Hosford-Abernathy Neighborhood District (HAND) – Peggy McDaniel
- Laurelhurst - Steven Fisher
- Black + Beyond the Binary Collective – Mireaya Medina
- At Large: Rachel Davies
- At Large – Sharon Wynde

Staff present:

- Nanci Champlin (Executive Director)
- Sarah Bunger (Board Administrator)

Guests:

- Adam Fiss (to be seated on Montavilla board)
- Sharon Keast (Civic Life)
- Allen Field (Richmond NA)
- Nikki Mendel and Ali Shapiro from Critical Energy Infrastructure Hub Task Force
- Shabina Shariff and Shoshana Oppenheim of TriMet; and Julia Reed from PBOT

BOARD DISCUSSION MEETING

7:02 Call Meeting to Order - *Ash Hester, President*

- Ash presented community agreements, overview of recording policy and reviewed the agenda.

7:03 Introductions and Seating of Board Members

- Kerns NA new rep (**Elizabeth Armstrong**)
- Welcomed **Adam Fiss** (incoming new Montavilla NA rep, to be seated in December)

Motion to seat Elizabeth Armstrong as the Kerns NA rep to SEUL

Motion (*Ash*)

Amended ()

Seconded (*Nancy*)

In favor 13

Opposed 0

Abstentions 0

Result: **The motion passed.**

7:11 Committee Reports – Committee Chairs or as noted below

Climate Justice Action - *Anna Weichsel*

- Urban Forestry Yard Tree Giveaway update: Sent feedback to Urban Forestry. Program wrapping up.
- Potential future topics: education on how to eradicate invasive Trees of Heaven among other topics
- **Critical Energy Infrastructure Hub Task Force**--Nikki Mendel and Ali Shapiro attended via Zoom to provide background on the dangers of the CEI Hub and requested that in December SEUL sign onto their letter to Portland City Council, which is comprised of 5 main points:
 1. Don't increase the dangers at the CEI Hub
 2. All fuels are combustible, flammable, or toxic
 3. No new/expanded fuels on liquefaction soils
 4. Portland shouldn't be an export hub for fuels
 5. Work with other government agencies to fully respond to emergencies at the Hub

What else to do:

- NAs and community groups: share updates from CEI Hub Task Force, identify a liaison to the Task Force, sign the letter, share the stop the spill video, add name to CEI Hub updates lists.

Land Use + Transportation Committee - *Nanci Champlin, Executive Director*

Guests: Shabina Shariff of TriMet; Shoshana Oppenheim and Julia Reed from PBOT

- Core element of the 82nd Ave Transit Project is to provide faster, more reliable bus transit on 82nd ave. TriMet is seeking SEUL's input on their proposal to establish BAT lanes (Business Access Transit Lanes) on outer lanes on 82nd Ave for buses and cars that want to turn right into businesses, driveways, etc.
- The Committee recommended that SEUL support full BAT Lanes along the 82nd ave corridor.
- **Concern raised:** 82nd Avenue is seen as a "highway" in which drivers can go as fast as they like. 82nd Ave businesses voted to approve the 3-mile version but not the 7-mile version.
- **Concern raised:** No representation from District 3 on the steering committee. TriMet clarified that a Community Liaison point person on the committee serves this purpose of bringing forward the community perspective.

Tabor Commons Task Force - *Daniel Portis-Cathers, co-chair*

- Daniel presented the Task Force's final recommendations for terms that respond to Black and Beyond the Binary Collective's (B3C) counteroffer for the purchase of Tabor Commons. These terms have support and

a recommendation from the Executive Committee. With board authorization, the Task Force will present the terms to B3C. If the terms are agreed upon by the B3C board, B3C would then complete their feasibility study by year’s end. If the study shows promise and their board decides to move forward, we expect to enter into a Purchase Sales Agreement with them in January.

Finance Committee - Nanci Champlin

- Nanci presented the first quarter/YTD actuals.
- Internet costs increased; we’re renegotiating a contract with Comcast.
- Garbage/recycling fees also increased.
- Hospitality expenses were greater this quarter because of Ice Cream Social, hosting some visiting groups, etc.

Executive Committee - Ash Hester, Board President

- Renewed and approved new FSOs: renewed Mt. Scott Arleta NA and Gym Space Equity. Approved the Nonprofit Confluence Summit and Portland Anti-Racism League.
- Approved the Community Care and Safety Initiative framework.
- Approved Tabor Commons Task Force recommended response to B3C’s counterproposal.

8:40 Executive Director Update - Nanci Champlin, Executive Director

- City grant amendment finally received and Q1 invoice sent. Funds expected by mid-November.
- Staff team is working on FY 25-26 training schedule.
- E-newsletter will come out tomorrow.
- Community Small Grants deadline was 11/2. We had nearly 60 applications!
- Next Land Use + Transportation Committee: Monday, 11/17, 7-9pm
- Climate Justice Action Committee: Next meeting: Weds, 11/12 at 6-7pm
- NA Presidents Roundtable: Saturday, 11/8 from 1-3:30pm
- Portland Indigenous Marketplace: 11/28 and 11/29 from 10am-3pm at SEUL

8:42 Community Care and Safety Initiative Next Steps (Nanci)

- Introduced framework approved by ExCom
- Five attending board members volunteered to form a Task Force
- Encouraged NA reps to bring these topics to their NA for community conversations and to set priorities

8:52 The board discussion meeting adjourned.

BOARD BUSINESS MEETING

8:52 The board business meeting was called to order. – Ann Hester, President

Motion (Ash)	To adopt the October 2025 board meeting minutes
Amended ()	
Seconded (Chris Hansen)	
In favor	13
Opposed	0
Abstentions	1
Result:	The motion passed.

Motion (Ash)

To authorize that SE Uplift advocate for Business and Transit (BAT) lanes for the full 7-miles in the 82nd Avenue Transit Project.

Amended ()

Seconded (Amit)

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The motion did not carry.

Note: it was suggested to remand the topic back to the committee.

Motion (Ash)

To approve the Tabor Commons Task Force’s proposed response to Black and Beyond the Binary Collective’s counteroffer, and authorize the Task Force to move to contract if the terms are met, as presented.

Amended ()

Seconded (*Nancy*)

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The motion passed.

Motion (Ash)

To Accept the September Balance Sheet and First Quarter Budget-to-Actuals as presented/shared in board packets

Amended ()

Seconded (Travis)

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The motion passed.

9:04pm The meeting adjourned. – Ash Hester, President

Next Board Meeting Monday, December 1, 2025, 2025 7-9pm. Please try to come in person!

12/2/2025

Secretary Signature

Signed by: Rachel Davies