

December 2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Monday, December 1, 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
- Hosford-Abernathy Neighborhood District (HAND) – Peggy McDaniel
- Kerns NA – Elizabeth Armstrong
- Laurelhurst – Steven Fisher
- Madison South NA – Travis Saner-Hathaway
- Montavilla – Adam Fiss
- 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
- Black and Beyond the Binary Collective – Mireaya Medina
- At Large – Rachel Davies
- At Large – Sharon Wynde
- At Large – Matt Lembo

Board Members sending regrets:

- Buckman – Daniel Te
- Foster-Powell NA – Ryan Sooley
- Hawthorne Blvd. Bus. Assoc – Dresden de Vera
- At Large – Chris Hansen
- Brooklyn Action Committee – Debbie Dicks

Staff present:

- Nanci Champlin (Executive Director)
- Diane Odeh (Fiscal Sponsorships)
- Alex Cherin (Grantmaking)
- Matchu Williams (Land Use and Transportation)
- Sarah Bunger (Board Administrator)

Guests:

- Sharon Keast (Civic Life)
- Allen Field (Richmond NA)
- Austin Davis (North Tabor)
- Paulina Salgado (TriMet)

BOARD DISCUSSION MEETING

7:01 Call Meeting to Order - Ash Hester, President *Quorum is met.*

- Ash presented community agreements, an overview of recording policy and reviewed the agenda.
- Ash introduced 2 guests:
 - Sharon Keast of Civic Life, special recognition for retirement
 - Diane Odeh, conducting PhD research on motivations for engagement with Neighborhood Association Board membership. Seeking active board members to engage in a 1-hour interview; fliers distributed to solicit participation.

7:12 Introductions and Seating of Board Members

- Montavilla NA new rep (**Adam Fiss**)

Vote to seat Adam Fiss of Montavilla to the SEUL Board

Motion (Ash Hester)

Amended (n/a)

Seconded (Travis)

In favor 14

Opposed 0

Abstentions 0

Result: **The motion passed.**

7:15 Community Small Grants Program 2026 Recommendations – Alex Cherin, Grantsmaking Program Manager

- Alex Cherin provided updates on the 19th year of the small grants program
- The program received a record number of 56 applications this year from non-profits, community organizations, and Neighborhood Associations in District 3, totalling \$149,245 worth of requests.
- \$44,000 were available to award
- Each application was reviewed by 3 committee members and were scored on five categories based on a rubric. Scores were from 1 to 10. Categories:
 - Fit & mission (30%)
 - Removing barriers to civic participation (20%)
 - Community Engagement (20%)
 - Project Feasibility (20%)
 - First time applicant (10%)
- Committee Recommendations:
 - Active Children Portland (ACP): \$3,000. Free Spring Family Fun and Resource Fair in Mt. Tabor Park.
 - Art Heaux: \$3,000. Short Film Festival (2nd Annual), offering a free outdoor screening of films by local filmmakers.
 - The Black Affinity Group: \$3,000. BAG will host a Black History Month Mother-Son Dance celebrating Black mothers and sons and cultural pride.
 - Care for Caregivers Campaign: \$3,000. Providing migraine-led community discussions, shared meals, and collaborative art builds to uplift caregiver stories and build community.
 - Diverge: \$3,000. Two free trainings for District 3 residents to build skills for engaging unhoused neighbors who are neurodivergent.

- Dream Big City: \$2,363. Hosting Portland's first free Filipino Cultural Festival at Portland Dream Plaza, featuring live music, dance, and community performances on a newly constructed outdoor stage.
- Futel: \$924. Free public telephone and service for patrons of the Sunnyside Shower Project at 3520 SE Yamhill.
- Know Where to Go: District 3 Resources: \$2,300. Design, print, and install easy-to-read posters showing where and when free groceries, meals, and low- or no-cost bicycle repairs are available in District 3.
- Luminous Together: \$3,000. Present interactive art installations at the APANO Jade International Night Market and the PCC SE Learning Garden.
- Madison South Neighborhood Association: \$3,000. Will lead a community-driven name change and rebranding process to reflect the neighborhood's current identity and diversity.
- Milagro Theatre: \$3,000. Offers free and low-cost bilingual workshops, performances, and festivals celebrating Latinx arts and culture in Portland's Central Eastside.
- Nextgen Connect Center: \$3,000. Somali Heritage Time Capsule Festival is a youth-led cultural storytelling event that brings together Somali youth, families, and the broader Portland community through art, performance, and dialogue.
- Rahab's Sisters: \$3,000. Will host two community-based overdose prevention and harm-reduction trainings and conduct reflections on the impact and outcomes of these events.
- Rocky Butte Farmers Market: \$3,000. Will offer weekly food-education classes during its 2026 seasons, focusing on lower-income shoppers using subsidies to buy local produce.
- Movement Training Network: \$3,000. Offers two monthly trainings that build skills for effective environmental and social justice organizing. Provides accessible, community-centered learning spaces for emerging organizers.
- The Shadow Project: \$3,000. Helps K-8 public schools in District 3 create neuroinclusive learning environments that support all students, particularly those who learn and process information differently.
- Ash reviewed conflict of interest and conflict of loyalty definitions and processes in preparation for voting on grant recommendations during the board meeting.

7:45 Committee Reports – Committee Chairs or as noted below

- Tabor Commons Task Force - *Sharon Wynde and Daniel Porter-Cathers, co-chairs*
B3C has accepted our offer. A feasibility study will be completed in December to determine whether their capital campaign will proceed. SE Uplift is interviewing real estate attorneys to draft the sale agreement in anticipation of moving forward with the sale.
- Climate Justice Action - *Anna Weichsel*

The committee is creating an informational flier about removal of the invasive Tree of Heaven.

Discussion about the CEI Hub Task Force Sign-On Letter Request. Key discussion points:

- The letter requests more care be taken when considering additions to the CEI Hub, reinforcing safety and prioritizing recommendations that avoid any increased dangers to the community.
- Some members expressed concern that the letter is an unattainable request to the City Council when considering its broad language and the region's population growth.
- One board member noted that the site stores toxic materials and is known to have poor stability. Other members stated that prioritizing the long-term health and safety of the community will encourage a focus on reducing the city's energy use.

- The final decision will be made by city, state, and federal decision makers. Some members stated that the community should therefore make a unified recommendation for public safety and then engage in negotiations with decision makers.

- Finance Committee - *Steven Fisher, co-chair*
 - Reviewed the October Balance Sheet. Minimal changes from previous balance sheet.
- Community Care and Safety Task Force- *Amit Zinman, Chair*
 - Meets on 2nd Monday of the month @ 5:30pm. The next meeting is December 8th.
 - Current focus on organizing efforts to stock community free food pantries, educating community members about interacting with ICE officers, building participation in the committee, and establishing structural operations.
- Land Use + Transportation Committee - *Matchu Williams*
 Discussion about LUTC Recommendation re: 82nd Ave. Transit Project. Key discussion points:
 - The committee is recommending BAT lanes for the full 7-mile stretch of 82nd Avenue under consideration. Matchu summarized a range of considerations that the committee discussed which led to their recommendation to the board.
 - Some committee members feel that lighting and crosswalk enhancements will improve pedestrian safety and engagement with local businesses.
 - Initial plans indicate that certain bus stops would block business access driveways, posing safety issues.
 - There will be a reduction from 2 to 1 traditional driving lane in each direction, which could result in congestion and overflow traffic into neighborhood streets, and less engagement with local businesses.

8:56 The board discussion meeting adjourned.

BOARD BUSINESS MEETING

8:56 The board business meeting was called to order. – *Ash Hester, President*

Motion (<i>Ash Hester</i>)	To adopt the November 2025 board meeting minutes
Amended (<i>n/a</i>)	
Seconded (<i>Steve Fisher</i>)	
In favor	15
Opposed	2
Abstentions	0
Result:	The motion passed.

Motion (<i>Ash Hester</i>)	Vote to Support Full Business + Transit (BAT) Lanes in the 82nd Avenue Transit Project
Amended (<i>n/a</i>)	
Seconded (<i>Amit Zinman</i>)	
In favor	14

Opposed 2
Abstentions 1
Result: **The motion passed.**

Motion (Ash Hester) **Vote to Adopt Community Small Grant Program 2026 Grantee Recommendations**

Amended (n/a)
Seconded (Travis Saner-Hathaway)
In favor 15
Opposed 1
Abstentions 1
Result: **The motion passed.**

Motion (Ash Hester) **Vote to Sign On to Critical Energy Infrastructure Hub Letter of Support**

Amended (n/a)
Seconded (Ana Weichsel)
In favor 15
Opposed 2
Abstentions 0
Result: **The motion passed.**

Motion (Ash Hester) **Vote to Accept the October Balance Sheet as Presented**

Amended (n/a)
Seconded (Chris Waldmann)
In favor 16
Opposed 0
Abstentions 1
Result: **The motion passed.**

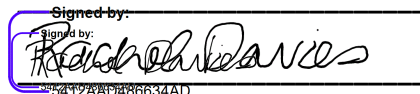
9:02 **The meeting adjourned.** – Ash Hester, President

Next Board Meeting Monday, February 2, 7-9pm.

Minutes Approved (Date)

2/3/2026

Secretary Signature

Signed by:

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