

March 2026 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Monday, March 2, 2026 | 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
- Brooklyn Action Committee – Debbie Dicks
- Buckman - Daniel Te
- 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
- North Tabor NA - Austin Davis
- Roseway NA - Ash Hester (President)
- Rose City Park NA: Don Levine
- Sunnyside NA – Chris Waldmann
- 82nd Ave BA – Nancy Chapin
- Hawthorne Business Association – Dresden de Vera
- At Large – Sharon Wynde
- At Large - Chris Hansen
- At Large: Rachel Davies
- At Large: Matt Lembo

Board Members absent:

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Board Members sending regrets:

- Foster-Powell NA – Ryan Sooley
- Woodstock NA – Anna Weichsel
- Black + Beyond the Binary Collective – Mireaya Medina

Staff present:

- Nanci Champlin (Executive Director)
- Sarah Bunger (Grantmaking Manager)

Guests:

- Jeff Lynott (Councilor Novick's Office)
- Tom Sollitt (candidate for D3 Councilor)
- Stephanie Van Dyke (Woodstock neighborhood)

BOARD DISCUSSION MEETING

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

7:04 Executive Director Update - Nanci Champlin, Executive Director

- Civic Life Updates (3.96 ONI Standards)
 - Changes to ONI standards are forthcoming, timing has not yet been determined
 - Updates will not be completed before the RFP deadline
 - No changes will be made to City Code 3.96, which establishes the structure of the Neighborhood Association system.
 - The rules governing the NA system will be revised as an administrative rule adopted by the city council. They are currently not formal city rules.
- Presidents Roundtable Summary
 - This was a well-attended event that was productive for its attendees
 - A Resource Sharing Repository was created by the group
 - A “How-To” Guide was created for starting a Rapid Response Network for localized disaster response training
- Building and Program Updates
 - 2 building updates are needed:
 - The security key fob at the front door needs to be replaced.
 - A door bell will be installed to allow the door to remain closed and locked during meetings and other events.
 - The Screening of the film “Remembering Mulugeta” occurred last month
 - SE Uplift staff hosted a “Fundraising 101 workshop for the community. 37 people registered and attended. The event was recorded and is available on the SE Uplift YouTube channel.
- upcoming events:
 - Starting a Mutual Aid Network: Monday March 9, 5:30 pm via zoom
 - Budgeting 101, Monday April 13, 6:30 pm
 - Treasurer’s Roundtable: coming soon via zoom
 - Secretary’s Roundtable: coming soon via zoom
- Invite board to join strategy discussion meeting
 - Board members were invited to join an upcoming strategy discussion meeting focused on SE Uplift’s relationship with Civic Life

7:12 Committee Reports – Committee Chairs or as noted below

- Land Use + Transportation Committee - *Matchu Williams, Staff*
 - *March 16th, 7 - 9 pm in Fireside room or by zoom*
 - *Housing bonus alignment project is an effort to increase housing types and quantities.*
 - *Offers options to ease zoning limitations if affordable housing is offered*
 - *Community input is being gathered, and it’s a critical time for providing input before the recommendations reach city council*
 - *SE Uplift submitted a letter of support for the proposed safety updates along Cesar Chavez Blvd.*
- Tabor Commons Task Force - *Sharon Wynde and Daniel Portis-Cathers, Co-Chairs*
 - Letter to B3C and signed contract with broker
 - Signed a contract with a commercial realtor Todd Deneffe to design marketing materials in preparation of placing Tabor Commons up for sale. Black and Beyond the Binary was respectfully notified of SE Uplift’s intent to place the property up for sale, and that SE Uplift would still consider a purchase offer if it were made.
- Finance Committee - *Steven Fisher, Treasurer*

- *The balance sheet was reviewed*
 - *Money was moved from a mature CD into a checking account with a better interest rate*
 - *Communications funds are being sent out to Neighborhood Associations*
 - *Oregon UnPlugged - just became a fiscally sponsored organization, and was recently reviewed in a local publication and it highlighted the important work the organization does to help children reduce screen time.*
 - *Nanci will begin sending out the agenda to the Board, and the zoom link*
- *Community Care and Safety Taskforce – Amit Zinman, Chair*
 - *Hosted a workshop about starting a mutual aid event*
 - *Still struggling to get assistance and maintain participation and getting a zoom link ahead of the meeting in a timely fashion*
 - *Ash and Nanci will support the conversation after the meeting to identify where gaps exist.*
 - *The new SE Uplift staff person started today and will help with Social Media and Website updates. SE Uplift staff has shrunk in the past year, and a lot of outreach is completed by a consultant who has 30 hours per month to complete all expected tasks.*
 - *Next meeting March 9th 5:30 pm on zoom*
- *Climate Justice Action - Anna Weichsel*
 - *Not present*
- *Executive Committee - Ash Hester, Board President*

7:47 2025 Community Small Grants Program Report – Sarah Bunger, Grantmaking Manager

- Small Grants program awarded \$45,000 last year
- Sarah reviewed the projects and events that won money last year

7:55 Overview of Board Governance Cycle – Ash Hester, President

- Ash reviewed important milestones and deadlines in SE UPLift’s annual calendar

8:20 Preparing for Board Input on FY 26-27 Scope of Work

- Once the RFP is released by Civic Lift, there will be a 6-week period during which the following steps will need to take place:
 - SE Uplift staff will draft the scope of work
 - Executive committee will advance the draft to the Board for consideration
 - The board will vote to adopt the scope of work
 - SE Uplift will submit the scope of work to Civic Life for consideration and selection
- Civic Life defines the categories, goals, and activities for Neighborhood Coalitions
- Neighborhood Coalitions define how it will deliver activities within each category
 - Categories:
 - Capacity building
 - Trainings and skill building; fiscal sponsorships
 - Communications
 - Maintaining websites, producing E-news, managing social media, printed outreach materials
 - Operations
 - Document archiving, Ensure NA reporting, providing NA Insurance, maintaining D3 office, providing logistical and technical support to Neighborhood Associates
 - Small grants
 - Design, promote, launch, award, administer, and report
 - Civic Engagement

- Activities: building and maintaining partnerships; Community Convening, Complying with Applicable Requirements of Oregon’s Land Use Planning Goals.
 - Most of these items are consistent from year to year, but there may be differences that would necessitate adjustment to past years’ proposals
 - SE Uplift has a wide variety of deliverables for activities within each category.
- The RFP process was discussed with respect to history and purpose.
- Nanci emphasized that the award from the RFP is central to the operations of SE Uplift as an organization
- The timing of the RFP release from Civic Life is uncertain, but has been released in February in past years. SE Uplift is preparing for the RFP in anticipation of the impending release so they are ready to respond quickly once it’s released

BOARD BUSINESS MEETING

8:45 The board business meeting was called to order. – *Ash Hester, President*

8:45 Vote to Adopt the February Board Meeting Minutes

Motion (*Ash*)

Amended (*n/a*)

Seconded (*Sharon W*)

In favor 18

Opposed 0

Abstentions 2

Result: The motion passed.

8:47 Vote to accept the January Balance Sheet as Presented

Motion (*Ash*)

Amended (*Adam*)

Seconded ()

In favor 19

Opposed 0

Abstentions 1

Result: The motion passed.

8:47 Closing Comments - *Ash Hester*

- Nanci shared that during the Presidents Roundtable meeting, there was interest in convening a group of people to discuss strategy for engaging with Civic Life to form a stronger working relationship that encourages accountability. Board members had an opportunity to sign up to join this conversation

8:49 The meeting adjourned. – *Ann Hester, President*

Next Board Meeting April, 6, 7-9pm.

Minutes Approved (Date) 4/7/2026

Secretary Signature 