

**Southeast Uplift Board Meeting Minutes –  
March 1, 2021 via [Zoom Conference Call](#)**



**Mission Statement:**

*To collaborate with the SE Portland community to build informed, inclusive, and participatory neighborhoods that support our social and ecological well-being.*

**Board Members in Attendance:**

Brentwood-Darlington – Pam Hodge  
Brooklyn – Stuart Zeltzer  
Buckman – Ashley Gale  
Hosford Abernathy – Charlene Zaharakis  
Kerns – Dave Weaver  
Laurelhurst – John Liu  
Montavilla – Lindsey Johnson (Vice Chair)  
Mt. Scott Arleta – Tiffany Johnson  
Mt. Tabor – Sam Noble  
North Tabor – Stephanie Kaza  
Richmond – Allen Field  
Sunnyside – Ash Hester  
Woodstock – Anna Wechsel  
Portland Mercado – Ambar Solarte (Treasurer)  
Portland Community College – Amy Bader  
At Large – Cat Davila  
At Large – Miguel Rodriguez  
At Large – Estefania Zavala  
At Large – Catherine Diaz  
At Large – David Gruber  
82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue – Nancy Chapin  
South Tabor – Tina Kimmey (Chair)

**SE Uplift Staff in Attendance:**

Leroy Eadie (Outgoing Executive Director)  
Leah Fisher (Interim Executive Director)  
Paola De La Cruz (Communications and Outreach Manager)  
Eaen Goss (Office Clerk)

**Guests:**

Cliff Jones (Guest Presenter from Capacity Building Partnerships)  
Jill Riebesehl (HAND)

Matt Lembo (Sunnyside)  
Representative Rob Nosse

**7:00 pm**  
**Introductions and Announcements**  
**Via Zoom Chat**

This section is copied verbatim from the Zoom chat:

- **Nancy Chapin, 82nd Ave. BA**
- **Pam Hodge, Brentwood-Darlington & SEUL Board member.** No announcements
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- **David Gruber, at-large member,** no announcements
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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81274318609?pwd=WGQwU0Y4Wnh0RnRmVlBlbjF6WXI4dz09>. Meeting ID: 812 7431 8609 / Passcode: 052602. One tap mobile: +12532158782,,81274318609#,,, \*052602# US (Tacoma)
- **Miguel Rodriguez, he/him/his, at-large.** Just chilling - and like Estefania said: [pdxlatinx.org/zine2](https://pdxlatinx.org/zine2)
- Amy again - I forgot. PDX Through a Latinx Lens released our round 2 zine this weekend! Check it out on our website: [pdxlatinx.org](https://pdxlatinx.org)
- **Sam Noble, Mt Tabor.** no announcements.
- **Ambar Solarte (ella, she, her), Hacienda CDC - Portland Mercado.** New food cart at the Mercado <https://www.portlandmercado.org/principe-maya-menu>
- **Lindsey Johnson, she/her, Montavilla,** we're starting to work on a business directory
- **Dave Weaver, Kerns NA.** We are continuing to work on outreach initiatives to increase participation and are working on finding places in Kerns for sanctioned villages.
- **Leah Fisher, Interim Executive Director, SEUL**
- Hi All! **Ashley Gale - Buckman Neighborhood Association**

- **Paola De La Cruz (she/her) SEUL staff.** Grant and Funds applications are due March 7th!
- **Ash Hester (she/her), Sunnyside NA.** We partnered with SEUL to host a free food pantry. Hosting a SOLVE trash pick-up Sat. March 13th and open to volunteers.
- **North Tabor** hosted a guest speaker on mental health and suicide prevention and it was well received; we are posting it on our website. (update provided by Stephanie Kaza)
- **Stuart Zeltzer- (he/him)- Brooklyn-** HI all! We are conducting a neighborhood survey for participation in our NA and doing a Food drive for Grout elementary food pantry 3/13
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**7:05 pm**  
**Approval of February Meeting Minutes**  
**Tina Kimmey**

**Approving February 2021 Minutes:** Nancy Chapin makes a motion to approve, Anna Weichsel seconds

<b>In Favor: 19</b>	Pam Hodge, Stuart Zeltzer, Ashley Gale, Charlene Zaharakis, Dave Weaver, Lindsey Johnson, Tiffany Johnson, Sam Noble, Stephanie Kaza, Allen Field, Ash Hester, Anna Weichsel, Ambar Solarte, Amy Bader, Cat Davila, Estefania Zavala, Catherine Diaz, David Gruber, Nancy Chapin
<b>Opposed: 0</b>	
<b>Abstain: 2</b>	Miguel Rodriguez, John Liu

**7:08 pm**  
**Finance Committee Update**  
**Ambar Solarte (Treasurer)**

- Reviewing policies, paying attention to Civic Life budget decreases (5%)
- Sent out balance sheet
- No further dollars for small grants being given by Civic Life, more information being presented to board soon

**7:15 pm**  
**DEIA 101 Training**  
**Cliff Jones, Consulting Partner at Capacity Building Partnerships**

DEIA 101 Training with board lead by Cliff Jones, part one of three. Next training will focus on skills and capacity building around diversity, equity, inclusion, and access.

Scenarios used in training:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1uzyoqddIGXPgvBPasGIZcnSuJmIYGnKwrVocaaXZCm0/edit>

**8:20 pm**

**Advocacy Request: Discussion on Representative Rob Nosse's Letter**  
**Representative Rob Nosse**

- Tina: Letter was sent out with updates
- Cat: Are non-neighborhood associations going to sign on? Like at-large members. Only NAs are represented on the letter now.
- John: Laurelhurst has to abstain as they haven't met on this yet
- Pam: Letter says that several NAs have signed on when they haven't (like Brentwood-Darlington)
- Tiffany: Same for Mt. Scott-Arleta, they are not able to sign on
- Others voice this same thing in the chat
- Dave: Same for Kerns, they haven't approved yet but may this month. All NAs may be listed on the letter
- Tina: If a NA approves after this vote, is it okay for folks to sign on later?
- Rep. Rob: This is a draft letter. Can wait a week or even until next month
- Charlene: What are we voting on separate from the letter? Are we representing SEUL on this issue or our NAs as a whole?
- Tina: This is an advocacy request. Depends on bylaws of each NA.
- Rob: Happy to have this group sign on as SE Uplift board members, but looks better if NAs as a whole sign on
- Anna: Woodstock was behind the sentiment but had a few additional things they wanted added. They signed on with conditions
- Allen: Idea that whoever votes "yes" is added to list tonight, then NAs can get in touch with Rob about additions/changes they want made and send those letters separately
- Tiffany: Not opposed to letter, NA just wants to make sure there are not unintended consequences
  - Statements related to "no displacement without replacement"; safe sleep provided citywide; shared responsibility across neighborhoods with services and inclusion process; and safe schools need to be considered for citing locations.

**Voting to approve adopting Rep. Rob Nosse's letter:** Allen Field makes a motion to approve adoption of letter, Lindsey Johnson seconds

<b>In Favor: 10</b>	Stuart Zeltzer, Charlene Zaharakis, Lindsey Johnson, Allen Field, Ash Hester, Anna Weichsel, Cat Davila, Estefania Zavala, Catherine Diaz, David Gruber
<b>Opposed: 2</b>	Sam Noble, Stephanie Kaza
<b>Abstain: 9</b>	Pam Hodge, Ashley Gale, Dave Weaver, John Liu, Tiffany Johnson, Ambar Solarte, Amy Bader, Miguel Rodriguez, Nancy Chapin

**(Motion Passes)**

- Stephanie: Questions about SE Uplift’s endorsement, will it be clear which neighborhood representatives signed on? Does it look better if everyone signs on together vs. only some?
- Tina: Yes. Will check in with each person who voted yes to make sure their organization can be listed
- Rob: There will be questions about it and its better to be upfront that not all neighborhoods signed on

**8:40 pm**

**Executive Director’s Report**

**Leah Fisher**

- Shopping for insurance and having conversations around issues we experience with our current insurance – will keep board updated. Insurance is required as part of grant agreement with Civic Life
- Black and Beyond the Binary Collective moved into Tabor Commons
  - Thank you to everyone who donated to support MaRanda, raised over \$150 to support her finding permanent housing. Leah is holding onto funds, if housing is not found in 4-6 months Leah will return funds. If anyone knows of affordable housing leads, contact Leah.
- Mingus and Hardesty both interested in attending board meetings, coming up in the next couple of months. Hardesty is having an open house on the 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm, everyone encouraged to attend. Register here:  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe42tMFCYrz-PhjRK33Zj5f06XHB\\_DR6c4NrJmiH0kG3hKvPg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe42tMFCYrz-PhjRK33Zj5f06XHB_DR6c4NrJmiH0kG3hKvPg/viewform) by the 5th

**8:47 pm**

**Fiscal Sponsorship Requests**

**Tina Kimmey**

Anyone we fiscally sponsor needs to be approved. Tried to do this at last Executive Committee meeting but didn’t have quorum, so vote is happening at board meeting. Brentwood Darlington would like to renew their current fiscal sponsorship. Renewing 4 projects.

**Approving fiscal sponsorship renewal for Brentwood-Darlington Neighborhood**

**Association:** Allen Field makes a motion to approve, Sam Noble seconds

<b>In Favor: 21</b>	Pam Hodge, Stuart Zeltzer, Ashley Gale, Charlene Zaharakis, Dave Weaver, John Liu, Lindsey Johnson, Tiffany Johnson, Sam Noble, Stephanie Kaza, Allen Field, Ash Hester, Anna Wechsel, Ambar Solarte, Amy Bader, Cat Davila, Miguel Rodriguez, Estefania Zavala, Catherine Diaz, David Gruber, Nancy Chapin
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<b>Opposed: 0</b>	
<b>Abstain: 0</b>	

**8:50 pm**

**Committee Reports**

**Board Members and Staff**

Board Development Committee

- Tina: Working on a survey to send out to board

Houselessness Action Committee (HAC)

- Stuart: Last meeting, Raven from Street Roots came to talk about the C3P0 camp and offered to share materials/information about how the camp was created. Upcoming meeting on 3/22 at 5:30 pm, all are invited
- Eacen: Houselessness Resource Guide now on SEUL website:  
<https://www.seuplift.org/se-uplift-houselessness-resource-guide/>

Bylaws Committee

- Catherine: Meeting tomorrow, reviewing articles 1-4 of the bylaws

Land Use and Transportation Committee

- Leah: Still looking for someone to backfill LU role. Last meeting canceled due to winter storm.
- Next board meeting there will be a more robust update about the program, specifically about the creation of a leadership program. This will be a small group skill-building program with a stipend. Information given during trainings will be available to anyone who's interested as well.

DEIA Workgroup

- Ambar – workgroup is meeting monthly, advancing on documents and building glossary.
- Tina: Can we share DEIA training slideshow with our groups?
- Leroy: Yes. Thanks to Eacen for putting the scenarios together.

**9:05 pm**

**Final Updates**

- Leah: Would the board be open to us adding 15 minutes onto next meeting?
- Tina: This will be helpful for fitting in the commissioners in the next few meetings.  
Responses in chat
- Leah: Definitely share documents from the DEIA trainings and have conversations with your NAs/organizations

**Next meeting: April 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm – 9:15 pm**

## Addendum A: Zoom Chat

18:57:55 From Nancy CHAPIN - 82nd Ave. (she/her/hers) to Everyone : Nancy Chapin, 82nd Ave. BA

18:59:26 From Pam Hodge (she/her) - Brentwood-Darlington to Everyone : Pam Hodge, Brentwood-Darlington & SEUL Board member. No announcements

19:01:07 From Amy Bader to Everyone : Amy Bader, PCC; PCC will be hosting a virtual fundraiser (instead of the annual gala) this year on April 10, 7-8pm. Save the date!<https://www.pcc.edu/foundation/events/tomorrow-together/>

19:01:25 From John Liu to Everyone : John Liu, Laurelhurst & SEUL Board member. No announcements.

19:01:50 From Nancy CHAPIN - 82nd Ave. (she/her/hers) to Everyone : Nancy again - looking for volunteers to work on 82nd Ave cleanups for NA's bordering 82nd Ave First one in April.

19:01:56 From Cat to Everyone : Cat Davila, (she/her pronouns) At-Large member, no announcements

19:02:07 From Anna Weichsel to Everyone : Anna Weichsel, Woodstock neighbourhood association.

19:02:09 From David Gruber (he/him) to Everyone : David Gruber, at-large member, no announcements

19:02:16 From Tina K to Everyone : Tina Kimmey, South Tabor NA, no announcements for March

19:02:24 From Estefania Zavala to Everyone : Estefania Zavala (she/her), at-large. Portland Through a Latinx Lens just released our second zine: <https://pdxlatinx.org/zine2>

19:02:30 From Catherine Diaz | she/her | OMSI to Everyone : Catherine Diaz, she/her, member at large, no announcements

19:02:34 From Richmond Secretary to Everyone : Allen Field (Richmond NA): Mar 4, 6:30-7:30, the RNA and Kerns, HAND, Buckman and Creston-Kenilworth NAs are hosting a 1 hr Zoom conversation w/ Comm Hardesty. I'll send out the zoom link via email

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19:02:57 From Miguel Rodriguez (he/him/his) to Everyone : Miguel Rodriguez, he/him/his, at-large. Just chilling - and like Estefania said: [pdxlatinx.org/zine2](https://pdxlatinx.org/zine2)

19:02:59 From Amy Bader (she/her) to Everyone : Amy again - I forgot. PDX Through a Latinx Lens released our round 2 zine this weekend! Check it out on our website: [pdxlatinx.org](http://pdxlatinx.org)

19:03:24 From Sam Noble to Everyone : Sam Noble, Mt Tabor. no announcements.

19:04:01 From Ambar Solarte (ella, she, her) to Everyone : Ambar Solarte (ella, she, her), Hacienda CDC - Portland Mercado. New food cart at the Mercado  
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19:04:37 From Lindsey, she/her to Everyone : Lindsey Johnson, she/her, Montavilla, we're starting to work on a business directory

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19:05:22 From Ashley Gale (she/her) to Everyone : Hi All! Ashley Gale - Buckman Neighborhood Association

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19:08:42 From Stuart Zeltzer BAC (he/him) to Everyone : Stuart Zeltzer- (he/him)- Brooklyn- HI all! We are conducting a neighborhood survey for participation in our NA and doing a Food drive for Grout elementary food pantry 3/13

19:12:36 From Charlene Zaharakis to Everyone : What does DEIA stand for?

19:13:00 From Tina K to Everyone : Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Access

19:13:54 From Anna Weichsel to Everyone : Anna Weichsel, WNA we initiate an outreach and participation survey and neighbourhood programming for the spring/ summer, inclusive of businesses involvement.

19:16:47 From Clifford Jones to Everyone : \*How are you doing this evening?  
\*What is one thing you like about the sun.

19:26:21 From Amy Bader (she/her) to Everyone :  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1uzyoqddIGXPgvBPasGIZcnSuJmIYGnKwrVocaaXZCm0/edit>

19:27:28 From Clifford Jones to Everyone :  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1uzyoqddIGXPgvBPasGIZcnSuJmIYGnKwrVocaaXZCm0/edit?usp=sharing>

19:28:53 From Miguel Rodriguez (he/him/his) to Everyone : I'll do #2 with the other person

19:29:02 From Catherine Diaz | she/her | OMSI to Everyone : #2 too

19:29:09 From SE Uplift to Everyone : I can also do #2

19:29:41 From Dave Weaver, Kerns to Everyone : I'll do #1

19:55:49 From Clifford Jones to Everyone : What resonated from the DEIA overview?



How might you apply any of that to your scenario?

20:09:43 From Richmond Secretary to Everyone : Ash: Have you contacted the building managers to email them the newsletter to distribute to tenants?

20:10:25 From John Liu, Laurelhurst NA to Everyone : Ash, suggest you set up a bulk mail account with US Postal and mail to the addresses that are not accessible. The postman has access.

20:10:28 From Leah (she/her) SE Uplift to Everyone : Community Alliance of tenants is an advocacy organization that focuses on tenants' rights. They have a number of renter-led efforts. We could support their work more than we do now.

20:11:21 From Ash Hester to Everyone : Thank you all for these very helpful tips!

20:22:01 From Eaen (they/he) to Everyone : Thank you Cliff!

20:22:03 From Paola (she/her) SE Uplift to Everyone : Thank you!

20:25:17 From Matt Lembo to Everyone : Could LNA join on after the meeting next week if they so vote?

20:25:57 From Ashley Gale (she/her) to Everyone : Same for Buckman - we reviewed but didn't accept.

20:25:57 From Sam Noble to Everyone : Mt Tabor should not be on that list either

20:27:47 From Tiffany Johnson (she/her) to Everyone : MSANA plans to write a letter to Rep. Nosse with the language that the Board would need in order to sign on.

20:27:56 From Dave Weaver, Kerns to Everyone : Kerns hasn't approved yet but I anticipate we will at our March meeting

20:28:27 From Tiffany Johnson (she/her) to Everyone : we like the intent of the letter, but needs certain points made.

20:35:48 From Tiffany Johnson (she/her) to Everyone : i didn't know no was an option

20:38:14 From Matt Lembo to Everyone : I am very sorry for speaking out of turn.

20:39:26 From Dave Weaver, Kerns to Everyone : Thank you Rob! Kerns will probably be a yes after our next meeting

20:39:47 From Ash Hester (she/her) to Everyone : We can say a majority voted on this.

20:39:53 From Ashley Gale (she/her) to Everyone : I agree, we will discuss the letter with new additions at our march meeting.

20:40:03 From Ashley Gale (she/her) to Everyone : I also foresee it passing as well.

20:41:23 From Ash Hester (she/her) to Everyone : Thanks Rob!

20:45:51 From Tina K to Everyone : Commissioner Hardesty is now in charge of OCCL and holding an open house for NA members on March 9.

You can register here: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe42tMFcYrz-PhjRK33Zj5f06XHB\\_DR6c4NrJmiH0kG3hKvPg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe42tMFcYrz-PhjRK33Zj5f06XHB_DR6c4NrJmiH0kG3hKvPg/viewform)

20:47:44 From Leroy to Everyone : BDNA is a renewal

20:49:40 From Pam Hodge (she/her) - Brentwood-Darlington to Everyone : Thank you on behalf of BDNA!!

20:51:02 From Eaen (they/he) to Everyone : Houselessness resource guide:  
<https://www.seuplift.org/se-uplift-houselessness-resource-guide/>

20:51:47 From Ash Hester (she/her) to Everyone : Thanks for putting this together Even! You rock.

20:57:41 From Pam Hodge (she/her) - Brentwood-Darlington to Everyone : ok with starting 15 mins earlier

20:57:43 From Estefania Zavala to Everyone : After meeting is fine with me!

20:57:48 From Ash Hester (she/her) to Everyone : After meeting.

20:57:49 From Stuart Zeltzer BAC (he/him) to Everyone : Ok with added 15 after

20:57:52 From Lindsey, she/her to Everyone : ok with either

20:57:53 From Tiffany Johnson (she/her) to Everyone : yes before the meeting only. but I'd do either

20:57:54 From Nancy CHAPIN - 82nd Ave. (she/her/hers) to Everyone : OK with me.

20:57:54 From Ashley Gale (she/her) to Everyone : I would be happy to stay in the meeting longer

20:57:55 From Anna Weichsel to Everyone : I am fine with adding 15 min afterwards

20:57:56 From Catherine Diaz | she/her | OMSI to Everyone : yes - 15 minutes earlier please

20:57:56 From Miguel Rodriguez (he/him/his) to Everyone : ok with either

20:57:57 From Amy Bader (she/her) to Everyone : Ok - earlier better for me but ok with either

20:58:09 From Ambar Solarte (ella, she, her) to Everyone : 15 minutes ok earlier if possible

20:58:56 From Estefania Zavala to Everyone : I can also be okay with either, preference to later

20:58:57 From Charlene Zaharakis to Everyone : I would be open to 15 minutes at the end of the meeting. It's already a time crunch trying to eat after work and get to the meeting on time..