



University District Development Association (UDDA) Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 1, 2025, Joint UDDA/UDPDA Presentation/Discussion 4 PM-4:50 PM, UDDA Business Meeting 4:50 PM-5:05PM, Catalyst Building Room 309 and Via Zoom

Board slide [deck](#), Zoom recording [link](#) (business meeting at 16:49:17 time stamp)

Board Members Present: LaVerne Biel, Lois Bollenback, Catherine Brazil, Mayor Lisa Brown, Megan Hulsey, Chuck Murphy, Stacia Rasmussen, Marvo Reguindin, Rob Sauders, Katy Sheehan (chair), Juliet Sinisterra (CEO), John Sklut, Thomas Tellefson (Zoom), Dennis Wagner, County Commissioner Amber Waldref, Council President Betsy Wilkerson (Zoom), Erin Williams-Heuter (Zoom)

Others Present: Lori Hunt, Steve MacDonald, Jeffrey Samson

Board Members Absent: Kevin Brockbank, Emilie Cameron, Daryll DeWald, Colleen Fuchs, Brooke Kiener, Lindsey Myhre, Greg Repetti, Jonathan Teeters

JOINT PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION: UDPDA and UDDA Board Members

Retiring Board Member Recognition

Sheehan and the group paused to honor and thank outgoing board members for their UD board service and leadership:

- Thayne McCulloh 2011-2025
- Daryll DeWald 2018-2025
- Chuck Murphy 2020-2025
- Lindsey Myhre 2020-2025
- Katy Sheehan 2020-2025
- Greg Repetti 2023-2025

EAC Highlights and General Updates

Bollenback/Sinisterra provided the following EAC highlights and general updates:

- EAC recommended staff draft support letter for Parks & Schools Bond/Levy sent from UDDA
- UD Staff have developed a UDDA HR Employee Manual and UDDA and UDPDA Fiscal Policies and Procedures Manuals
 - Four EAC members and legal counsel will review
 - Recommendations presented to EAC in December
 - Present to both boards for approval in February
- Staff presented details for the review process for Employee Evaluations and Performance Reviews
- Routine updates on finance and grants, U Vision 2044, and Next Gen 2065 Plans
- Presentation given on draft 2026 Work Plan and Budgets
- Measure Meant presented their scope of work and process for evaluating UD Development Incentives
- 400-Block Update
 - Working with Trestle Development on In-House Proforma and Value Engineering (\$10K scope)
 - Trestle working with Bouten on more refined construction costs
 - Looking to maximize revenue with events and possible onsite housing
 - Received draft events revenue analysis informed by Jennifer Evans Events and Visit Spokane
 - Kicking off Event Prospectus for Climbing Gym economic impact with Spokane Sports
- Sinisterra shared a photo of colorful new UD-branded banners installed along MLK Jr. Way
- Sinisterra shared the 2026 meeting calendar
- Samson asked for but did not receive any questions regarding the July 31, 2025, financials

Higher Ed Partner Updates

- **Washington State University Health Sciences Spokane** – *staff not available to provide update*
- **Spokane Colleges** - Lori Hunt, Chief of Staff & Strategy, shared details regarding Spokane Colleges' new branding, swag, economic impact, and administrative departments' relocation.



She also spoke to the “start here, transfer there” program with Whitworth, the Practical Nursing Program certificate, the SPEEA Grant to support SCC students’ childcare needs, the SCC Trades High School hands-on programs, the AI certificate program, and the new SFCC Fine Arts and Photography building.

- **Eastern Washington University** – Rob Sauders talked about EWU’s pivot to a “regional polytechnic” focus, emphasizing applied learning and building opportunities to prepare students for employment. EWU is aligning strategic planning, curriculum, and community engagement toward this goal.
- **Whitworth University** – *staff not available to provide an update*
- **Gonzaga University** – John Sklut, Sr Advisor to the President and Liaison for External and Government Affairs, spoke to Katia Passerini’s new role and shared *US News & World Report* cites GU as one of the nation’s “most innovative” universities. He also mentioned reapplying for the [Tech Hub](#) grant and highlighted these GU programs: [Doctor of Nurse Anesthesia Practice](#), [Woodley Institute for Civil Engagement and Humanistic Dialogue](#), [Institute for Informatics and Applied Technology](#), and [Center for Materials Research](#).
- **University of Washington** - Catherine Brazil recapped a recent visit and tour with new UW and GU presidents Robert J. Jones and Katia Passerini to the Regional Initiatives in Dental Education (RIDE) program on the newly renovated top floor of the UW/GU Health Partnership Building. She also mentioned the upcoming November 6 RIDE ribbon cutting and open house. She also mentioned that the UW/GU Health Partnership welcomed a new advisory council.

Sheehan asked for but did not hear any public comments and adjourned the joint UDPDA/UDDA meeting at 4:50 PM.

Call to Order, Welcome, and Administrative Actions

Chair Sheehan called the UDDA business meeting to order at 4:50 PM and asked for a **MOTION to approve the September 3, 2025, UDDA meeting minutes and the UDDA financials** as of July 31, 2025, (Bollenback), seconded (McDonald), and passed unanimously.

2025 Impact Award

Sheehan asked for a **MOTION to approve 2025 Impact Award recipients Thayne McCulloh and Ana Mari Cauce for their outstanding leadership in establishing the UW/GU Health Partnership** (Hulsey), seconded (Wilkerson), and passed unanimously.

2026 Work Plan and Budget

Given the changing TIF status, Sinisterra canceled the proposed UDDA 2026 budget and work plan motion and indicated that staff and the EAC would need to revisit both and report to the board at the next meeting.

Sheehan reminded the group of the December 3 holiday dinner and adjourned the meeting at 5:05 PM.

Juliet Sinisterra for Greg Repetti, Secretary