



**Uptown Dallas, Inc. Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 11, 2026 | 8:30 AM
23Springs**

Members in attendance: Michael Alost, John Armstrong, Aaron Bidne, James Blanton, Ashley Booth, Kevin Butkus, Phil Cobb, De’On Collins, John Cummings, Corbin Eckel, Tara Green, Iman Harris, Judy Hearst, Kevin Hickman, Wade Johns, Ramsey March, Jacob Moore, John Murray, Paula Nemec, Alan Neuhoff, Ross Odland, Tony Page, Paula Peters, Zachary Porter, Elliot Prieur, Sharon Quist, Tyler Sibley, Neal Sleeper, Seth Thatcher, Cheryl Thompson, Mike Turner, Bill Weinberg, Kevin Welsch, Robert Wright, and Shan Zaidi.

Other parties in attendance: Larry Gordon, Larry McCoy, Cricket Griffin, Lacey Ruiz, Kelem Butts, Chuck DelTufo, Megan Mummaw, Bailey Criado, and Sophia Morgan.

Members absent: Michael Allen, Joel Behrens, Josh Bock, Chris Cleghorn, John Hall, Pasha Heidari, Yolanda Lawson, Adam Maciak, Ryan McManigal, Kyle Noonan, Joseph Pitchford, Chase Prospere, Pretlow Riddick, and Melissa Swope.

Chairman’s Report:

Call to Order: Aaron Bidne, Uptown Dallas, Inc. “UDI” Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 8:36am. He welcomed the members and thanked them for their attendance. He also asked that members fill out the Conflict of Interest policy form included with their meeting materials and turn it in at the end of the meeting.

- **Minutes: Judy Hearst motioned to approve the December meeting minutes. Mike Turner seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.**

Aaron then introduced Jeff Speck and Agustín "Gus" Demerath of Speck-Dempsey, who were visiting to present the draft Public Realm Prioritization Design Study for Uptown Dallas.

Jeff’s presentation centered on walkability initiatives aimed at improving safety, comfort, and visibility throughout the district.

Executive Director’s Report:

- Kelem provided a brief overview of UDI’s plans and initiatives in 2026.

Treasurer’s Report:

- Tara Green, UDI Treasurer of the Board and Finance Committee Chair reviewed the January 2026 financials, noting no significant variances in expenses during the month. Phil Cobb and Kevin Hickman had definition questions regarding the Balance Sheet. **Neal Sleeper motioned to accept the January financials, and Mike Turner seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

Committee Reports:

- **Renewal Committee:** On behalf of Joseph Pitchford, Renewal Committee Chair, Kelem updated the group on renewal progress, noting that UDI has officially turned in all petitions to the City of Dallas, surpassing the City's requirement of 50% for value and 50% land.
- **Nominating Committee:** Mike Turner, Nominating Committee Chair, presented a new Board member addition, Todd Henderson of DWS, who represents Manchester State Thomas. **Neal Sleeper motioned to add Todd Henderson to the UDI Board, and Cheryl Thompson seconded. The motion carried.**
- **Public Safety Committee:** Wade Johns, Public Safety Committee Chair, announced that the SeeSay app is now live and encouraged all Board members to download. Chuck DelTufo, Director of Public Safety and Operations, presented the 2025 vs. 2024 year-end statistics.
- **Other Reports:** Phil Cobb, Advisory Council Chair, noted that the Advisory Council would be meeting on Thursday, February 12.

Aaron Bidne adjourned the meeting at 10:09am.