

BSRA Business Meeting Minutes March 1, 2025

The March 1, 2025 Business Meeting was called to order at 7:31PM by President Bradley Clarke via Zoom Video Conference.

President's Remarks:

- Welcome to the March BSRA meeting. Mike Prescott is hosting our Zoom presentation. And we thank him for doing so this evening.
- Tonight's entertainment will be "Wiring the Corridor" by David Alff

Treasurer's Report:

Charlie Bahne read the following report:

Boston Street Railway Association, Inc.
Summary Treasurer's Report, February 2025
(detailed report is available for download)

General Fund

Income	\$878.11
Expenses	\$1,734.96
Cash on hand 2/28/2025	\$24,748.74

5706 Fund

Income	\$597.73
Expenses	\$6,650.75
Cash on hand 2/28/2025	\$25,333.78
Combined cash on hand 2/28/2025	\$50,082.52

- Renewal reminder notices were mailed recently, to our Members and Subscribers who haven't yet renewed. If you received one, please respond promptly, so that we can keep you on the mailing list for the January/February 2025 issue of *RollSign*.
- Prompt renewals also save us both effort and monetary expenses since we won't have to send later reminders.
- Since 1999, we've raised a total of \$558,667.17 for the 5706 Fund.
- Motions were made, seconded and approved to accept the Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports as read.

RollSign Director Report – Mike Prescott read the following report:

JULY–AUGUST 2024 MBTA LAUNCHES TAP-TO-PAY FARE COLLECTION THIS TIME IN HISTORY The Last Trackless Trolleys in Boston, Part II

- Work is underway on the **September/October** and **November/December** 2024 issues.

Publication Director Report – There was no report.

5706 Report: - Brad Clarke read the following report:

- Your donations to the 5706 and General Fund are essential for achieving our goal.

- The 5706 Fund totaled **\$25,334** as of February 28, 2025.
- This past month's work consisted of painting the interior side panels, working on interior lighting and installing window glass.
- We have raised **\$558,667** for 5706 as of February 28.
- We have also been busy arranging the crating and shipping of underbody components, including brake rigging, pneumatic piping, air tanks, motors, trucks, and resistor grids, among others.
- We now need to build up our funds to complete this project. We plan to send a fundraising appeal later this month or early April to get the ball rolling. We need your support to finish the job and, as always, appreciate all donations of any amount.

Applicants for Intermediate and Regular membership – There was one new applicant for Regular Membership: James Dineen of North Conway, NH Rejoining as a Regular Member

Old/New Business – None

Current Events – Jonathan Belcher read the following report:

Orange Line: CRRC fleet: 128 active cars in service, 1530/1531, 1532/1533, 1536/1537 are in testing. 16 remain to be delivered.

Green Line: Early morning of 02/09/25, a major rear-end collision took place at East Somerville station. A train of 3840-3698 struck train 3851-3663. Damage is like that of the 2021 collision on Commonwealth Ave. Both Type 7s are damaged beyond repair, Type 8 3840 has major frame damage at both ends, and Type 8 3851 has frame damage at one end. On 02/19/25, the Neponset River flooded Milton Station after an ice dam broke. PCC 3087 was caught in the flood, the operator and five passengers had to be removed by a raft. Service resumed several hours later after water receded. PCC 3087's compressor and propulsion equipment is still being dried out in order to begin repairs. On 02/25/25, the MBTA Board approved a \$122 contract with Piper Networks to install a Green Line Train Protection System-2 to replace a cancelled system installation contract with Stadler. By December, all existing cars will have a visual and audible warning system installed if an operator is speeding. A future second phase will install an automatic braking system in the Type 9 and future Type 10 fleet.

Red Line: Total CRRC fleet is 24 (1900-1921, 1930/1931) accepted out of 252 ordered. 1922/1923, 1924/1925, 1926/1927, 1928/1929, 1932/1933, 1934/1935, and 1936/1937 delivered and in testing. 214 remain to be delivered. Decommissioning and scrapping of #1 cars has resumed for first time in over a year, to free up space for new car deliveries. 01620/01621 and 01644/01645 have been removed by Costello Dismantling Inc., 01610/01611 and 01648/01649 are being prepped for removal, 01600/01601 and 01640/01641 have been held for over 30 days and may be the next pairs to be retired. The active #1 fleet is down to 48 cars. The MBTA's goal is to retire the last #1 car by October 2025. 1 to 3 four car trains may now be operated during the rush hour until more CRRC cars arrive. The first train ran in revenue service on 02/18/25. The number of trains operated in the rush hour will change from 21 six-car trains to 22 trains with spring schedule change in April, which would include some four-car trains depending on daily car availability.

Commuter Rail: Locomotive rebuilding: 31 units completed, 1027 and 1034 returned from rebuild, 8 remain at Erie. Locomotives 010 and 011 may be sent to another overhaul location instead of Erie. Eight more 1600 series cab cars have been brought from storage locations to BET to prepare for scrapping, eight others were previously scrapped in 2024. New Bedford/Fall River service will begin on March 24, 2025

Bus: Fourteen 1400 series busses of 60 total are now at Midwest Bus for overhaul. 40 busses have returned. 6 busses remain to be sent. On 02/25/25, the MBTA Board approved a \$102 million option with Midwest Bus to overhaul 156 additional busses (1775-1924 and 3000-3005). Battery busses 4200 and 4202 have started training and testing, are being charged at Southampton, will temporarily go to Cabot, and later Charlestown, but will eventually be assigned to North Cambridge. These are first busses delivered as part of an 80 bus order (32 4200s for North Cambridge and 48 4300s for Quincy).

Entertainment – Lucius Chiaraviglio summarized the upcoming entertainment to April 2025.

Officers and Staff Present: Officers, Directors, and Committee Chairs present included Bradley Clarke, Tom Athearn, Charlie Bahne, Tadd Anderson, Mike Prescott, Jonathan Belcher, Jim Gately, Ken Zwirble, Clark Frazier and Lucius Chiaraviglio.

Adjournment - A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the Business Meeting and a vote was taken and it passed. The Business Meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Tadd Anderson
Secretary, Boston Street Railway Association
3/14/2025