

BSRA Business Meeting Minutes March 7, 2026

The March 7, 2026, Business Meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM by President Bradley Clarke via Zoom Video Conference.

President's Remarks:

- Welcome to the March BSRA meeting. We appreciate Clark Frazier hosting tonight's Zoom presentation.
- Tonight's entertainment features Leo Sullivan, who has created a fascinating program on the little known topic of trolley freight service in New England.

Treasurer's Report:

Boston Street Railway Association, Inc.
Summary Treasurer's Report, February 2026
(detailed report is available for download)
General Fund

Income	\$377.75
Expenses	\$2,853.58
Cash on hand 2/28/2026	\$16,330.18

5706 Fund

Income	\$225.12
Expenses	\$10,309.60
Cash on hand 2/28/2026	\$13,446.26
<i>Combined cash on hand 2/28/2026</i>	<i>\$29,776.44</i>

- General Fund expenses paid this month include many of the costs related to our attendance at the Amherst Railway Society's hobby show in West Springfield, in January.
- Renewal reminder notices were mailed earlier this week, to members who haven't yet renewed for 2026 — including several people who are frequent attendees at these monthly Zoom meetings. *Perhaps it was an oversight, but we encourage you to please renew promptly; it will save us volunteer effort as well as postage costs.*
- If you have questions about renewal, email us at info@thebsra.org.
- Since 1999, we've raised a total of \$586,406.65 for the 5706 Fund.

RollSign Director Report – Brad Clarke read the following report:

- We have completed the content work for the July – August, September – October, in November – December additions overall sign, and have become begun assembly work. We apologies for the delay in production, but it is a consequence of volunteers handling higher priority work. We will be adding one new staff member in the near future, and this should help us stay up-to-date.
- Our current plan is to produce these three issues simultaneously, distribute the electronic versions, all at the same time, and mail the three printed versions at the same time as well.
- Jonathan Belcher's M.B.T.A. equipment issue for January – February 2026 is in the works and should be

complete soon.

- **Publication Director Report:** - Lucius Chiaraviglio read the following:

• Nothing new to report on publications, except that we plan an additional warehouse work to clear out the remaining items at the Wollaston location in the near future.

5706 Report: - Brad Clarke read the following report:

• We have completed the work on the Westinghouse DH 16 compressor,. The brake cylinder is done except for a casting which we are awaiting, and work on the line switch is underway.

• Donations to the General Fund and the 5706 Fund have fallen off after our initial renewal period and the Holiday Fund Drive, so we will be issuing a new fundraiser soon to boost our finances..

• Thank you you all for your continued support as we move toward the completion of this important project, and we hope to see your generous donations continue.

• We have raised **\$586,407** for 5706 as of **February 28, 2026.**

- **Applicants for Intermediate and Regular membership** – There were no applicants for Regular and Intermediate Membership.

A motion to approve the Secretary and Treasurer’s Reports for November was seconded, and a vote to approve both reports was passed.

Old/New Business – None

Current Events – Jonathan Belcher read the following report:

Orange Line: CRRC fleet: 146 active cars in service, 1402/1403-1546/1547 are in service, 1548/1549 and 1550/1551 are in burn-in testing to complete the order. 1444/1445 were damaged 11/05/25 in a yard derailment at Wellington, returned to service. Service was suspended between Back Bay and Forest Hills from 02/28/26 to 03/08/26 to cut in new signals.

Red Line: Total accepted CRRC fleet is 56 (1900-1955) out of 252 ordered, four unaccepted cars, 1956/1957, and 1958/1959 delivered and in testing (60 cars total). 192 cars remain to be delivered, no updates given on the U.S. Customs allowing shell deliveries to resume. 14 01500s and 4 01600s remain in service. Red Line is still running short on equipment, 3 to 5 4-car trains are routinely operating in the peak and off-peak, even though only 2 of 22 trains are scheduled to be four-car trains. Evening service on weekdays will operate at reduced speeds at Columbia Junction for two months to cut in new signals.

Green Line: Cars 3603 and 3870 are Green Line Train Protection System (GLTPS) non-revenue test cars are being used for main line testing. Installation of cameras and radar equipment continues other cars. Target is to complete by June.

Commuter Rail: Locomotive rebuilding: 37 units completed, 1036 entered service in New York Central scheme. Locomotives 010 and 011 remain at Erie. Rolling Stock Solutions: 1003 arrived in Boston to begin testing. First HSP46 locomotives (2004, 2009, 2010, and 2030) are being prepped to send to Wabtec in Erie to commence overhaul program. Locomotive 2019 returned to service after repairs at BET. It was damaged in November 2021 after striking a large tree. The MBTA has issued request for bids for 20 new locomotives with options for 50 additional (70 total). 10 will be diesel and 10 will be battery-electric/catenary locomotives for use on Providence Line. Bids are due in June. These will

eventually replace the GP40MC locomotives. The additional 50 locomotives can be of either type, the decision on how many more will be battery will depend on how well initial battery units perform and cost to install charging facilities.

Bus: Bus 1414 is last overhauled 1400 waiting to enter service. Fourteen 2016-2017 New Flyer hybrid busses (series 1775-1924 and 3000-3005) are at Midwest Bus for overhaul, 12 are completed to date. Buses 1836, 1870, 1891, 1898, 3004 returned since last update while 1780, 1785, 1877, 1892, 1923, 3002 were sent out. Buses 0848, 0882, and 0894 transferred from Fellsway to contingency fleet at Southampton.

Entertainment – Lucius Chiaraviglio listed the upcoming entertainment through October 2026.

Officers and Staff Present: Officers, Directors, and Committee Chairs present included Bradley Clarke, Tom Athearn, Charlie Bahne, Tadd Anderson, Jonathan Belcher, Ken Zwirble, Clark Frazier, James Gately 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 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Tadd Anderson
Secretary, Boston Street Railway Association
3/30/2026