BSRA Business Meeting Minutes September 12, 2026

The September 12, 2026, Business Meeting was called to order at 7:31 PM by Vice-President Tom Athearn.

• Charlie Bahne summarized the Treasurer's Report below:

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

General Fund Income $2,352.39
Expenses $1,895.13
Cash on hand 8/31/2026 ..... $12,747.10

5706 Fund Income $3,579.70
Expenses $9,325.05
Cash on hand 8/31/2026 ..... $19,061.82
Combined cash on hand 8/31/2026 ..... $31,808.92

• Our spring fund appeal ended with a record $18,944 received, from 121 donors: $11,446 for the 5706 Fund, plus $7,497 for the General Fund. *Thank you for your generosity!*

• Our first-ever late summer fund appeal looks to be a success, too, with over $7,100 from 54 donors to date. *Thanks again!*

• Membership renewal notices for 2027 will be mailed in early October.

• The next issues of *RollSign* — both paper and electronic — will be sent *only* to members who have renewed for 2026.

• Since 1999, we've raised a total of $608,695.38 for the 5706 Fund.

- ***RollSign* Director Report** – Tom Athearn read the following: Work is continuing on the January/February and March/April issues and they will be mailed soon.

Publication Director Report – There was no report.

- **5706 Report: -** Tom Athearn read the following report:

- Work is continuing with installation of the air control systems, including the second brake stand and the controls for the doors. Keith Bray is also starting to work on the electrical control system, beginning with the two controllers at the ends of the car, and their connections to the line switch.

- We have begun to receive responses to our Summer fundraiser. Between the Spring and Summer fundraisers we received $16,090 for the 5706 fund. The 5706 Fund balance stands at **$20,441** as of now.
- We have raised **$610,085** for 5706 as of **today.**

Applicants for Intermediate and Regular membership – There was one new regular member:

THOMAS UNDERWOOD, MANSFIELD, MA *New Regular Member*

a motion was made, seconded and approved for the secretary to cast a token ballot to approve the application

Vote on Reports of Secretary and Treasurer along with Nominations for Office.

A motion to approve the Secretary and Treasurer's Reports for June was seconded, and a vote to approve both reports was passed. The nominations for office was passed as well.

Old/New Business – None

Current Events – Jonathan Belcher read the following report:

Orange Line: Service was suspended between Oak Grove and Back Bay for 11 days (August 20-30) and is suspended between Back Bay and Forest Hills Sep 10-14.

Red Line: Total accepted CRRC fleet is 68 (1900-1967) out of 252 ordered. No change since last update. 14 01500s and 4 01600s remain in service.

Commuter Rail: Rolling Stock Solutions leased locomotives: 1002 and 1005 are in service 1001 and 1006 are in testing. 1003 is in temporary storage. 1002 has been wrapped in MBTA colors. Locomotive 1131 was sent to the North Carolina Museum of Transportation in Spencer to participate in the America 250 Locomotive Celebration. It is on the way back. Locomotive 1072 was released from the Rochester MA shops in the B&M blue heritage scheme.The first four of the next 80 coaches on order from Rotem should be arriving this month. They will be delivered at the rate of four per month. Cab car 1644 was sold to the Raritan Central Railroad of New Jersey back in March 2026.

Bus: 15 2016-2017 New Flyer hybrid busses (series 1775-1924) and one 2014 bus (1414) are at Midwest Bus for overhaul, 47 of the 2016-17 group are completed to date. Busses 1840, 1873, 1879, 1888, 1896, 1910, 1914, and 1915 have returned since last update, while 1775, 1801, 1809, 1834, 1841, 1866, 1874, 1901 were sent out. Busses 0806, 0887, 0892 and 0896 transferred from Southampton to Quincy

Entertainment: The dates for the upcoming entertainment programs were summarized to December 2026.

Officers and Staff Present: Officers, Directors, and Committee Chairs present included Tom Athearn, Charlie Bahne, Jonathan Belcher, Tadd Anderson, Ken Zwirble, Marlowe Fairhurst, 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 8:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Tadd Anderson
Secretary, Boston Street Railway Association
09/16/2026