

COMBINED MEETING OF THE BCOA BOARD OR DIRECTORS AND FRIENDS OF THE  
BCOA BOARD – December 1, 2025

Board: J. Fuller-Jones, D. Andrews, R. Beauchesne, H. Soones, H. Beasley, P. Beckner(E), C. DeLorey, R. Graham, M. James, G. Koelsch, A. McCormack (E), M. Shepard,  
Friends: F. Zakszewski, M. Young(A) L. Dykes(E), V. Green, M. Badgio, G. Burman, L. Burman,  
D. Clinton, M. Howard, D. Langer, S. Larke(A), L. Reddin  
Legend-E-Excused, A-Absent.

The Minutes of November 3<sup>rd</sup> Board meeting were approved by members of the board with the following changes:

Correction: The term of service for Richard Alvarnaz at OCES was 26 years, (not 2 ).

Treasure's Report = \$23,015.77 was presented and approved by members of the Board.

Chair's Report: (. The Chair's report was approved by Board Members.)

Congratulations to the staff for the events that happened in November most notably the Veterans breakfast which was very nice. I was very impressed as well as many of the veterans who attended. Just like many of the activities that take place here, individuals are left with the impression that this is a warm and wonderful place to be.

We do have an opportunity for more Outreach this coming Dec 12 at the Shaw's center. A few of us will be there. The session is from 1:00 to 4:00 and if you want to stop by and staff the table for an hour or so that will be fine.

Director's Report: The following items were discussed: (and approved).

- Hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving and have gotten rid of all the leftover Turkey.
- Thanks to the secret Santa who left us all with a knitted ornament this morning
- Thanks to all of those who volunteered that helped us when our HR department needed some help stuffing envelopes. They had done a mailing, and then realized afterwards it was incorrect. So they needed to do another mailing, and they needed to get it done really quickly. So I want to thank anyone whose part of the group here this morning. Thank you very much for jumping in and helping us out. Although they're not us, they are a city department, and we like to offer our assistance whenever we can. So thank you very much.
- I'm waiting to go before council. Hopefully, sometime this month to hear about some grants that I'm waiting for them to accept so that we can start spending them. We're ready to go. We just need the green light from them.
- Signs were placed in the coffee area restricting the placement of new food to only those allowed by staff. This insures that the items can be marked with expiration dates and that any required utensils can be provided for.
- Also being enforced is the no food in the front counter area. For anyone needing to eat please do it away from the front desk.
- Lauren will be taking the names of anyone who needs a badge including Friends. We plan on submitting an order within a few weeks.
- All are reminded that registrations for new activities fill up quickly so anyone who wished to be included needs to sign up. Once filled, the door is closed.

Assistant Director Report: The following items were presented by Lauren, (And approved)

- Open enrollment. So far, unofficially assistance has been provided to over 240 individuals and by the end of this week we expect to exceed the number of 270 which was the number from last year.
- A social security presentation was provided last month and we are working with the presenter to obtain a copy of the slides.
- The Board Of Health presentation will be on Dec 12 at the Shaw's Center. Rick and several of the Board of Director member plan to be available to support.
- Senior Property tax write off applications can no longer be accepted. A total of 60 applicants were received of which only 30 can be accepted. A lottery will be used for selection.

Program Activities: The following topics presented by Christina were reviewed: (and approved)

- The list of Food Pantries that was the cover for the December Newsletter is being updated through the Pantry List in Boston and copies will be made available
- A list of special events was provided and reviewed.

Date	Time	Activity
12/2	2 PM	A personal conversation in Mrs' Washington's Bedchamber. (SLN)
12/3	12:30 PM	Senior Self Defense (will be repeated on the 17 <sup>th</sup> )
12/4	1 PM	Decorate the COA
12/9	1:30 PM	The great depression and the New Deal (SLN)
12/11	12-3	Holiday Party
12/12	2 PM	Trash and Recycling with DPW's Pat Sullivan
12/16	1:30 PM	Shifting Gears w MassDOT RMV
12/17	10 AM	Fall Prevention & Safety Brockton Fire Department
12/18	1:30	Yarn Hat Ornament Craft w Peg
12/18	1:30 PM	Yoga Workshop
12/19	2 PM	Sock Gnome Craft w Augie and Macey
12/22	12 PM	Brockton High School Seniors Jazz Band Performance
12/23	1:30 PM	Nutrition and Food Myths w Tara Hammes
12/30	1 PM	Musical Bingo

- Also noted was that this is the last month for the Senior Learning Network (SLN).

Next meeting Jan 6, **2026** at 10:AM. Meeting Minutes recorded by the Secretary (rcb)