



**Thayer Street District Management Authority  
Board of Directors Meeting**

Tuesday, June 6, 2023

118 Waterman Street, 2nd floor, Providence, RI

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**MEETING MINUTES**

The Thayer Street District Management Authority (TSDMA) board meeting was called to order at 9:11 A.M.

**1. Roll Call**

Directors: Joe Mardo, Chair; Paul Griesinger; John Luipold; Richard Dulgarian; Lauren Berk; Katie Silberman; Taylor Enos; Harry Bilodeau; and Donna Personeus, Executive Director.

Guests: Harry Bilodeau; Megan Lewis, Brown University; Grant Dulgarian

**2. Nomination and Vote on Harry Bilodeau joining the TSDMA Board of Directors**

Mr. Griesinger introduced Mr. Harry Bilodeau to the members of the Board and nominated him to fill an open seat on the TSDMA Board. Mr. Bilodeau provided a summary of service that he has provided in the College Hill area and then answered questions from members. A motion was made by Mr. Griesinger to approve Mr. Bilodeau as the newest member of the TSDMA Board of Directors, which was seconded by Mr. Luipold. The vote was unanimous. Mr. Bilodeau accepted the position and was welcomed to the Board.

**3. Final Discussion and Vote on FY 2024 Budget**

Ms. Personeus and Mr. Luipold, TSDMA Treasurer, presented a budget of \$152,129 with projected revenues of \$152,129 to secure a balanced budget for FY 2024. Budgets for TSDMA events were removed from the budget. TSDMA events for FY 2024 will require raising funds from sponsorships and pre-approval by the Board. The FY 2024 Budget was approved as presented after a motion by Mr. Griesinger, which was seconded by Ms. Berk. The vote was unanimous.

**4. Discussion and Vote to Approve the Minutes from the Board Meeting on May 2, 2023.**

Minutes from the May 2, 2023 Board meeting presented by Ms. Personeus were approved after a motion by Ms. Silberman, which was seconded by Mr. Luipold. The vote was unanimous.

**5. Discussion and Vote to Approve the Financial Report as provided on June 6, 2023.**

Financial Reports were presented June 6, 2023 by Ms. Personeus. The reports were approved after a motion by Mr. Griesinger, which was seconded by Ms. Silberman. The vote was unanimous.

**6. Event Sponsorship Discussion**

Board members discussed the TSDMA mission and how it relates to TSDMA events. During discussions,

members made several suggestions, including pre approving each individual event budget, use of contingency funds to supplement event costs, use of TSDMA contingency funds before sponsorship funding is secured or received, surveying TSDMA businesses on level of event interest, and coordination with Brown regarding events. It was decided that this discussion would be moved to the Marketing Committee meeting to work out details of how to move forward.

#### **7. Nomination, Discussion, and Vote on TSDMA Board of Directors Executive Positions for FY 2024.**

This agenda item was tabled and will be moved to the July 2023 meeting.

#### **8. Executive Director Report**

Ms. Personeus provided her Executive Director report on June 5, 2023 to Board members. There was no further discussion.

#### **9. Presentation of Brown University's Institutional Master Plan by Al Dahlberg**

Mr. Al Dahlberg, Assistant Vice President, Government & Community Relations presented Brown University's Institutional Master Plan to the TSDMA members. The two proposed projects included a new life science building in the Jewelry District and an indoor turf practice field at the Erickson Athletic Sport Complex on College Hill. The proposed project on College Hill would involve covering an existing turf field. The new building will back up to the Stimson Avenue neighborhood.

#### **10. Social Media Report Presentation by Consultant Audrey McClelland**

Ms. McClelland presented a brief summary of her social media report to the Board due to time constraints, which included an influencer update and positive feedback from several TSDMA businesses regarding the value of TSDMA's social media to them.

#### **11. Updates on Redevelopment of 279 Thayer (Two Cousin LLC) and 235 Meeting (Boutros Salo & Boghos)**

Ms. Personeus referred members to the email from Mr. Balagian which outlined the update of each project due to time constraints.

#### **12. Thayer Street Marketing Committee Update**

There was no update on the marketing committee pending FY 2024 budget decisions. The marketing committee will meet on the second Friday of the month at 11 a.m. via zoom to discuss how to best move forward with events.

#### **13. Thayer Business Update**

There were no updates at this time.

#### **14. Other Business**

There were no updates at this time.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:31 A.M.