



Mayor of Providence

Brett P. Smiley

May 20, 2025

Honorable Members
Providence City Council
City Hall

Dear Honorable Members:

Pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 203 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended, I am this day appointing David Leach, of 100 Swift Street, Providence, RI 02904 to the Board of Canvassers for a term to expire on the first Monday in March 2031, and respectfully submit the same for your approval. Mr. Leach replaces Ms. Bernal whose term expired.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brett P. Smiley", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Brett P. Smiley
Mayor

IN CITY COUNCIL

JUN 26 2025

READ

WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT
THE SAME BE RECEIVED AND APPROVED

James L. Martineau CLERK

David H. Leach
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- Qualifications** Relevant education and experience in the public and non-profit sectors dealing with legal and community issues. Advocating for social justice issues. Have worked with our congressional delegations and staff in RI and Washington, DC on issues of concern to all Rhode Islanders. Also at the state level.
Demonstrated knowledge of litigation and the legal system. Experienced handling complex cases from investigation through appeal including researching and writing memoranda and briefs.
Ability to manage and supervise professional and nonprofessional staff in a variety of public, private and nonprofit situations. Extensive customer service experience with all manners of the public.
- Current Activities** Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association Past Chairman. Presently Board member and Membership chair.
Social media chair when updating necessary
The Public's Radio Community Advisory Board member and chair (former – term limited)
Coastal Medical (Now Brown Health) Patient Family Advisory Board
Rhode Island for Community and Justice (RICJ) Active as long time board member
Active with Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America (MOMS) and the Rhode Island Coalition Against Gun Violence (RICAGV). Representing MOMS on the State Crisis Intervention Program (SCIP) under the Criminal Justice Policy Board (CJPB) of the RI Department of Public Safety dealing with funding for implementation and education concerning ERPO/ Red Flag law.
Actively involved with volunteer lobbying the legislature for the passage of legislation to reduce gun violence and promote gun safety. Including testimony at hearings supporting various bills.
- Career History**
- 1993 to 2010 JoS. A. Bank Clothiers – *Department Manager and Key Holder* – Promoted, networked and marketed a national retail company new to R.I. – Liaison to area corporations for the JoS. A. Bank Corporate Discount Program – Retail selling including: Stress on customer service and satisfaction - mastery of point of sale systems - Knowledge of visual merchandising – Responsibility associated with opening, closing, banking, shipping, receiving – inventory control, loss prevention – employee training
- 1990 to 1993 Community Group Representative – advocating nonprofit community group interests with state and federal Officials; developing intergroup relations; working with coalition partners to promote interests of mutual concern; and lobbying on behalf of ethical reform in state government.
Right Now! Coalition, Committee for 4 Year Terms – One of three coordinators responsible for grassroots organizing effort urging passage of state constitutional amendment adopting four year terms for general officers. Duties included informational public speaking, planning, and organizing with civic, business and religious groups. Worked with media to inform public of issues. Planned and participated in press conferences.
- 1985 to 1990 Bristol County, Office of the District Attorney, New Bedford, Massachusetts
Assistant District Attorney
- 1973 to 1984 Rhode Island Department of Attorney General
Assistant Attorney General – Criminal division – from 1980
Special Assistant Attorney General – Criminal Division – from 1973
Supervised and directed police investigators and technical support staff as to both violent crime and complex white-collar criminal matters. Presented cases to a grand jury. Tried cases before juries and argued before appellate courts. Interviewed witnesses, consulted with technical experts, and worked with victims of violent crimes. Screened and evaluated matters for proper criminal charging. Administered the Information Charging program. Negotiated dispositions and settlements. Researched and wrote memoranda of law and appellate briefs. Managed and monitored countywide (Newport/Washington counties, R.I.) criminal calendar while maintaining an active caseload. Supervised, trained and advised new prosecutors and legal interns. – Headed and presided over trial teams. Advised police departments on legal matters. – Helped developed office policy and procedures. Collaborated on sensitive investigations with other agencies, including the FBI, ATF, DEA, and INS.
- Education**
2000 University of Rhode Island/Rhode Island College – Master of Public Administration

1971 Suffolk University Law School, Boston, Massachusetts – Juris Doctor Degree
 1967 University of Rhode Island, Kingston, Rhode Island – Bachelor of Science Degree, Business Administration
 Bar Admittance
 1971 State of Rhode Island (Not active)
 1972 Commonwealth of Massachusetts (Not active)

Affiliations – Committees: Present or former positions and memberships

Rhode Island for Community & Justice (RICJ): Board Member 20 plus years (formerly NCCJ RI and Southeast N.E. Region)

The Former Civil Rights Roundtable: member Subcommittees: Working with Police Chiefs Assoc. on implementation of law against Racial Profiling, establishing best practices and community policing

RICJ with the Civil Rights Roundtable & URI Center for Urban Studies & Research – working to develop a “community policy research institute”.

RICJ Interfaith Committee: member (committee inactive)

RICJ Website committee co-chair (former)

Jewish Federation of Rhode Island (JFRI) – Board of Directors (former)

Website Committee Chair & part time Co-Administrator (former)

Community Relations Council (CRC): Past Chairperson

Executive Committee – advocacy, social justice, civil rights

State Government affairs committee: Chairman

Jewish Security Task Force - member

Black-Jewish Alliance: member (in conjunction with Urban League)

Latino-Jewish Alliance: member (former)

Domestic Affairs Task Force – Chairman (all former)

Federation Allocations Committees: Four committees, two as chairman (all former)

Jewish Council for Public Affairs (JCPA: national umbrella organization for CRC's)

RI representative to 20 JCPA national annual meetings and taskforce meetings

RI representative to the JCPA Jewish Security and Civil Liberties Taskforce (all former)

Jewish Federations of North America

RI representative to Health and Long-Term Care Committee (former)

Jewish Seniors Agency of Rhode Island

Board of Trustees: member (former)

Executive committee: member – oversight of Assisted Living, Senior Apartments, Senior Daycare, JERI (Jewish Eldercare Rhode Island) – outreach to Seniors in nursing homes and living independently

Marketing and Communications Committee: Chairman (former)

Comprehensive Adult Day Center Oversight Committee: Chairman (former)

Temple Emanu El, Providence, RI – Board of Trustees (former), Social Action chair (former)

Jewish Family Service of Rhode Island: Board of Directors (former)

Israel Bond Committee of Rhode Island: member (former)

Common Cause of Rhode Island – State Governing Board – (former)

Government Affairs and Judicial Merit Selection committees: member (former)

Open Meetings / Public Records Committee: Chairman (former)

ACCESS/RI: nonprofit educational organization whose goal is to improve citizen

access to public records and open meetings: Founding Board of Directors (former)