

**FIRE SERVICE COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
February 20, 2020**

The Fire Service Commission held a meeting on Thursday, February 20, 2020 at the Department of Fire Services, Bridgewater Campus, Bridgewater, MA 02324.

Present at the meeting were the following Commission members:

Chief Gregory J. Burns
Captain Michael McCullough
Chief Alan J. Roy
Ms. Roberta Fitzpatrick
Undersecretary Jeanne Benincasa Thorpe
FF Richard D. MacKinnon, Jr.

There were no Commission members absent for this meeting.

DFS staff present at the meeting:

State Fire Marshal Peter Ostroskey
Deputy State Fire Marshal Maribel Fournier
General Counsel Steven Rourke
Alanna Malatos
JoAnne Caruso

There were no guests present.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Chief Greg Burns at 10:42 a.m.

The Commission held a moment of silence to honor former Chairman Chief David Butler.

AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes of the January 13, 2020 Meeting

A motion was made by Ms. Fitzpatrick and seconded by Undersecretary Benincasa Thorpe that the minutes of January 13, 2020, meeting be approved as written.

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

B. Credentialing/Re-Credentialing Process

A motion was made by Undersecretary Benincasa Thorpe and seconded by Chief Roy to award accreditation to the following:

1. Credentialing –
 - Deputy Chief Anthony Marrama – Fitchburg Fire Department
 - Lieutenant Dale Starr Jr. – Yarmouth Fire Department
 - Captain Michael Struss – Plainville Fire Department

A motion was made by Chief Roy and seconded by and FF McKinnon, Jr to award re-accreditation to the following:

2. Re-Credentialing –

- Deputy Chief Thomas Murphy – Weymouth Fire Department
- Deputy Chief Jeffrey Osswald – Onset Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

C. Old Business – Discuss FCAM Recommendations

Captain McCullough suggested that the Commission draft another progress memorandum to FCAM outlining DFS' recommendations following the, "FCAM Report and Recommendations Re-credentialing Task Force".

A motion to was made by FF McKinnon, Jr and seconded by Chief Roy and Captain McCullough to accept DFS' recommendations and update FCAM.

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

E. General Issues and Updates from DFS

Marshal Ostroskey spoke about how proud of the progress he is in regard to the opening and operations of the Bridgewater Campus and holding the first Board and Commission meeting on site.

Marshal Ostroskey and Deputy Marshal Fournier met with stakeholders including On-Site Academy, PFFM, and the Peer Support Network to discuss behavioral and mental health issues within the fire service. The discussion involved the best ways to address this topic, to further investigate, to address holistically, and ensure that stakeholders are working in unison.

DFS continues to work with a Licensed Site Professional in concert with and in response and reaction to the "Notice of Responsibility" from the Department of Environmental Protection in regard to "PFAS". The Governor has filed supplemental budget to address funding with regard to the "PFAS" issue and has formed a task force as it's a statewide issue.

Marshal Ostroskey closed with the annual budget presentation.

F. Determination of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

The date of the next meeting of the Fire Service Commission is tentatively scheduled on March 19th at 10:00 a.m. at the Department of Fire Services, Boards and Commissions Room.

A motion to adjourn was made by Chief Burns and seconded by Chief Roy and Ms. Fitzpatrick.

Said motion was approved by a unanimous vote of the Commission.

The meeting of the Fire Service Commission concluded at 12:22 p.m.