

**FIRE SERVICE COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
February 14, 2019**

The Fire Service Commission held a meeting on Tuesday, February 14, 2019 at the Department of Fire Services, Executive Office Conference Room, Stow, Massachusetts.

Present at the meeting were the following Commission members:

Chief Gregory J. Burns
Chief Alan J. Roy
Chief John Nash
Captain Michael McCullough
Ms. Roberta Fitzpatrick
Undersecretary Jeanne Benincasa-Thorpe

Absent from the meeting were the following Commission members:
FF Richard D. MacKinnon, Jr.

DFS staff present at the meeting:

Deputy State Fire Marshal Maribel Fournier
General Counsel Steven Rourke
Deputy Counsel Glenn Rooney
JoAnne Caruso

There were no guests present at the meeting.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Chief Greg Burns at 12:16 pm which followed a budget presentation to both the Commission and the Fire Training Council by State Fire Marshal Peter Ostroskey.

AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes of the January 15, 2019 Meeting

A motion was made by Chief Burns and seconded by Chief Roy that the minutes of January 15, 2019, meeting be approved as written. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

B. Credentialing/Re-Credentialing Process

A motion was made by Chief Burns and seconded by Captain McCullough to award accreditation to the following:

1. Credentialing –
 - Chief of Operations Ronald Cassford – Randolph Fire Department
 - Lieutenant Edward Manion Jr. – Westborough Fire Department
 - Lieutenant Gregory Quill – Winchester Fire Department
 - Captain Leighanne Smith – Harwich Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Chief Nash and seconded by Chief Roy to table the application for re-accreditation until all required back up documentation is submitted.

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

C. General Issues and Updates from DFS

Deputy State Fire Marshal and General Counsel Rourke discussed the legislation that has been filed by the agency, such as sprinklers in schools, updating firework penalties and residential smoke detectors.

The Department of Fire Services had received a couple inquires relative to the proper location on a uniform for service and military pins. The Commission agreed that they can provide guidance and a preferred location for such pins, however, they agreed that it is only guidance and subject to the requirement of each individual department.

A motion to table this discussion pending additional research was made by Captain McCullough and seconded by Chief Roy. Said motion was approved by a unanimous vote of the Commission.

D. Determination of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

The date of the next meeting of the Fire Service Commission is tentatively scheduled on March 14th at 10:00 a.m. at the Department of Fire Services, Boards and Commissions Room.

A motion to adjourn was made by Chief Roy and seconded by Chief Nash. Said motion was approved by a unanimous vote of the Commission.

The meeting of the Fire Service Commission concluded at 12:51 p.m.