

**FIRE SERVICE COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
February 18, 2021**

The Fire Service Commission held a meeting on Thursday, February 18th, 2021 via conference call per COVID-19 Guidelines under Mass. General Law Chapter 30A, Section 20.

Present at the meeting were the following Commission members:

Chief Gregory J. Burns
Captain Michael McCullough
Chief Stephen L. Archer
Ms. Roberta Fitzpatrick
Undersecretary Jeanne Benincasa Thorpe
FF Richard D. MacKinnon, Jr.
Chief John S. Ingram

Absent Commission members:

Chief Alan J. Roy

DFS staff present at the meeting:

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

There were no guests present.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Gregory Burns at 10:06 a.m.

AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes of the January 21, 2021 Meeting

A motion was made by Captain McCullough and seconded by Undersecretary Benincasa Thorpe that the minutes of January 21, 2021, meeting be approved as written.

Chief Ingram abstained from the vote as he was not present at the January 21st meeting.

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

B. Credentialing/Re-Credentialing Process

A motion was made by FF MacKinnon Jr. and seconded by Undersecretary Benincasa Thorpe to award accreditation to the following:

1. Credentialing –
 - Deputy Chief Eric Bishop – Westfield Fire Department
 - Captain Kyle Gatchell – Oak Bluffs Fire Department
 - Chief Zachary Ward – Sherborn Fire Department

- Captain Donald Chisholm Jr. – Lexington Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Captain McCullough and seconded by Ms. Fitzpatrick to award re-accreditation to the following:

1. Re-Credentialing –
 - Chief John Whalen – Sudbury Fire Department
 - Chief Neil McPherson – Wayland Fire Department

E. General Issues and Updates from DFS

Marshal Ostroskey updated the Commission with staff changes within the Department; Detective Lieutenant Michael Riley has taken the position of Section Commander of the Fire & Explosion Investigation Unit and soon the new Public Education Coordinator for the Fire Safety Division will be on board.

The Department has received 292 Fire Equipment Grant applications and the expectation is to announce them over the next few weeks. The Firefighter of the Year virtual awards ceremony will be held in early March.

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 18th at 10:00 a.m. via WebEx.

A motion to adjourn was made by Chief Archer and seconded by Undersecretary Benincasa Thorpe.

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

The meeting of the Fire Service Commission concluded at 10:52 a.m.