

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

The Fire Service Commission held a meeting on Thursday, March 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 Alan J. Roy
Chief Stephen L. Archer
Undersecretary Jeanne Benincasa Thorpe
FF Richard D. MacKinnon, Jr.
Chief John S. Ingram

Absent Commission members:

Ms. Roberta Fitzpatrick

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 10:01 a.m.

AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes of the February 18, 2021 Meeting

A motion was made by Chief Archer and seconded by Undersecretary Benincasa Thorpe that the minutes of February 18, 2021, meeting be approved as written.

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

B. Credentialing/Re-Credentialing Process

A motion was made by FF MacKinnon Jr. and seconded Chief Ingram to award accreditation to the following:

1. Credentialing –
 - Chief John Ingram – Leverett Fire Department
 - Assistant Chief Ryan Nicholson – Watertown Fire Department
 - Deputy Chief Brian Cook – Leverett Fire Department
 - Chief John Grasso Jr. – Sturbridge Fire Department

- Lieutenant Brent Lefebvre – North Adams Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Captain McCullough and seconded by Undersecretary Benincasa Thorpe to award re-accreditation to the following:

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

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

E. General Issues and Updates from DFS

Marshal Ostroskey updated the Commission on the Fire Equipment Grant. The Department received approximately 300 applications and announcement will be sent out in the next couple weeks.

The Fire Academy Director position is being advertised and interviews will take place in the very near future.

The Department is also getting very close to completing the delineation of PFAS contamination and hope to have some additional excavation and soil removal this summer.

Deputy Marshal Fournier informed the Commission that to date the Department has received close to 400 approved applications for CT Scans sent to UMASS which is nearing the 800 that have been budgeted for by the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2021. FF MacKinnon Jr. explained that he has received positive feedback from PFFM members.

F. Determination of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

The date of the next meeting of the Fire Service Commission is tentatively scheduled on April 15th at 10:00 a.m. via WebEx.

A motion to adjourn was made by FF MacKinnon Jr 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 10:29 a.m.