

**FIRE SERVICE COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
March 30, 2020**

The Fire Service Commission held a meeting on Monday, March 30, 2020 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

Ms. Roberta Fitzpatrick

Designee for Undersecretary Jeanne Benincasa Thorpe; Director Seth Bouvier.

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 1:02 p.m.

AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes of the February 20, 2020 Meeting

A motion was made by Chief Roy and seconded by FF MacKinnon Jr. that the minutes of February 20, 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 FF MacKinnon Jr. and seconded by Ms. Fitzpatrick to table the following until our next meeting:

1. Credentialing –

- Chief Robert Valentine – Groveland Fire Department
- Lieutenant Andrew Herendeen– Manchester-By-The-Sea Fire Department

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

2. Re-Credentialing –

- Deputy Louis LaChance – Hingham Fire Department
- Chief Stephen Murphy – Hingham Fire Department
- Captain Robert Reardon – Duxbury Fire Department
- Chief Matthew Rowley – Wareham Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

C. Old Business – Discuss FCAM Recommendations

General Counsel Steven Rourke will draft another progress memorandum to FCAM outlining DFS' recommendations following the, "FCAM Report and Recommendations Re-credentialing Task Force" prior to the next Commission meeting

E. General Issues and Updates from DFS

Marshal Ostroskey explained that the Department is currently consumed by COVID-19 and that almost all staff are currently working remote. All core functions continue but staff is practicing social distancing and he is keeping traffic at a minimum.

The Department has shut down all training with the exception of Class 282 and BW01 which are both underway. Class 281 graduated a few days early. The implementation of temperature checking and a questionnaire is required daily for support staff, instructors and recruits.

He would like to extend his thanks to David DiGregorio- Director of Hazardous Materials Response; Deputy Marshal Maribel Fournier; and David Clemons – Director of Operations for all their help with the State Emergency Operations Center.

F. Determination of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

The date of the next meeting of the Fire Service Commission is tentatively scheduled on April 16th at 10:00 a.m. likely via Conference call as we conducted the meeting today.

A motion to adjourn was made by FF MacKinnon Jr. 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 1:23 p.m.