

**FIRE SERVICE COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
April 15, 2021**

The Fire Service Commission held a meeting on Thursday, April 15th, 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
Ms. Roberta Fitzpatrick

No absent Commission members.

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
Alanna Malatos

There were no guests present.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Gregory Burns at 10:07 a.m.

Chairman Burns opened the meeting by congratulating Chief Alan J. Roy on his upcoming retirement. He has been in the fire service for 45 years, Chief of Palmer Fire Department for 30 years, and a member of the Fire Service Commission for 12 years. His last meeting with the Commission will be in June 2021.

AGENDA

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

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

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion but Ms. Roberta Fitzpatrick abstained from the vote.

B. Credentialing/Re-Credentialing Process

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

1. Credentialing –

- Chief David DeStefano – Belmont Fire Department
- Chief Robert Quinn Jr. – Watertown Fire Department
- Captain Alex Voulgaris – Dracut Fire Department
- Assistant Chief Michael Carroll – Stoughton Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The Commission discussed compiling a list of Professional Development approved courses moving forward which would include International Fire Service Training Association (IFSTA) as was noted on one of the approved applications.

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

1. Re-Credentialing –

- Chief David Cody - Bourne Fire Department
- Chief Matthew Grafton – Stoneham Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

E. General Issues and Updates from DFS

Marshal Ostroskey explained that a classroom at the Bridgewater campus will be expanded for better student capacity as the Department begins to expand on in person classes. There will also be a seventh offering for the Call/Volunteer program as there is such high demand. The Department is working with Plymouth and Bristol Counties and anticipate that a seventh offering will also be in FY22.

The Department is still working closely with the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security on the PFAS remediation at the Stow campus; the Firefighter Equipment Grant announcement have gone out to communities; and interviews are scheduled for the Director of the Massachusetts Fire Academy position. The Board of Fire Prevention Regulations and their sub-committees are hard at work with many code updates. The Fire Investigation & Explosion Unit has many re-assignments, including the Executive Officer, happening this week.

F. Determination of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

The date of the next meeting of the Fire Service Commission is tentatively scheduled on May 20th 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 10:34 a.m.