

**FIRE SERVICE COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
April 27, 2020**

The Fire Service Commission held a meeting on Monday, April 27, 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
Undersecretary Jeanne Benincasa Thorpe
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
Deputy General Counsel Glenn Rooney
Alanna Malatos
JoAnne Caruso

There were no guests present.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Chief Greg Burns at 1:07 p.m.

AGENDA

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

A motion was made by Undersecretary Benincasa Thorpe and seconded by Ms. Fitzpatrick that the minutes of March 30, 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 Chief Burns and seconded by Captain McCullough and to award accreditation to the following:

1. Credentialing –
 - Chief Robert Valentine – Groveland Fire Department
 - Lieutenant Andrew Herendeen– Manchester-By-The-Sea Fire Department
 - Deputy Chief Thomas Heaney – Rockland Fire Department

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

2. Re-Credentialing –

- Captain Brian Morrison– C.O.M.M Fire Department
- Chief Robert Pedrazzi – Ayer Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

C. Old Business – Discuss FCAM Recommendations

General Counsel Steven Rourke drafted another progress memorandum to FCAM outlining DFS’ recommendations following the, “FCAM Report and Recommendations Re-credentialing Task Force” to be sent as soon as possible.

The Commission did not request any changes be made to the memorandum.

E. General Issues and Updates from DFS

Deputy Marshal Fournier explained that the Department remains consumed by COVID-19 and that there are several staff members assigned to “COVID Public Safety Testing” either at one of the two testing sites (Springfield and Foxboro) or as call takers/schedulers. Each site is managing up to 200 patients a day.

Marshal Ostroskey explained that there are no recruit programs running at this time but that there are daily discussions on when and how the Department will handle reopening this core function. At this time, there is a waitlist of eight months from when we start up again.

He would like to compliment the entire Department of Fire Services team for stepping up to the tasks and protocols that have been established. Everyone is doing great work under these circumstances.

F. Determination of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

The date of the next meeting of the Fire Service Commission is tentatively scheduled on May 21st at 10:00 a.m. via Conference call.

A motion to adjourn was made by Chief Roy and seconded by Ms. Fitzpatrick.

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

The meeting of the Fire Service Commission concluded at 1:24 p.m.