

**FIRE SERVICE COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
May 20, 2021**

The Fire Service Commission held a meeting on Thursday, May 20th, 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  
Chief John S. Ingram  
Ms. Roberta Fitzpatrick

**Absent** from the meeting were the following Commission members:  
FF Richard D. MacKinnon, Jr.

**DFS staff present** at the meeting:

State Fire Marshal Peter Ostroskey  
Deputy State Fire Marshal Maribel Fournier  
General Counsel Steven Rourke  
JoAnne Caruso  
Alanna Malatos

**There were no guests present.**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Gregory Burns at 10:13 a.m.

**AGENDA**

**A. Approval of Minutes of the April 15, 2021 Meeting**

A motion was made by Captain McCullough and seconded by Undersecretary Benincasa Thorpe that the minutes of April 15, 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 Undersecretary Benincasa Thorpe and seconded by Captain McCullough to award accreditation to the following:

1. Credentialing –
  - Captain Thomas Rice – East Hampton Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Chief Archer and seconded by Chief Ingram to award re-accreditation to the following:

1. Re-Credentialing –

- Deputy Chief Andrew Mullin – Waltham Fire Department
- Captain Gregg McLaughlin – Marblehead Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

**C. Commission member(s) assistance with application review**

Chief Roy's last meeting will be in June 2021 so the Commission discussed who would assist with application review. Chief Archer volunteered to assist and Chief Burns will train him.

**D. General Issues and Updates from DFS**

Marshal Ostroskey informed the Commission that effective June 15, 2021, Governor Charles Baker will be rescinding the virtual open meeting order under Mass. General Law Chapter 30A, Section 20, and in person meetings will resume. Department operations will be shifting as the orders change and updated guidelines are issued. The Department is working closely with the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security regarding how the agency moves forward.

As fireworks season is approaching, the Fire Investigation and Explosives Unit will be enhancing enforcement through July 1, 2021.

The Fire Safety Division is working with local police and fire departments on crafting advisories to raise awareness on updated regulation and statutes.

The National Firefighter Safety Stand Down will take place June 20<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup>. This year's theme is "Rebuild Rehab" for incident and planned events.

Deputy Marshal Fournier updated the Commission on the success of the CT Scans as part of Cancer in the Fire Service program. There is already a waitlist for FY22 if the funding is approved.

**E. Determination of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment**

The date of the next meeting of the Fire Service Commission is tentatively scheduled on June 17th at 10:00 a.m. in the Boards and Commissions Room at the Stow Campus.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Fitzpatrick and seconded by Captain McCullough.

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

The meeting of the Fire Service Commission concluded at 11:05 a.m.