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**Massachusetts Fire Training Council
Minutes of the June 4, 2025 Meeting**

Chairman Chief Christopher Madden opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and began the meeting of the Massachusetts Fire Training Council at 11:05 am on June 4, 2025, in the Boards and Commissions Room, Stow Campus.

Members attendance: Chairman Chief Christopher Madden, Capt. John Lombardo, Asst. Chief Jonathan Miller, Chief Andrew Puntini, Dr. Michael Goldstein, Firefighter William Cabral, Chief Francis Barresi and Chief Justin Alexander, Chief Fire Warden David Celino and Acting MFA Director, Deputy Fire Marshal Maribel Fournier

Also present: Fire Marshal Jon Davine, DFS General Counsel Glenn Rooney and Administrative Secretary Christine Dansereau.

Not present: Capt. Drew Piemonte, Mary Clare Higgins, Captain John Bonadio, Deputy Secretary Susan Terrey

A. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Chief Justin Alexander made a motion to approve the minutes of May 15, 2025, Training Council Meeting, seconded by Chief Frank Barresi. The vote passed all in favor of the motion.

B. Fiscal Affairs Report – Acting MFA Director, Deputy Fire Marshal Maribel Fournier

- As we approach the end of the fiscal year, the report you have goes through May 17th. I have met with MFA about the trust fund account to look at the training that was scheduled for the end of the month. I wanted to make sure we had enough revenue coming in to cover the contract training we have in place. I expect that we will have no issues with the trust fund.

EOPSS Update – Deputy Secretary Susan Terrey – not present

C. Update of Affiliated Members - Fire Chiefs' Association of Massachusetts

- Chief Madden – nothing to report
- Chief Barresi – nothing to report
- Chief Justin Alexander – nothing to report
- Chief Andrew Puntini (part call/part paid) – MGL 164 part 6 states that there should be an annual review and approval of standards for courses and curriculum offered by the Mass Fire Academy.

Professional Fire Fighters of Massachusetts

- Firefighter Cabral— nothing to report
- Capt. Piemonte – not present

Mass Call/Vol

- Assistant Chief Miller— nothing to report
- Dr. Michael Goldstein— nothing to report

Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors

- Capt. John Bonadio – not present

Fire Prevention Association of Massachusetts

- Capt. John Lombardo – nothing to report

Citizen of the Commonwealth – Community Action

- Mary Clare Higgins— not present

Bureau of Forest Fire Control – Chief Fire Warden David Celino –

- Fires to date have been slow, 710 across the state. This is where we were last year, we were wetter than we are now.
- 47 burn projects for 2065 acres burned.
- We are fully staffed across the board.
- Over 1200 firefighters trained in all disciplines related to wildland fire.

Citizen of the Commonwealth

- Vacant

D. Legislative Update – DFS Counsel Glenn Rooney

- Nothing to report

E. DFS Update – State Fire Marshal Jon Davine –

- The new academy Director JP Seivane will start on June 16, 2025.
- We recently sent out the bond bill paperwork and the fireworks safety coming up for July.
- MFA created an online Lithium-Ion Battery class.
- Belchertown is reporting on NERIS now.
- We updated the AV equipment in Springfield.
- FY24 \$5 million was awarded to 320 departments for the fire equipment grants. FY25 \$5 million was awarded to 300 departments.

F. DFS and MFA Updates – Deputy Fire Marshal Maribel Fournier

- Bridgewater package A is close to completion. May 30th, we started the construction on the pump house. We are in the middle of package B and dealing with the architects, this will go through October 31st. We will have a ribbon cutting ceremony in October.
- We are currently filling the following recruit classes: Bridgewater in October, S43 in Springfield in October and Stow in October
- The State of MA is in a hiring freeze for full time employees.

G. Old Business – nothing to report

H. New Business – nothing to report

I. Policy Presentation/Adoption – Chief Christopher Madden

- a. **Live Burn Policy** – we had a sub-committee meeting prior to this meeting about the changes to the policy. Most of the changes were grammar and acronym changes. The biggest two changes were to meter the building after the fires and it had to be less 4.7% PPM what they burn here doesn't have hydrogen cyanide in it. They went from 10PPM CO to 50PPM CO which is more appropriate.

Chief Frank Barresi motion to accept the sub-committee recommendations and seconded by Chief Justin Alexander. Voted unanimously.

- b. **No show/cancellation policy** – If you sign up for a class and fail to notify the academy that you can't make it, the first offense is a warning, second offense is 30 days you won't be able to sign up for a class and third offense is suspended for six months.

Chief Andrew Puntini motioned to accept the sub-committee recommendations and seconded by Chief Justin Alexander. Voted unanimously.

J. Review of Correspondence – nothing to report

K. Determination of Next Date and Location

- The next meeting of the Training Council will be on Tuesday, September 9, 2025, at 1 pm in the Boards and Commissions room.

L. Public Comment -- none

M. Adjourn Meeting

Captain John Lombardo motioned to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Chief Justin Alexander. Voted unanimously adjourn at 12:45 pm.