

**FIRE SERVICE COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
April 18, 2024**

The Fire Service Commission held a meeting on Thursday, April 18, 2024, via conference call under Mass. General Law Chapter 30A, Section 20.

Present at the meeting were the following Commission members:

Chief Gregory J. Burns
Chief John S. Ingram
Chief Peter J. Burke Jr.
Chief Brian J. Cook
Ms. Roberta Fitzpatrick
FF Richard D. MacKinnon Jr.

Absent Commission members:

Captain Michael McCullough
Deputy Secretary Susan Terrey

DFS staff present at the meeting:

State Fire Marshal Jon Davine
Deputy State Fire Marshal Maribel Fournier
General Counsel Glenn Rooney
Public Information Officer, Jake Wark
JoAnne Caruso

Guests present:

Director Eric Littmann, Massachusetts Fire Academy

Meeting called to order by Chairman Gregory Burns at 10:02 a.m.

AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes of the March 26, 2024 Meeting

A motion was made by Chief Ingram and seconded FF MacKinnon Jr. that the minutes of March 26, 2024, 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 Ingram and seconded by FF MacKinnon Jr. to award accreditation to:

- Lieutenant Thomas Kennedy – Andover Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Chief Ingram and seconded by FF MacKinnon Jr. to award accreditation to:

- Chief David Dickie – Templeton Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Chief Ingram and seconded by FF MacKinnon Jr. to award accreditation to:

- Acting Deputy Scott Voltz – Cambridge Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Chief Ingram and seconded by FF MacKinnon Jr. to award accreditation to:

- Deputy Chief Richard S. Paine Jr. – Templeton Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Chief Ingram and seconded by FF MacKinnon Jr. to award accreditation to:

- District Chief Christian Michael Andrews Tobin – Dalton Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

C. General Issues and Updates from DFS

Fire Marshal Davine briefed the Commission on the success of this year's Boston Marathon thanks to Timothy Gallagher, Deputy Director of Hazardous Materials Response and Paul Betti, Deputy Director of Special Operations; the aerial ladder is expected to be delivered in May 2024; the press release regarding lithium ion battery issues even when not charging - they are responsible for fifty fires to date; an anonymous mental health survey went out to assist the team in identifying where to focus their efforts and lastly, the YFPI Advisory Board has support from FCAM, PFFM, DA's, Police, and State Representatives to create a statewide age-appropriate program.

D. Executive Session G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a) (1)

Chairman Burns publicly announced the purpose for executive session, citing to G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a). Specifically, the Council will be discussing one of the 10 allowed reasons for Executive Session, which is G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a) (1).

“To discuss the reputation, character, physical condition, or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual, or to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual.”

At the conclusion of the Executive Session, the Massachusetts Fire Service Commission will not reconvene in open session for the purpose of establishing the next meeting date

and time to adjourn.

A motion to adjourn from open session was made by FF MacKinnon Jr. and seconded by Chief Burke Jr.

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

The open meeting of the Fire Service Commission concluded at 10:12 a.m.

E. Determination of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

The Fire Service Commission will be polled by DFS Staff to determine date of the next meeting