

**FIRE SERVICE COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
April 23, 2019**

The Fire Service Commission held a meeting on Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at the Department of Fire Services, Boards and Commissions Room, Stow, Massachusetts.

Present at the meeting were the following Commission members:

Chief John Nash
FF Richard D. MacKinnon, Jr.
Chief Alan J. Roy
Undersecretary Jeanne Benincasa-Thorpe
Captain Michael McCullough
Ms. Roberta Fitzpatrick
Chief Gregory J. Burns

Absent from the meeting were the following Commission members:

No Commission members were absent.

DFS staff present at the meeting:

State Fire Marshal Peter Ostroskey
Deputy State Fire Marshal Maribel Fournier
General Counsel Steven Rourke
MFA Director David Evans
Alanna Malatos
Bob Rand
Kerry Weihl

There were no guests present at the meeting.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Chief Greg Burns at 10:07 am.

AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes of the March 25, 2019 Meeting

A motion was made by Chief Nash and seconded by Chief Roy that the minutes of March 25, 2019, 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 Nash and seconded by FF McKinnon to award accreditation to the following:

1. Credentialing –
 - Deputy Chief Daniel Baldwin – Westport Fire Department
 - Lieutenant John M. Cody III – Norwood Fire Department
 - Deputy Chief Frederick B. Ikels – Cambridge Fire Department
 - Captain Daniel J. Corliss – Wilbraham Fire Department

A motion was made by Chief Roy and seconded by Chief Nash to award accreditation to the following:

2. Re-Credentialing –
 - Chief Michael Feinberg – Nahant Fire Department
 - Captain David M. Healy – Foxborough Fire Department
 - Captain Mark R. Sadowski – Southborough Fire Department
 - District Chief Dan Sullivan – Lynn Fire Department
 - Chief James R. Young Jr. – Orange Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

C. Service and Military Pin Guidance Discussion

The current policy was reviewed by the Commission. Marshal Ostroskey had not yet received guidance from the National Guard and anticipates it soon. Chief Roy spoke to some military members and there does not appear to be consistency. Chief Burns surveyed departments and not all wear their military/service pins and those that do may conflict with our protocols. The conversation will be tabled until Marshal Ostroskey receives guidance from the National Guard.

D. Future Meeting Time/Dates

Due to commitments from Commission member's departments a poll will be sent out to determine most convenient third weekday of the month and time.

E. General Issues and Updates from DFS

Marshal Ostroskey explained that the legislative session is underway, House 1 came out and amendments are being worked on. The Senate budget will come out in the middle of May.

The Springfield campus' prop construction is underway thanks to funding we received from an AFG grant. The department is waiting for approval for the current AFG grant.

Academy classes continue to be full and well attended; Springfield Career Recruit is filling in October of 2019 and Stow is filling in January of 2020. The Civil Service exam is anticipated for this fall.

The Bridgewater campus is coming along with much work having been done in the administration building and personnel is moving into the space. This space will include regional members from the Code Enforcement Unit, The Fire Investigation and Enforcement Unit, and Boiler and Pressure Vessel staff.

E. Pro Board Re-Accreditation Presentation by Massachusetts Fire Academy Director, David Evans

Director Evans provided an overview with the help of Coordinator Bob Rand to the Commission regarding Pro Board Re-Accreditation updates.

Re-Accreditation occurs every five years to review new requirements as NFPA standards change and Pro Board adopts new practices to increase the professionalism in the fire service.

D. Determination of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

The date of the next meeting of the Fire Service Commission will be established following the poll.

A motion to adjourn was made by Chief Nash and seconded by Chief Roy and FF McKinnon.

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

The meeting of the Fire Service Commission concluded at 10:50 a.m.