

**FIRE SERVICE COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
December 22, 2020**

The Fire Service Commission held a meeting on Thursday, December 22nd, 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
Chief Stephen L. Archer
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 Fire Marshal Maribel Fournier
General Counsel Steven Rourke
Deputy General Counsel Glenn Rooney
JoAnne Caruso

There were no guests present.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Chief Greg Burns at 10:03 a.m.

Chairman Chief Burns welcomed new Commission Member, Chief Stephen Archer of the Lynn Fire Department.

AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes of the November 19, 2020 Meeting

A motion was made by FF MacKinnon Jr. and seconded by Undersecretary Benincasa Thorpe that the minutes of November 19, 2020, meeting be approved as written.

B. Credentialing/Re-Credentialing Process

A motion was made by Captain McCullough and seconded by Ms. Roberta Fitzpatrick to award accreditation to the following:

1. Credentialing –
 - Captain Nader Hamed – Framingham Fire Department
 - Chief James McLaughlin – Franklin Fire Department
 - Chief Jason Cleary – Manchester-by-the-Sea Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Chief Burns and seconded by Captain McCullough to table one application pending further documentation and clarification.

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Captain McCullough and seconded by Chief Roy and Ms. Fitzpatrick to award re-accreditation to the following:

1. Re-Credentialing –
 - Chief Dennis Condon – Needham Fire Department
 - Chief Christopher Norris – Easthampton Fire Department
 - Chief Anthony Stowers – Maynard Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

C. General Issues and Updates from DFS

Marshal Ostroskey announced that David Evans, Director of the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy, will be leaving at the end of the month and he thanks him for all his efforts and wishes him well in his next endeavor. The Director position will be posted and in early January.

The Deputy Director of the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy is deeply involved in other projects so Deputy Marshal Fournier will act as the interim Director.

Captain Paul Zipper, Commander of the Fire Investigation and Explosives Unit will be retiring mid-January. He has had a thirty two year career, many of them with the Department of Fire Services, and Marshal Ostroskey also wishes him the very best.

There has been an uptick in infected staff and students with COVID-19 recently but DFS continues take measures to minimize exposure by pre-screening, temperature readings, enforcing social distancing and mask wearing.

Deputy Marshal Fournier announced the upcoming cancer initiative which would involve providing CT scans for eligible firefighters for free through UMASS.

Marshal Ostroskey wishes all members of the Commission a very safe and happy holiday season.

D. Determination of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

The date of the next meeting of the Fire Service Commission is tentatively scheduled for January 21st at 10:00 a.m. via WebEx virtual meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by FF MacKinnon Jr. 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 10:30a.m.