

**FIRE SERVICE COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
February 17, 2022**

The Fire Service Commission held a meeting on Thursday, February 17, 2022, 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 Stephen L. Archer  
Chief John S. Ingram  
FF Richard D. MacKinnon Jr.  
Ms. Roberta Fitzpatrick  
Undersecretary Jeanne Benincasa Thorpe

**No Commission members were absent from the meeting.**

**Guest** present at the meeting:

Chief Peter Shedd

**DFS staff present** at the meeting:

State Fire Marshal Peter Ostroskey  
Deputy State Fire Marshal Maribel Fournier  
General Counsel Glenn Rooney  
Alanna Malatos  
JoAnne Caruso

Meeting called to order by Chairman Gregory Burns at 10:08 a.m.

**AGENDA**

**A. Approval of Minutes of the January 24, 2022 Meeting**

A motion was made by Chief Archer and seconded by FF MacKinnon Jr. to discuss the minutes of the January 24, 2022, meeting.

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Chief Archer and seconded by FF MacKinnon Jr. that the minutes of January 24, 2022, 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:

- Chief Michael Andrews – Wilbraham Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Chief Ingram and Captain McCullough and seconded by Chief Archer to award accreditation to:

- Captain Mark F. Cedrone – Burlington Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Undersecretary Benincasa Thorpe and seconded by FF MacKinnon Jr. to award re-accreditation to:

- Deputy Chief Jeffrey Parker – Athol Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

### **C. General Issues and Updates from DFS**

Marshal Ostroskey explained that Fire Equipment Grant funds were released, and S.A.F.E. Grants awards were mailed out on February 16<sup>th</sup>.

There have been several fatal fires in the last four to six weeks although there are not a lot of commonalities. The Department has ramped up its public safety announcements.

The Fire Chiefs Association of Massachusetts Development Conference is to be held at the Worcester DCU Center March 1-3.

The Fire Investigation & Explosives Unit has gained three more members for the West, Central and North Teams.

The Deputy General Counsel and the Payroll Director positions are both moving forward. The Department is still advertising the MFA Director position and it is being publicized nationally. The posting will be open until the end of March.

Deputy Marshal Fournier updated the Commission on the CT scans which UMASS was forced to halt due to COVID-19. Hoping to begin testing again by the end of February.

### **D. Determination of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment**

The date of the next meeting of the Fire Service Commission will be scheduled for Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm. Due to scheduling conflicts the Commission will meet at 1:00pm instead of 10:00am for the next few months.

A motion to adjourn was made by Undersecretary Benincasa Thorpe and seconded by FF MacKinnon Jr.

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

The meeting of the Fire Service Commission concluded at 10:23 a.m.