

**FIRE SERVICE COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
February 19, 2026**

The Fire Service Commission held a meeting on Thursday, February 19, 2026, via conference call under Mass. General Law Chapter 30A, Section 20.

Present at the meeting were the following Commission members:

Chief John S. Ingram
Ms. Roberta Fitzpatrick
Deputy Secretary Susan Terrey
Chief Peter J. Burke Jr.
FF Richard D. MacKinnon Jr.
Lieutenant Christopher J. Hajder

Absent Commission Members:

Chief Matthew Grafton

DFS staff present at the meeting:

State Fire Marshal Jon Davine
Deputy State Fire Marshal Maribel Fournier
General Counsel Glenn Rooney
DFS Administrative Support

There were no guests present.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Chief Ingram at 10:01 a.m.

Chairman Chief Ingram welcomed Lt. Christopher J. Hajder from the Swansea Fire Department, representing Massachusetts Call/Volunteer Firefighters Association.

AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes of January 15th meeting

A motion was made by Ms. Fitzpatrick and seconded by Deputy Secretary Terrey that the minutes of the January 15, 2026 meeting be approved as written.

Roll Call:

Chief John S. Ingram - Yes
Ms. Roberta Fitzpatrick - Yes
Deputy Secretary Susan Terrey - Yes
Chief Peter J. Burke Jr. - Yes
FF Richard D. MacKinnon Jr. - Yes
Lieutenant Christopher J. Hajder - Yes

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

B. Vote on Credentialing and Re-Credentialing

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

- Deputy Fire Chief Paul Quaranto – Waltham Fire Department

Roll Call:

Chief John S. Ingram - Yes
Ms. Roberta Fitzpatrick - Yes
Deputy Secretary Susan Terrey - Yes
Chief Peter J. Burke Jr. - Yes
FF Richard D. MacKinnon Jr. - Yes
Lieutenant Christopher J. Hajder - Yes

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

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

- Lieutenant Richard White – Lexington Fire Department

Roll Call:

Chief John S. Ingram - Yes
Ms. Roberta Fitzpatrick - Yes
Deputy Secretary Susan Terrey - Yes
Chief Peter J. Burke Jr. - Yes
FF Richard D. MacKinnon Jr. - Yes
Lieutenant Christopher J. Hajder - Yes

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

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

- Chief Robbie Barton – Charlton Fire Department

Roll Call:

Chief John S. Ingram - Yes
Ms. Roberta Fitzpatrick - Yes
Deputy Secretary Susan Terrey - Yes
Chief Peter J. Burke Jr. - Yes
FF Richard D. MacKinnon Jr. - Yes
Lieutenant Christopher J. Hajder - Yes

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

C. General Issues and Updates from DFS

Deputy State Fire Marshal Fournier explained that the next Commission meeting will be held in person at the Stow Campus and the annual budget presentation will be presented jointly between the Fire Service Commission and the Massachusetts Fire Training Council on Wednesday, March 4th at 11:00am in the Boards and Commissions Room.

She also briefed the Commission on Bridgewater Campus' Apparatus Bay going into design phase over the next couple of months and reviews are underway regarding the specifications list for the AFG Grant funded enhanced confined space trench for Tech Rescue.

State Fire Marshal Davine briefed the Commission on the transition of departments to NERIS with 309 departments actively using the system with ~138,500 incidents logged. There are a few departments outstanding, DFS staff will continue to do outreach to provide support. The introduction of the Intel Analyst including guidance on how to contact them for risk assessments is being developed and will be sent via email to Chiefs in the next couple weeks; Fire Equipment grants will also be coming out in the upcoming weeks; and FIFA planning is well underway.

D. Determination of Date/Time for Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting of the Fire Service Commission will be held on Wednesday, March 4, 2026 at 11:00am at the Stow Campus' Boards and Commissions Room.

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

Roll Call:

Chief John S. Ingram - Yes

Ms. Roberta Fitzpatrick - Yes

Deputy Secretary Susan Terrey - Yes

Chief Peter J. Burke Jr. - Yes

FF Richard D. MacKinnon Jr. - Yes

Lieutenant Christopher J. Hajder - Yes

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

The meeting of the Fire Service Commission concluded at 10:13am.