

**FIRE SERVICE COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
February 20, 2025**

The Fire Service Commission held a meeting on Thursday, February 20, 2025, via conference call 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 John S. Ingram
Chief Peter J. Burke Jr.
Ms. Roberta Fitzpatrick
FF Richard D. MacKinnon Jr.
Deputy Secretary Susan Terrey

Absent Commission Members:

Chief Brian J. Cook

DFS staff present at the meeting:

State Fire Marshal Jon Davine
General Counsel Glenn Rooney
Alanna Malatos
JoAnne Caruso

There were no guests present.

Meeting called to order by Chairman John Ingram at 10:00 a.m.

AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes from the January 16th meeting

A motion was made by Captain McCullough and seconded Deputy Secretary Terrey that the minutes of January 16, 2025 meeting be approved as written.

FF MacKinnon Jr. abstained from the vote due to absence.

The vote was otherwise unanimous in favor of the motion.

B. Credentialing/Re-Credentialing Process

A motion was made by FF MacKinnon Jr. and seconded by Deputy Secretary Terrey to award accreditation to:

- Lieutenant Christopher Morgese – Andover Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by FF MacKinnon Jr. and seconded by Deputy Secretary Terrey and Chief Burns to award accreditation to:

- Captain John Bonadio – Waltham Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by FF MacKinnon Jr. and seconded by Deputy Secretary Terrey to award accreditation to:

- Chief John Rigney – Longmeadow Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by FF MacKinnon Jr. and seconded by Deputy Secretary Terrey to award accreditation to:

- Deputy Chief James Cullen – Revere Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by FF MacKinnon Jr. and seconded by Deputy Secretary Terrey to award re-accreditation to:

- Lieutenant Dennis Foley – West Springfield Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

C. General Issues and Updates from DFS

Marshal Davine briefed the Commission on the Governor's budget which was recently released; the second round of Fire Equipment Grants were sent out with a deadline of February 27, 2025; SAFE and Senior SAFE grants will be coming out soon, too; the new NERIS system which will replace the federal NFIRS system has an aggressive timeline to roll out on or around 1/1/2026 and staff continues to work towards that goal. Planning and pushing awareness out on social media will aid in getting departments on board. Company Officers will appreciate the data that can be pulled via the dashboard as the interface is user friendly.

D. Determination of Date/Time for Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting of the Fire Service Commission will be determined via meeting poll.

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 10:13 a.m.