

**FIRE SERVICE COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
January 13, 2020**

The Fire Service Commission held a meeting on Monday, January 13, 2020 at the Department of Fire Services, Boards and Commissions Room, Stow, Massachusetts.

Present at the meeting were the following Commission members:

Chief Gregory J. Burns
Chief Alan J. Roy
Ms. Roberta Fitzpatrick
Undersecretary Jeanne Benincasa Thorpe
FF Richard D. MacKinnon, Jr.

Absent Commission members:

Captain Michael McCullough

DFS staff present at the meeting:

State Fire Marshal Peter Ostroskey
Deputy State Fire Marshal Maribel Fournier
General Counsel Steven Rourke
Director of Massachusetts Fire Academy, David Evans
Alanna Malatos
JoAnne Caruso

There were no guests present.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Chief Greg Burns at 10:04 a.m.

AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes of the December 19, 2019 Meeting

A motion was made by Ms. Fitzpatrick and seconded by Undersecretary Benincasa Thorpe that the minutes of December 19, 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 FF McKinnon, Jr and seconded by Chief Roy to award accreditation to the following:

1. Credentialing –
 - Lieutenant Kenneth Franks III – Southborough Fire Department

A motion was made by FF McKinnon, Jr and seconded by Chief Roy and Ms. Fitzpatrick to award re-accreditation to the following:

2. Re-Credentialing –
 - Captain Barry Aptt - Gloucester Fire Department

- Deputy Chief Scott Breen – Stoughton Fire Department
- Chief Russell Hall – Holden Fire Department
- Assistant Chief John Kelley – Wareham Fire Department
- Chief Walter Nelson Jr. – Amherst Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

C. Annual nominations and elections

Marshal Ostroskey was asked to preside over this section of meeting.

The floor was opened for nomination for chairperson. FF McKinnon, Jr nominated and voted for Chief Burns and was seconded by Undersecretary Benincasa Thorpe and Ms. Fitzpatrick. There were no other nominations. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The floor was opened for nomination for vice chairperson. Chief Roy nominated and voted for Captain McCullough and was seconded by FF MacKinnon, Jr. There were no other nominations. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Marshal Ostroskey turned the meeting back over to Chief Burns.

D. Old Business – Discuss FCAM Recommendations

Ms. Malatos gave a comprehensive review of the credentialing and re-credentialing process as it currently exists.

Director Evans provided thorough review of how points are awarded to trainings, as well as an overview of NFPA 1021.

These presentations clarified the process and opened further discussion among Commission members with respect to the “Report and Recommendations of the FCAM Re-Credentialing Task Force”.

E. General Issues and Updates from DFS

Marshal Ostroskey spoke briefly about the Bridgewater class being on track to begin on January 21, 2020 with a total of fourteen recruits. He also extended an invite to the Commission to conduct a meeting at that campus.

DFS continues to work with a Licensed Site Professional in concert with and in response and reaction to the “Notice of Responsibility” from the Department of Environmental Protection in regard to “PFAS”.

F. Determination of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

The date of the next meeting of the Fire Service Commission is tentatively scheduled on February 20th at 10:00 a.m. at the Department of Fire Services, Boards and Commissions Room.

A motion to adjourn was made by Chief Burns and seconded by Chief Roy and Ms. Fitzpatrick.

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

The meeting of the Fire Service Commission concluded at 12:17 p.m.