

**FIRE SERVICE COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
January 18, 2024**

The Fire Service Commission held a meeting on Thursday, January 18, 2024, 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

There were no Commission members absent from the meeting.

DFS staff present at the meeting:

State Fire Marshal Jon Davine
Deputy State Fire Marshal Maribel Fournier
General Counsel Glenn Rooney
Public Information Officer Jake Wark
Alanna Malatos
JoAnne Caruso

Guests present:

Chief Brian J. Cook – Leverett Fire Department

Meeting called to order by Chairman Gregory Burns at 10:06 a.m.

Chairman Chief Burns introduced Chief Brian J. Cook who will be joining the Commission representing FCAM full-call fire departments following his swearing in.

AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes of the December 21, 2023 Meeting

A motion was made by FF MacKinnon Jr. and seconded Ms. Fitzpatrick that the minutes of December 21, 2023, 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:

- Captain Jeff Arcieri – Halifax Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

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

- Chief Thomas Farland – Acushnet Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

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

- Battalion Chief Charles Allen – Franklin Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

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

- Deputy Chief James L. Bailey Jr. – Arlington Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

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

- Chief Brian Geiger – Boxford Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

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

- Chief Joseph Guarnera – Athol Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by FF MacKinnon Jr. and seconded by Captain McCullough to award re-accreditation to:

- Deputy Chief James P. Klich – Franklin Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Chief Ingram and seconded by to award re-accreditation to:

- Chief Robert Parsons – Spencer Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

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

- Captain Scott A. Smith – Yarmouth Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

C. Annual Report Draft Discussion and Potential Vote

A motion was made by FF MacKinnon Jr. and seconded Chief Ingram that the draft of the annual report be approved as written.

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

DFS Staff will send the annual report on behalf of the Commission to the Governor and Secretary's offices.

D. Annual Nominations and elections

The floor was opened for nomination for chairperson.

Chief Ingram nominated and voted for Chief Burns and was seconded by FF MacKinnon Jr.

There were no other nominations. Chief Burns accepts the nomination.

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The floor was opened for nomination for vice chairperson.

Chief Ingram nominated and voted for Captain McCullough and was seconded by FF MacKinnon Jr.

There were no other nominations. Captain McCullough accepts the nomination.

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

E. General Issues and Updates from DFS

Marshal Davine briefed the Commission on the ongoing burn qualification/re-qualification following the adoption of the Live Fire Training Policy by the Massachusetts Fire Training Council with three deliveries scheduled this month; the Governor's budget will be released next week and the annual budget presentation will take place during next month's meeting; there are seven cancer screenings scheduled in January which is Firefighter Cancer Awareness Month; Mr. Eric Littmann has begun as Director of the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy.

F. Determination of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

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

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

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

The meeting of the Fire Service Commission concluded at 10:26 a.m.