

**FIRE SERVICE COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
January 24, 2022**

The Fire Service Commission held a meeting on Monday, January 24, 2022 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
Captain Michael McCullough
Chief Stephen L. Archer
Chief John S. Ingram
FF Richard D. MacKinnon Jr.
Ms. Roberta Fitzpatrick

Absent from the meeting were the following Commission members:
Undersecretary Jeanne Benincasa Thorpe

DFS staff present at the meeting:

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

There were no guests present.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Gregory Burns at 10:29 a.m.

AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes of the December 21, 2022 Meeting

A motion was made by Captain McCullough and seconded Chief Archer to discuss the minutes of the December 21, 2021 meeting.

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by FF MacKinnon Jr. and seconded Captain McCullough that the minutes of December 21, 2021, 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 MacKinnon Jr. and seconded by Captain McCullough to award accreditation to:

- Lieutenant Dennis A. Foley – West Springfield 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 accreditation to:

- Captain Brian Tyson – Barnstable 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 accreditation to:

- Assistant Chief David Mather – Amesbury 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 accreditation to:

- Deputy Chief Kevin Sullivan – Framingham Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

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

- Commissioner Bernard Calvi – Springfield Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

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

- Assistant Chief Christopher Major – Somerville Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

C. Annual Nominations and elections

The floor was opened for nomination for chairperson.

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

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

There were no other nominations.

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

D. General Issues and Updates from DFS

Marshal Ostroskey explained that pandemic operations continue, and the Department is continuing to maintain COVID-19 protocols. We are all trying to stay healthy with most staff being in the office four days per week with one telework day.

Fire Equipment Grant funds were released, and S.A.F.E. Grants should be out this week.

Bridgewater is making progress as first phase of the Master Plan is complete. The mechanical, electrical, and plumbing (M.E.P) plans are 90% complete. The Department anticipates a March delivery for the AFG Search and Rescue Prop.

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.

Marshal Ostroskey wanted to recognize Ed Kawa, Chief of Engineering Inspections; Paul Vigneau, Director of the Division of Fire Safety; the Fire Investigators and Boiler Pressure Vessel Engineers for the great work they did during the Vicinity Energy Plant investigation and identifying best practices to prevent such an incident from happening again.

Deputy Marshal Fournier updated the Commission on the CT scans which continue to be a great success and is hoping that PCA blood tests and mammograms ay be available in the future. COVID-19 did shut down the process for a couple weeks due to staffing issues.

The Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance is assisting with PFAS clean up. The scope of the problem is growing and DCAMM is looking at other solutions which is the reason for slow progress.

E. 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 FF MacKinnon Jr. and seconded by Chief Archer.

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

The meeting of the Fire Service Commission concluded at 10:57 a.m.