

**FIRE SERVICE COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
Thursday June 15, 2023**

The Fire Service Commission held a meeting on Thursday, June 15, 2023, 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
Ms. Roberta Fitzpatrick
Chief Peter Shedd
Undersecretary Jeanne Benincasa Thorpe

Absent from the meeting:

FF Richard D. MacKinnon Jr.
Chief Peter J. Burke Jr.

Guests present at the meeting:

Deputy Secretary Susan Terrey

DFS staff present at the meeting:

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

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

AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes of the June 6, 2023 Meeting

A motion was made by Captain McCullough and seconded by Ms. Fitzpatrick to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2023 meeting 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 Captain McCullough to award accreditation to:

- Deputy Chief Patrick Farrow – Hampden Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Captain McCullough and seconded by Chief Shedd and Ms. Fitzpatrick to award re-accreditation to:

- Captain Mark Fortier – Orange Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

C. General Issues and Updates from DFS

Marshal Ostroskey briefed the Commission on the successful seating of ASHER Director, Scott Cluett, who will serve as DFS' companion to MPTC's Director, John Mazza; the Department continues to close out FY23; key staff vacancies continue to be posted and filled; the Director of Hazardous Materials Response has been re-posted.

Deputy Marshal Fournier briefed the Commission on enhancements to the cancer screening program such as adding mammograms & ultrasounds and mobile capabilities.

Marshal Ostroskey once again took a moment express his appreciation to the Commission and their organizations for their support over the years as he is scheduled to retire at the end of June 2023.

Undersecretary Benincasa- Thorpe also addressed the Commission as today is her last day at EOPSS and how full of gratitude she is for the work the Commission has done over the years. She introduced Deputy Secretary Susan Terrey who will be moving forward with her roles within EOPSS and Homeland Security, as well as, sitting in on Boards and Commissions Undersecretary Benincasa- Thorpe had seats on.

The Commission welcomed Deputy Secretary Terrey and wishes the best for both Marshal Ostroskey and Undersecretary Benincasa-Thorpe.

D. Determination of Date/Time for Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting of the Fire Service Commission yet to be determined as the Public Education Conference will be held on their regularly scheduled meeting date/time.

DFS Staff will poll the Commission for their availability in September.

A motion to adjourn was made by Chief Ingram and seconded by Captain McCullough.

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The meeting of the Fire Service Commission concluded at 10:22 am.