

**FIRE SERVICE COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
June 16, 2022**

The Fire Service Commission held a meeting on Thursday, June 16, 2022, via conference call per COVID-19 Guidelines 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 Stephen L. Archer  
Chief John S. Ingram  
Chief Peter Shedd

**Commission members absent from the meeting:**

Undersecretary Jeanne Benincasa Thorpe  
FF Richard D. MacKinnon Jr.  
Ms. Roberta Fitzpatrick

**There were no guests present at the meeting.**

**DFS staff present** at the meeting:

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

Meeting called to order by Chairman Gregory Burns at 10:12 a.m.

**AGENDA**

**A. Approval of Minutes of the May 19, 2022 Meeting**

A motion was made by Chief Archer and seconded by Captain McCullough to discuss the minutes of the May 19, 2022, meeting.

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Chief Archer and seconded Captain McCullough that the minutes of May 19, 2022, 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 Archer and seconded by Chief Ingram to award accreditation to:

- Deputy Chief Sean Dattoli – Everett 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 accreditation to:

- Lieutenant Marc Exarhopoulos – Hudson 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 accreditation to:

- Deputy Chief Matthew McKay – Georgetown Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

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

- Lieutenant Jamie D. Meier – Canton Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

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

- Chief David Kean – Norwell Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

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

- Captain Donald Tebeau – Mansfield Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

### **C. Recognition of Fire Alarm Operators in Years of Service Program**

A motion was made by Chief Ingram and seconded by Chief Archer to discuss.

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

An email inquiry was received from a fire department representative seeking to recognize the Fire Alarm Operators with Fire Service Awards.

General Counsel Rooney did feel that this was a valid topic for discussion but that an award of this type may not sit with the Commission but perhaps with other entity as it is not a statutory duty of the Commission's.

The Commission discussed whether there is more appropriate body to recognize them and to look more closely at how the positions are appointed before deciding on a course of action.

A motion was made by Chief Archer and seconded by Chief Ingram to table pending further research to determine how the fire alarm operators are appointed and their service role.

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

#### **D. General Issues and Updates from DFS**

Marshal Ostroskey briefed the Commission on the budget process which is moving along for FY23; Fire Equipment and S.A.F.E. grants for this fiscal year expected out in early October; progress on hiring the Director of the Fire Academy; BBRs/BFPR code revisions still underway; and updating the ASHER programs to reflect NFPA 3000 which will ensure that the statewide approach is consistent. EOPSS will be sending a survey out to public safety disciplines and potentially community executives regarding the ASHER program in the coming weeks.

Marshal Ostroskey announced that Jacob Nunnemacher, Fire Protection Engineer, has taken a position with a fire department but he will be working for us part-time until an appropriate candidate is chosen to fill the full-time position.

Deputy Marshal Fournier was pleased to report that 300 cancer screenings took place in FY22; train the trainer programs for Structural collapse are scheduled in Bridgewater; and the Department is in the final stages of choosing construction manager for the MEP project in Bridgewater.

#### **E. Determination of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment**

The date of the next meeting of the Fire Service Commission will be scheduled for Thursday, September 15th at 10:00am.

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

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

The meeting of the Fire Service Commission concluded at 10:46 a.m.