

**FIRE SERVICE COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
June 18, 2020**

The Fire Service Commission held a meeting on Thursday, June 18th, 2020 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 Alan J. Roy
Ms. Roberta Fitzpatrick
Undersecretary Jeanne Benincasa Thorpe
FF Richard D. MacKinnon, Jr.

There were no Commission members absent for this meeting.

DFS staff present at the meeting:

State Fire Marshal Peter Ostroskey
General Counsel Steven Rourke
Deputy General Counsel Glenn Rooney
Alanna Malatos
JoAnne Caruso

There were no guests present.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Chief Greg Burns at 10:13 a.m.

AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes of the May 21, 2020 Meeting

A motion was made by Chief Roy and seconded by Undersecretary Benincasa Thorpe that the minutes of May 21, 2020, meeting be approved as written.

Majority vote in favor; Captain McCullough abstained from the vote as he was not present for the May meeting.

B. Credentialing/Re-Credentialing Process

A motion was made by FF MacKinnon and seconded by Ms. Fitzpatrick and to award re-accreditation to the following:

1. Re-Credentialing –
 - Lieutenant Neal Aspesi – Southborough Fire Department
 - Captain Jerome Hart – Plymouth Fire Department
 - Deputy Chief Kevin Varley – Brewster Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

C. General Issues and Updates from DFS

Marshal Ostroskey will be attending the graduation of four Detection Explosive K-9's today at the Bridgewater Campus.

The Fire Academy began its virtual training and has received positive feedback so far. Next week career recruit will report for the practical training for four weeks at all sites then the following two weeks will be virtual once again. The certification exam backlog begins on July 15th with occupancy restrictions and some staff has been approved to be back on site for the exams.

The facilities department is defining and posting room occupancy capacities and flow instructions throughout all three campuses to ensure compliance with the CDC COVID-19 guidance.

Captain McCullough mentioned that due to course cancellations it may make it more difficult to obtain points for credentialing and re-credentialing. Ms. Malatos said that online training have and continued to be submitted for credit approval.

D. Determination of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

The date of the next meeting of the Fire Service Commission is tentatively scheduled on September 17th at 10:00 a.m. via Conference call, however, the Commission is open to holding a special meeting prior to that to finalize and put into action the items dicussed following FCAM's recommendations.

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

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

The meeting of the Fire Service Commission concluded at 10:34 a.m.