

**FIRE SERVICE COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
March 17, 2022**

The Fire Service Commission held a meeting on Thursday, March 17, 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
Ms. Roberta Fitzpatrick
Undersecretary Jeanne Benincasa Thorpe
Chief Peter Shedd

Commission members absent from the meeting.

FF Richard D. MacKinnon Jr.

There were no guests present at the meeting.

DFS staff present at the meeting:

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

Meeting called to order by Chairman Gregory Burns at 1:14 p.m.

AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes of the February 17, 2022 Meeting

A motion was made by Chief Archer and seconded by Chief Ingram to discuss the minutes of the February 17, 2022, meeting.

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Undersecretary Benincasa Thorpe and seconded by Ms. Fitzpatrick that the minutes of February 17, 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 Ingram and seconded by Captain McCullough to award accreditation to:

- Captain Jeffrey Ricker – Sharon Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

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

- Captain Christopher Smith – Wareham Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

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

- Deputy Chief David Evans – West Newbury 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 re-accreditation to:

- Chief Bryan Johannes – Hudson Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

C. Annual DFS Budget Presentation

Marshal Ostroskey presented a comprehensive review of DFS' FY2023 Budget for the Commission.

Chief Shedd signed into meeting at 1:24 p.m.

D. General Issues and Updates from DFS

Marshal Ostroskey expressed sadness at the high level of fire deaths recently. Unfortunately, there are few commonalities, but our Fire Safety Division will work with the Public Information Officer to ramp up public service announcements on our social media platforms.

E. Determination of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

The date of the next meeting of the Fire Service Commission will be scheduled for Thursday, April 21st at 1:00pm.

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

Chief Shedd abstained from the vote due to technical issues with audio.

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

The meeting of the Fire Service Commission concluded at 1:53 p.m.