

**FIRE SERVICE COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
March 20, 2018**

The Fire Service Commission held a meeting on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at the Department of Fire Services, Boards and Commissions Room, Stow, Massachusetts.

Deputy State Fire Marshal Maribel Fournier presented on the DFS FY2019 budget reviewing revenue sources, earmarks, operating expenses and upcoming, as well as on – going, initiatives with the Commission.

Present at the meeting were the following Commission members:

Chief Alan J. Roy
Chief John Nash
Chief Gregory J. Burns
Captain Michael McCullough
FF Richard D. MacKinnon, Jr.
Undersecretary Patrick McMurray

Absent from the meeting were the following Commission members:

Chief Michael Morrissey
Mr. John Golembeski

DFS staff present at the meeting:

Deputy State Fire Marshal Maribel Fournier
General Counsel Steven Rourke
JoAnne Caruso
Alanna Malatos

No guests were present at the meeting.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Chief Alan Roy at 10:31 a.m.

AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes of December 5, 2017 Meeting

A motion was made by Captain Michael McCullough and seconded Chief John Nash that the minutes of December 5, 2017, meeting be approved as written. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

B. Credentialing/Re-Credentialing Process

A motion was made Chief Alan J. Roy and seconded by Captain Michael McCullough to award accreditation to the following:

1. Credentialing –
 - Lieutenant James Alexander – Lynnfield Fire Department
 - Captain Thomas W. Impey – Plainville Fire Department
 - Captain Brian Lewis– Sudbury Fire Department

- Captain John H. Walsh – Lynnfield Fire Department
- Deputy Chief Edward Wloch – Ware Fire Department
- Lieutenant Bradford Ferrie – Concord Fire Department
- Captain Walter Latta Jr. – Maynard Fire Department
- Deputy Chief Jeffrey Parker – Athol Fire Department
- Captain Thomas M. Purcell III – Wakefield Fire Department

2. Re-Credentialing –

- Chief Matthew R. Belsito – Sutton Fire Department
- Chief Charles Burger – Great Barrington Fire Department
- Chief David C. Hurlbut Jr. – Sterling Fire Department
- Chief Walter Stecchi– Joint Base Cape Cod Fire Department
- Chief Anthony Stowers– Maynard Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

B. Annual nominations and elections

Deputy Marshal Fournier was asked to preside over this section of meeting.

The floor was opened for nomination for chairperson. Chief Gregory J. Burns nominated and voted for Chief John Nash and was seconded by Chief Alan J. Roy. There were no other nominations. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The floor was opened for nomination for vice chairperson. Chief Alan J. Roy nominated and voted for Captain Michael McCullough and was seconded by Chief Gregory J. Burns. There were no other nominations. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Deputy Marshal Fournier turned the meeting back over to Chief Alan J. Roy.

C. Correspondence from Chief Alan Roy

Chief Alan Roy presented a correspondence from Chief Michael Morrissey dated January 18, 2018 stating his intention to step down as the representative for call and volunteer as soon as is a replacement for him but no later than May 1, 2018.

Chief Alan Roy also brought up recent correspondences with the Massachusetts Call/Volunteer Firefighters Association in regard to H.2488- an act relative to the standards and qualifications for the position of fire chiefs in Massachusetts. They had a lengthy discussion regarding how to accommodate chiefs in small towns throughout the Commonwealth and have requested statistics to enhance future discussion.

D. General Issues and Updates from DFS

Deputy Marshal Fournier spoke about the recent discussion regarding fire evacuation routes due to an active shooter situations and that the Marshal is opposed to such devices as “door barricades”. In conjunction with the Department of Professional Licensure, a two page document outlining compliant door options is expected to be released soon.

DFS is pleased to announce that Dennis Ball is the new full time recruit coordinator for the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy.

The Fire Safety division will be also be releasing information pertaining the Hotworks and requirements and policy for to obtain welding permits.

Lastly, as a result of the findings that came out of the Collin's report, the agency conducted a senior management workshop which was received well by staff and completes the list of recommendations

E. Determination of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

The date of the next meeting of the Fire Service Commission is tentatively scheduled on April 24th at 10:00 a.m. at the Department of Fire Services, Boards and Commissions Room.

A motion to adjourn was made by Chief John Nash and seconded by Captain Michael McCullough. Said motion was approved by a unanimous vote of the Commission.

Chief John Nash thanked Chief Alan J. Roy for his chairmanship on behalf of the Commission.

The meeting of the Fire Service Commission concluded at 10:54 a.m.