FIRE SERVICE COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
March 4, 2026

The Fire Service Commission held a meeting on Wednesday, March 4, 2026, in the Boards and Commissions Room pursuant to Mass. General Law Chapter 30A, Section 20.

Present at the meeting were the following Commission members:
Chief John S. Ingram
Ms. Roberta Fitzpatrick
Deputy Secretary Susan Terrey
Chief Matthew Grafton
FF Richard D. MacKinnon Jr.
Lieutenant Christopher J. Hajder

Absent Commission Members:
Chief Peter J. Burke Jr.

DFS staff present at the meeting:
State Fire Marshal Jon Davine
Deputy State Fire Marshal Maribel Fournier
General Counsel Glenn Rooney
DFS Administrative Support

There were no guests present.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Chief Ingram at 11:03 a.m.

AGENDA

A. Annual Budget Presentation

Marshal Davine presented a comprehensive review of DFS' FY2027 Budget jointly with the Massachusetts Fire Training Council.

B. Approval of Minutes of February 19th meeting

A motion was made by Ms. Fitzpatrick and seconded by Deputy Secretary Terrey that the minutes of the February 19, 2026 meeting be approved as written.

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

C. Vote on Credentialing and Re-Credentialing

A motion was made by FF MacKinnon Jr. and seconded by Chief Grafton to award accreditation to:

- Deputy Chief Richard Grant - Waltham Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by FF MacKinnon Jr. and seconded by Chief Grafton to award accreditation to:

- District Chief Thomas Hines - Lynn Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by FF MacKinnon Jr. and seconded by Chief Grafton to award accreditation to:

- Lieutenant Robert Jarobski - Weston Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by FF MacKinnon Jr. and seconded by Ms. Fitzpatrick to award accreditation to:

- Deputy Chief Brian Harrington - Hudson Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

D. General Issues and Updates from DFS

State Fire Marshal Davine briefed the Commission on the guidance sent out to Chiefs regarding the Intel Analyst; the 2nd Round of interviews are underway for the Director of the Fire Academy; the SAFE grant deadline is March 5th; the Fire Equipment Grants will also be announced in the coming weeks, and FIFA planning is well underway.

FF MacKinnon Jr. suggested that the Fire Service Commission may want to discuss their stance regarding the Governor's Task Force for single stair construction. Deputy Secretary Terrey stated that there is an "Executive Order Technical Advisory Group" which will consist of Fire, Police and Housing officials and requested that FF MacKinnon Jr. send along his recommendations for memberships.

E. Determination of Date/Time for Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting of the Fire Service Commission will be held on Thursday, April 16, 2026 at 10:00am via MSTeams.

A motion to adjourn was made by FF MacKinnon Jr. and seconded by Chief Grafton.

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The meeting of the Fire Service Commission concluded at 11:45am.