

**FIRE SERVICE COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
May 16, 2024**

The Fire Service Commission held a meeting on Thursday, May 16, 2024, via conference call under Mass. General Law Chapter 30A, Section 20.

Present at the meeting were the following Commission members:

Chief Gregory J. Burns
Captain Michael McCullough
Deputy Secretary Susan Terrey
Chief John S. Ingram
Chief Peter J. Burke Jr.
Chief Brian J. Cook
Ms. Roberta Fitzpatrick

Absent Commission members:

FF Richard D. MacKinnon Jr.

DFS staff present at the meeting:

State Fire Marshal Jon Davine
Deputy State Fire Marshal Maribel Fournier
Deputy General Counsel Rachel Perlman
Public Information Officer Jake Wark
Alanna Malatos
JoAnne Caruso

There were no guests present at the meeting.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Gregory Burns at 10:04 a.m.

AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes of the April 18, 2024 Meeting

A motion was made by Chief Ingram and seconded Deputy Secretary Terrey that the minutes of April 18, 2024, meeting be approved as written.

Captain McCullough abstained from the vote as he was not present for the meeting. The vote was otherwise unanimous in favor of the motion.

B. Credentialing/Re-Credentialing Process

A motion was made by Chief Ingram and seconded by Captain McCullough and Deputy Secretary Terrey to award accreditation to:

- Deputy Chief Patrick Rolston – Tisbury 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 Jason Davern – C.O.M.M Fire District

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Captain McCullough and seconded by Chief Burke Jr. to award accreditation to:

- Chief David DeStefano – Belmont Fire District

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

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

- Chief Robert Reardon – Duxbury Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

C. General Issues and Updates from DFS

Fire Marshal Davine briefed the Commission on the ASHER survey that was recently sent out to police and fire chiefs; to date, 200 responses have been received and ~35% are looking for course deliveries. This data will help organize future offerings while there are currently five offerings in FY24 at large colleges.

Lithium-Ion battery training/course development for firefighters is underway with the hope of a late June rollout available via the learning management system (LMS).

On November 15th a “White Powder Symposium” will be held at Gillette Stadium with the attendance goal of ~800 attendees; following the “kick-off” there will be additional targeted training.

June 10th the next Command Staff Orientation will be held in Stow.

The anonymous mental health survey has had over 2,000 responses and all data will be reviewed next month.

D. Determination of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

The date of the next meeting of the Fire Service Commission will be tentatively scheduled for Thursday, June 20th at 10:00am.

A motion to adjourn was made by Deputy Secretary Terrey and seconded by Chief Burke Jr.

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

The meeting of the Fire Service Commission concluded at 10:18 a.m.