FIRE SERVICE COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
May 21, 2026

The Fire Service Commission held a meeting on Thursday, May 21, 2026, via conference call under Mass. General Law Chapter 30A, Section 20.

Present at the meeting were the following Commission members:
Chief John S. Ingram
Chief Peter J. Burke Jr.
Chief Matthew Grafton
FF Richard D. MacKinnon Jr.
General Counsel Rooney as Designee for Deputy Secretary Susan Terrey

Absent Commission Members:
Ms. Roberta Fitzpatrick
Lieutenant Christopher J. Hajder

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 10:00 a.m.

AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes of April 16th meeting

A motion was made by Chief Burke Jr. and seconded by Chief Grafton that the minutes of the April 16, 2026 meeting be approved as written.

Roll Call:
Chief John S. Ingram - Yes
Chief Peter J. Burke Jr. - Yes
Chief Matthew Grafton- Yes
FF Richard D. MacKinnon Jr. - Yes
General Counsel Rooney as Designee for Deputy Secretary Susan Terrey- Yes

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

B. Vote on Credentialing and Re-Credentialing

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

- Captain Brian Leary – Sandwich Fire Department

Roll Call:
Chief John S. Ingram - Yes
Chief Peter J. Burke Jr. - Yes
Chief Matthew Grafton- Yes
FF Richard D. MacKinnon Jr. - Yes
General Counsel Rooney as Designee for Deputy Secretary Susan Terrey- Yes

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

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

- Chief Andrew Murray – Mattapoisett Fire Department

Roll Call:
Chief John S. Ingram - Yes
Chief Peter J. Burke Jr. - Yes
Chief Matthew Grafton- Yes
FF Richard D. MacKinnon Jr. - Yes
General Counsel Rooney as Designee for Deputy Secretary Susan Terrey- Yes

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by General Counsel Rooney and Chief Burke Jr. and seconded by Chief Ingram to award accreditation to:

- Lieutenant Daniel Venoit – Topsfield Fire Department

Roll Call:
Chief John S. Ingram - Yes
Chief Peter J. Burke Jr. - Yes
Chief Matthew Grafton- Yes
FF Richard D. MacKinnon Jr. - Yes
General Counsel Rooney as Designee for Deputy Secretary Susan Terrey- Yes

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

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

- Battalion Chief Michael Peckham – Marlborough Fire Department

Roll Call:
Chief John S. Ingram - Yes
Chief Peter J. Burke Jr. - Yes
Chief Matthew Grafton- Yes

FF Richard D. MacKinnon Jr. - Yes
General Counsel Rooney as Designee for Deputy Secretary Susan Terrey- Yes

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

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

- Deputy Chief Ryan Guilfoy – Brookline Fire Department

Roll Call:
Chief John S. Ingram - Yes
Chief Peter J. Burke Jr. - Yes
Chief Matthew Grafton- Yes
FF Richard D. MacKinnon Jr. - Yes
General Counsel Rooney as Designee for Deputy Secretary Susan Terrey- Yes

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

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

- Deputy Chief James Ziter – Pittsfield Fire Department

Roll Call:
Chief John S. Ingram - Yes
Chief Peter J. Burke Jr. - Yes
Chief Matthew Grafton- Yes
FF Richard D. MacKinnon Jr. - Yes
General Counsel Rooney as Designee for Deputy Secretary Susan Terrey- Yes

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

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

- Captain Robert VanZandt Jr. – Belchertown Fire Department

Roll Call:
Chief John S. Ingram - Yes
Chief Peter J. Burke Jr. - Yes
Chief Matthew Grafton- Yes
FF Richard D. MacKinnon Jr. - Yes
General Counsel Rooney as Designee for Deputy Secretary Susan Terrey- Yes

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

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

- Chief Justin Woodside – Weston Fire Department

Roll Call:
Chief John S. Ingram - Yes
Chief Peter J. Burke Jr. - Yes
Chief Matthew Grafton- Yes
FF Richard D. MacKinnon Jr. - Yes
General Counsel Rooney as Designee for Deputy Secretary Susan Terrey- Yes

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

C. General Issues and Updates from DFS

State Fire Marshal Davine briefed the Commission on the ongoing FIFA planning. The first game will be on June 13th. FPAM had concerns about FPO offerings and the Department's goal is to revamp the NFPA 1030 standard, ensure FPOs are supported and credentialled, and continue discussions about what classes they want to see offered. Fire Marshal Davine attended the NERIS Technical Advisory Panel in Arkansas last week; Equipment & project updates include a new Flashover prop arriving soon, HazMat Squads are almost ready to go out to bid; and the Stow A/V upgrade project is to be completed before the end of this fiscal year.

Deputy Marshal Fournier explained that a CM was chosen for the Bridgewater Apparatus Bay and are looking to break ground in fall of 2027.

FF MacKinnon Jr. and Deputy Marshal Fournier briefed the Commission on their recent meeting with 3M regarding PFAS free SCBAs. 3M's own testing determined there is little to no PFAS in air, however, those results should be validated by another authority outside of their proprietary testing.

D. Determination of Date/Time for Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting of the Fire Service Commission will be held on Thursday, June 18, 2026 at 10:00am via MSTeams.

A motion to adjourn was made by Chief Burke Jr. and Chief Grafton.

Roll Call:
Chief John S. Ingram - Yes
Chief Peter J. Burke Jr. - Yes
Chief Matthew Grafton- Yes
FF Richard D. MacKinnon Jr. - Yes
General Counsel Rooney as Designee for Deputy Secretary Susan Terrey- Yes

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

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