

**FIRE SERVICE COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
May 28, 2025**

The Fire Service Commission held a meeting on Wednesday, May 28, 2025, 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 Brian J. Cook
Deputy Secretary Susan Terrey
Ms. Roberta Fitzpatrick
FF Richard D. MacKinnon Jr.

Absent Commission Members:

Captain Michael McCullough
Chief Gregory J. Burns
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
Alanna Malatos
JoAnne Caruso

There were no guests present.

Meeting called to order by Chairman John Ingram at 11:01 a.m.

AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes of the April 17th meeting

A motion was made by FF MacKinnon Jr. and seconded Chief Cook that the minutes of the April 17, 2025 meeting be approved as written.

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

B. Credentialing/Re-Credentialing Process

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

- Assistant Fire Chief Charles DiGiandomenico - Wellesley Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

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

- Fire Chief Ryan Nicholson - Watertown Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

C. Commission Member Status Update

Chairman Chief Ingram announced that Vice Chair Chief Brian Cook (Leverett Fire Department) will be stepping down from his position on the Fire Service Commission on June 30th. The Commission thanked Vice Chair Chief Brian Cook for his time serving the Commission.

D. General Issues and Updates from DFS

State Fire Marshal Davine briefed the Commission on the new MFA Director, JonPaul Seivane, starting on June 15th; Jeff Winn's, Director of Hazardous Materials Response and Special Operations, last day is May 30th; Onboarding continues for NERIS; MFA has developed a one hour online course for Lithium Ion Batteries (*Lithium-Ion Battery Awareness Level*) which is now available through our LMS; The National Fire Academy has reopened with class seats open in June; the new FCAM President, Chief Patrick Purcell, was sworn in on May 21st; and the 27th K9 Graduation was held in Bridgewater on May 22nd.

Deputy State Fire Marshal explained that the Natick Fire Department will be demonstrating PFAS free gear in burn evolutions with us over the next few weeks to test prior to purchasing; the Bridgewater Campus Package A (Infrastructure and Burn Building) is scheduled for completion by June 30th and hope to have the Burn Building operational by August and will schedule staff training and test burns; there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony sometime in the Fall.

E. Determination of Date/Time for Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting of the Fire Service Commission will be determined by poll due to the regulary scheduled meeting falling on the Juneteeth holiday.

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

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

The meeting of the Fire Service Commission concluded at 11:19am.