

**FIRE SERVICE COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
November 17, 2021**

The Fire Service Commission held a meeting on Wednesday, November 17, 2021, via conference call per COVID-19 Guidelines under Mass. General Law Chapter 30A, Section 20.

**Present** at the meeting were the following Commission members:

Chief Gregory J. Burns  
Captain Michael McCullough  
Chief Stephen L. Archer  
Chief John S. Ingram  
FF Richard D. MacKinnon Jr.  
Ms. Roberta Fitzpatrick  
Undersecretary Jeanne Benincasa Thorpe

**No absent Commission members.**

**DFS staff present** at the meeting:

State Fire Marshal Peter Ostroskey  
Deputy State Fire Marshal Maribel Fournier  
Deputy General Counsel Glenn Rooney  
Alanna Malatos  
JoAnne Caruso

**There were no guests present.**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Gregory Burns at 1:04 p.m.

**AGENDA**

**A. Approval of Minutes of the October 21, 2021, Meeting**

A motion was made by Captain McCullough and seconded Chief Ingram that the minutes of October 21, 2021, meeting be approved as written.

Majority vote in favor; Ms. Fitzpatrick abstained from the vote as she was not present for the October meeting.

**B. Credentialing/Re-Credentialing Process**

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

- Lieutenant David Nichols – Concord Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

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

- Chief Thomas Judge – Concord Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Chief Archer and seconded by Captain McCullough to award re-accreditation to:

- Lieutenant Jason Bangma – Bellingham Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

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

- Chief Stephen Murphy – Nantucket Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Chief Archer and seconded by Chief Ingram to award re-re-accreditation to:

- Chief Timothy Smith – Falmouth Fire Rescue Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

### **C. General Issues and Updates from DFS**

Marshal Ostroskey updated the Commission on the status of the Search and Rescue Building at the Bridgewater Campus, upcoming graduations, the posting of the academy director position, the success of the Firefighter of the Year event, and the deadline for the S.A.F.E./Senior SAFE and Firefighter equipment grants in December.

Marshal Ostroskey also shared the sad news that retired Lieutenant Kevin McMahon recently passed away, he worked for the Fire Investigation and Explosives Unit for twenty years.

Deputy General Counsel Rooney explained that the Commission is to submit an annual report to the Governor's office each year to recap the business that was conducted over the year.

A motion to discuss was made by Ms. Fitzpatrick and seconded by Chief Archer.

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The Commission made recommendations as to how this would be accomplished to comply with the requirement.

A motion was made by Ms. Fitzpatrick and seconded by Chief Archer to have DFS staff assemble statistics and notable events and draft a report for review by the Commission during the December meeting.

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

**D. Determination of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment**

Undersecretary Benincasa Thorpe joined the meeting at 1:22pm.

The date of the next meeting of the Fire Service Commission will be determined via meeting poll.

A motion to adjourn was made by Captain McCullough and seconded by FF MacKinnon Jr.

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

The meeting of the Fire Service Commission concluded at 1:26 p.m.