

**FIRE SERVICE COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
November 17, 2022**

The Fire Service Commission held a meeting on Thursday, November 17, 2022, 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  
Ms. Roberta Fitzpatrick  
Chief John S. Ingram

**Commission members absent from the meeting:**

FF Richard D. MacKinnon Jr.  
Undersecretary Jeanne Benincasa Thorpe  
Chief Peter Shedd

**There were no guests present at the meeting.**

**DFS staff present** at the meeting:

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

Meeting called to order by Chairman Gregory Burns at 10:06 a.m.

**AGENDA**

**A. Approval of Minutes of the October 20, 2022 Meeting**

A motion was made by Captain McCullough and seconded by Chief Archer to discuss the minutes of the October 20, 2022, meeting.

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Captain McCullough and seconded by Chief Archer that the minutes of October 20, 2022, meeting be approved as written.

Chief Ingram abstained from the vote as he was not present for this meeting.

The vote was otherwise unanimous in favor of the motion.

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

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

- Deputy Chief Sean Mitchell – Nantucket Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

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

- Captain Robert James-Henry Serino – Newbury 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:

- Deputy Chief Michael Madden – Sharon Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

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

- Deputy Chief William Frazier III – Hull Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

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

- Chief William Spillane – Dedham Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

### **C. Annual Report Discussion**

A motion was made by Chief Ingram and seconded by Captain McCullough to discuss the Annual Report for submission to the Governor and Secretary of Public Safety.

General Counsel Rooney recommended that the Commission begin thinking about legislative recommendations they would like to submit in the report.

A motion was made by Ms. Fitzpatrick and seconded by Chief Ingram to table to this discussion for further conversation at the next meeting.

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

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

Marshal Ostroskey briefed the Commission the major progress of fire and electrical code updates and thanked the Fire Safety Division and Legal for all their ongoing efforts as they develop training with the intent to publish in mid-December for fire code and January 2023 for the adoption of the electrical code; There will be a public hearing regarding the electrical code changes on December 14<sup>th</sup>; the BFPR lost a key player, Jeffrey Cox, passed away. He served on the board for over ten years, and it is a sudden and deep loss.

The Department has some resignations and retirements for some key staff and posting for backfilling will be ongoing; the Academy is experiencing some turnover challenges, but they are trying to strengthen the instructor base. The Academy Director has been selected and the formal announcement will be made at our next meeting.

Deputy Fire Marshal Fournier state that Work has started in the Administration building classrooms at the Bridgewater campus and the HVAC work kicks of today. We are in the final stages of certifying “Package A” of the master plan in hopes of that commencing in 2023.

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

The date of the next meeting of the Fire Service Commission is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, December 15th at 10:00am.

A motion to adjourn was made by Chief Ingram and seconded by Captain McCullough.

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

The meeting of the Fire Service Commission concluded at 10:36 a.m.