

**FIRE SERVICE COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
November 19, 2020**

The Fire Service Commission held a meeting on Thursday, November 19th, 2020 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 Alan J. Roy  
Ms. Roberta Fitzpatrick  
Undersecretary Jeanne Benincasa Thorpe  
FF Richard D. MacKinnon, Jr.

**There were no Commission members absent for this meeting.**

**DFS staff present** at the meeting:

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

**There were no guests present.**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Chief Greg Burns at 10:03 a.m.

**AGENDA**

**A. Approval of Minutes of the October 26, 2020 Meeting**

A motion was made by FF MacKinnon Jr. and seconded by Chief Roy that the minutes of October 26, 2020, meeting be approved as written.

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

A motion was made by FF MacKinnon Jr. and seconded by Captain McCullough to award accreditation to the following:

1. Credentialing –
  - Captain Jeremy Januskiewicz – Ayer Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

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

Marshal Ostroskey discussed that although we have seen some positive COVID-19 cases with staff and students, there has not been a wide spread outbreak due to the measure the Department has implemented.

Due to lack of enrollment the Academy did have to postpone one career recruit class and combined another.

The preliminary work has been finalized for Bridgewater's Search and Rescue Building and the Committee will be putting bids out today for spring construction.

Deputy Marshal Fournier discussed the ongoing development of online courses and that the Academy was able to deliver one of the most popular classes, "Cancer in the Fire Service" a couple times in November and are scheduling for December and January.

Marshal Ostroskey wished the Commission a very healthy and Happy Thanksgiving.

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

The date of the next meeting of the Fire Service Commission is tentatively scheduled for December 17th at 10:00 a.m. via WebEx virtual meeting.

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

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

The meeting of the Fire Service Commission concluded at 10:19a.m.