

**FIRE SERVICE COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
October 20, 2022**

The Fire Service Commission held a meeting on Thursday, October 20, 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  
Chief Peter Shedd  
Ms. Roberta Fitzpatrick  
Undersecretary Jeanne Benincasa Thorpe  
FF Richard D. MacKinnon Jr.

**Commission members absent from the meeting:**

Chief John S. Ingram

**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  
Alanna Malatos  
JoAnne Caruso

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

**AGENDA**

**A. Approval of Minutes of the September 15, 2022 Meeting**

A motion was made by Chief Archer and seconded by FF MacKinnon Jr. to discuss the minutes of the September 15, 2022, meeting.

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Chief Archer and seconded FF MacKinnon Jr. that the minutes of September 15, 2022, 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 Captain McCullough to award accreditation to:

- Captain Stephen Doucet - Westborough Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

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

- Deputy Chief Eric Friske - Newton Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Undersecretary Benincasa Thorpe and seconded by FF MacKinnon Jr. to award accreditation to:

- Deputy Chief Joseph Hickey - Everett 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 accreditation to:

- Chief Erron Kinney - Norfolk Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

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

- Lieutenant Daniel Lizotte - Agawam Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Undersecretary Benincasa Thorpe and seconded by FF MacKinnon Jr. to award accreditation to:

- Captain Kevin McDonnell - Holyoke Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

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

- Interim Chief James Nolan - Amesbury Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

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

- Chief Ryan Pease - Ludlow Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

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

- Captain Mark Rogers - Wareham Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Chief Archer and seconded by Captain McCullough to table the two applicants Chief Ingram reviewed due to his absence.

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

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

- Captain Robert Wollner - Belmont Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

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

Marshal Ostroskey briefed the Commission the ongoing progress of fire and electrical code updates and thanked the Fire Safety Division and Legal for all of their efforts; the FY24 Budget process moving forward; Phase 1 of Bridgewater's master plan is progressing and we are very close to choosing a General Contractor; Bridgewater's MEP upgrades will commence in early December; The Department has some resignations and retirements for some key staff and posting for backfilling will be ongoing; Fire Prevention week concluded on October 15<sup>th</sup> and a job well done by Jake Wark in promoting it; round two of the SAFE applications are under review; The Fire Equipment grant applications are due close of business October 21<sup>st</sup>; and lastly an Academy Director has been selected and will begin after January 1, 2023.

Deputy Fire Marshal Fournier mentioned that the first Structural Collapse course begins next week. It's an eight-day training session and another training session will be offered in the Spring. A skin cancer screening event will be held at Polar Park in Worcester on October 25<sup>th</sup>.

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

The date of the next meeting of the Fire Service Commission will be scheduled for Thursday, November 17th at 10:00am.

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

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

The meeting of the Fire Service Commission concluded at 10:27 a.m.