

**FIRE SERVICE COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
October 27, 2023**

The Fire Service Commission held a meeting on Friday, October 27, 2023, via conference call 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 John S. Ingram  
Deputy Secretary Susan Terrey  
FF Richard D. MacKinnon Jr.

**Absent from the meeting:**

Chief Peter J. Burke Jr.  
Ms. Roberta Fitzpatrick

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

**DFS staff present** at the meeting:

State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine  
Deputy State Fire Marshal Maribel Fournier  
General Counsel Glenn Rooney  
Alanna Malatos  
JoAnne Caruso

Meeting called to order by Chairman Gregory Burns at 1:09 pm.

**AGENDA**

**A. Approval of Minutes of the September 25, 2023 Meeting**

A motion was made by Captain McCullough and seconded by Deputy Secretary Terrey to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2023 meeting as written.

FF MacKinnon Jr. abstained from the vote. Otherwise, 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 Deputy Secretary Terrey to award accreditation to:

- Captain Dean Munson– Weston Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by FF MacKinnon Jr. and seconded by Deputy Secretary Terrey to award accreditation to:

- Deputy Chief Michael Denehy – Westford Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by FF MacKinnon and seconded by Captain McCullough to award re-accreditation to:

- Deputy Chief Barry Aptt – Gloucester Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by FF MacKinnon Jr. and seconded by Deputy Secretary Terrey to award re- accreditation to:

- Deputy Chief Nader Hamed – Framingham Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by FF MacKinnon Jr. and seconded by Deputy Secretary Terrey to award re- accreditation to:

- Chief Timothy Johnston – Ayer Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by FF MacKinnon Jr. and seconded by Deputy Secretary Terrey to award re- accreditation to:

- Chief Stephen Murphy – Hingham Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

### **C. Massachusetts Firefighter Service Award Discussion**

A motion was made by FF MacKinnon Jr. and seconded by Deputy Secretary Terrey to discuss.

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Chairman Chief Burns briefed the Commission on the proposed language revision regarding international service consideration for the “Criteria for Massachusetts Firefighting Service Award”.

The Commission discussed and they would like to update the criteria to reflect that any years spent for an international fire department would be evaluated on a case-by-case basis once supporting documentation outlining the duties is presented by the Chief.

A motion was made by FF MacKinnon Jr. and seconded by Captain McCullough to accept the changes to the “Criteria for Massachusetts Firefighting Service Award” to include, “Years of service in an out-of-state or international fire department will be reviewed by the Fire Service Commission on a case-by-case basis.”

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

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

Marshal Davine briefed the Commission on the success of the Lithium Ion Battery Symposium which was held on October 13, 2023 at the DFS Stow Campus and is now available for viewing on our YouTube channel; a working group for Youth Firesetting Prevention has been formed and collaboration meetings are underway; a mental health project is also underway and a working group has begun meeting as well; he is in discussions with EOPSS and DPH regarding Mobile Decontamination Units (MDU's).

Deputy Marshal Fournier addressed the Commission on the Department's cancer screening program as October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and updates to the program now include mammograms and ultrasounds. The Department is moving forward with the filling of several key positions in the agency and looks forward to providing more updates as candidates make their way through the hiring process.

#### **E. Determination of Date/Time for Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting of the Fire Service Commission is tentatively scheduled on November 16th at 10:00 a.m.

A motion to adjourn was made by Captain McCullough and seconded by Deputy Secretary Terrey.

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The meeting of the Fire Service Commission concluded at 1:29 pm.