FIRE SERVICE COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
September 30, 2026

The Fire Service Commission held a meeting on Wednesday, September 30, 2026, via conference call under Mass. General Law Chapter 30A, Section 20.

Present at the meeting were the following Commission members:
Chief John S. Ingram
Ms. Roberta Fitzpatrick
Deputy Secretary Susan Terrey
Chief Peter J. Burke Jr.
Chief Matthew Grafton
FF Richard D. MacKinnon Jr.

No Commission Member were absent.

DFS staff present at the meeting:
State Fire Marshal Jon Davine
Deputy State Fire Marshal Maribel Fournier
General Counsel Glenn Rooney
DFS Administrative Support

There were no guests present.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Chief Ingram at 10:00 a.m.

AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes of June 18th meeting

A motion was made by Ms. Fitzpatrick and seconded by FF MacKinnon Jr. that the minutes of the June 18, 2026 meeting be approved as written.

Roll Call:
Chief John S. Ingram - Yes
Ms. Roberta Fitzpatrick - Yes
Deputy Secretary Susan Terrey - Yes
Chief Peter J. Burke Jr. - Yes
Chief Matthew Grafton - Yes
FF Richard D. MacKinnon Jr. -Yes

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

B. Vote on Credentialing and Re-Credentialing

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

- Deputy Chief Timothy Casey - Lowell Fire Department

Roll Call:
Chief John S. Ingram - Yes
Ms. Roberta Fitzpatrick - Yes
Deputy Secretary Susan Terrey - Yes
Chief Peter J. Burke Jr. - Yes
Chief Matthew Grafton - Yes
FF Richard D. MacKinnon Jr. -Yes

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:

- Lieutenant James Chadbourne – Rowley Fire Department

Roll Call:
Chief John S. Ingram - Yes
Ms. Roberta Fitzpatrick - Yes
Deputy Secretary Susan Terrey - Yes
Chief Peter J. Burke Jr. - Yes
Chief Matthew Grafton - Yes
FF Richard D. MacKinnon Jr. -Yes

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

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

- Lieutenant Christopher Conlon – Weston Fire Department

Roll Call:
Chief John S. Ingram - Yes
Ms. Roberta Fitzpatrick - Yes
Deputy Secretary Susan Terrey - Yes
Chief Peter J. Burke Jr. - Yes
Chief Matthew Grafton - Yes
FF Richard D. MacKinnon Jr. -Yes

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

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

- Chief Keith Darling – Northborough Fire Department

Roll Call:
Chief John S. Ingram - Yes
Ms. Roberta Fitzpatrick - Yes

Deputy Secretary Susan Terrey - Yes
Chief Peter J. Burke Jr. - Yes
Chief Matthew Grafton - Yes
FF Richard D. MacKinnon Jr. -Yes

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

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

- Captain Christopher Goodhind – Amherst Fire Department

Roll Call:
Chief John S. Ingram - Yes
Ms. Roberta Fitzpatrick - Yes
Deputy Secretary Susan Terrey - Yes
Chief Peter J. Burke Jr. - Yes
Chief Matthew Grafton - Yes
FF Richard D. MacKinnon Jr. -Yes

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

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

- Captain Keith Grant – Newbury Fire Department

Roll Call:
Chief John S. Ingram - Yes
Ms. Roberta Fitzpatrick - Yes
Deputy Secretary Susan Terrey - Yes
Chief Peter J. Burke Jr. - Yes
Chief Matthew Grafton - Yes
FF Richard D. MacKinnon Jr. -Yes

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

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

- Captain Andrew Harding – Winchendon Fire Department

Roll Call:
Chief John S. Ingram - Yes
Ms. Roberta Fitzpatrick - Yes
Deputy Secretary Susan Terrey - Yes
Chief Peter J. Burke Jr. - Yes
Chief Matthew Grafton - Yes

FF Richard D. MacKinnon Jr. -Yes

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

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

- Deputy Chief John Kelly III – Arlington Fire Department

Roll Call:
Chief John S. Ingram - Yes
Ms. Roberta Fitzpatrick - Yes
Deputy Secretary Susan Terrey - Yes
Chief Peter J. Burke Jr. - Yes
Chief Matthew Grafton - Yes
FF Richard D. MacKinnon Jr. -Yes

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

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

- Captain Edward Lindsay Jr. – Shirley Fire Department

Roll Call:
Chief John S. Ingram - Yes
Ms. Roberta Fitzpatrick - Yes
Deputy Secretary Susan Terrey - Yes
Chief Peter J. Burke Jr. - Yes
Chief Matthew Grafton - Yes
FF Richard D. MacKinnon Jr. -Yes

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

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

- Captain Scott McGuire – North Attleboro Fire Department

Roll Call:
Chief John S. Ingram - Yes
Ms. Roberta Fitzpatrick - Yes
Deputy Secretary Susan Terrey - Yes
Chief Peter J. Burke Jr. - Yes
Chief Matthew Grafton - Yes
FF Richard D. MacKinnon Jr. -Yes

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

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

- Chief Andrew Pelis – Northampton Fire Department

Roll Call:
Chief John S. Ingram - Yes
Ms. Roberta Fitzpatrick - Yes
Deputy Secretary Susan Terrey - Yes
Chief Peter J. Burke Jr. - Yes
Chief Matthew Grafton - Yes
FF Richard D. MacKinnon Jr. -Yes

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

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

- Chief of Operations David Randolph – Brookline Fire Department

Roll Call:
Chief John S. Ingram - Yes
Ms. Roberta Fitzpatrick - Yes
Deputy Secretary Susan Terrey - Yes
Chief Peter J. Burke Jr. - Yes
Chief Matthew Grafton - Yes
FF Richard D. MacKinnon Jr. -Yes

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

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

- Lieutenant Merissa Titus-Abate – Rowley Fire Department

Roll Call:
Chief John S. Ingram - Yes
Ms. Roberta Fitzpatrick - Yes
Deputy Secretary Susan Terrey - Yes
Chief Peter J. Burke Jr. - Yes
Chief Matthew Grafton - Yes
FF Richard D. MacKinnon Jr. -Yes

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

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

- Captain Garrett Wante – Winchendon Fire Department

Roll Call:
Chief John S. Ingram - Yes
Ms. Roberta Fitzpatrick - Yes
Deputy Secretary Susan Terrey - Yes
Chief Peter J. Burke Jr. - Yes
Chief Matthew Grafton - Yes
FF Richard D. MacKinnon Jr. -Yes

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

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

- Chief Christopher Beecher – East Longmeadow Fire Department

Roll Call:
Chief John S. Ingram - Yes
Ms. Roberta Fitzpatrick - Yes
Deputy Secretary Susan Terrey - Yes
Chief Peter J. Burke Jr. - Yes
Chief Matthew Grafton - Yes
FF Richard D. MacKinnon Jr. -Yes

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

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

- Deputy Chief Patrick Farrow – Hampden Fire Department

Roll Call:
Chief John S. Ingram - Yes
Ms. Roberta Fitzpatrick - Yes
Deputy Secretary Susan Terrey - Yes
Chief Peter J. Burke Jr. - Yes
Chief Matthew Grafton - Yes
FF Richard D. MacKinnon Jr. -Yes

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

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

- Assistant Chief Brian Hayes – Weston Fire Department

Roll Call:
Chief John S. Ingram - Yes
Ms. Roberta Fitzpatrick - Yes
Deputy Secretary Susan Terrey - Yes
Chief Peter J. Burke Jr. - Yes
Chief Matthew Grafton - Yes
FF Richard D. MacKinnon Jr. -Yes

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

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

- Chief Jeffrey Osswald – Onset Fire Department

Roll Call:
Chief John S. Ingram - Yes
Ms. Roberta Fitzpatrick - Yes
Deputy Secretary Susan Terrey - Yes
Chief Peter J. Burke Jr. - Yes
Chief Matthew Grafton - Yes
FF Richard D. MacKinnon Jr. -Yes

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Two applicants were tabled until the October meeting.

C. General Issues and Updates from DFS

State Fire Marshal Davine briefed the Commission on the following: DFS created a database for tracking violations of hot work law and regulations on the DFS website and is available to the public; the Heroic Award Committee met to review the 2026 Firefighter of the Year Award nominations for the Firefighter of the Year Awards which will be held on November 23, 2026 at 10:00am at Mechanics Hall in Worcester, MA; The FY27 SAFE and Senior SAFE Grant application period opened on September 1, 2026; The kickoff meeting for the Single Stair Technical Advisory Group will be held on October 5th, 2026; planning a mental heath symposium is underway following several recent fire service suicides at a central location with a date to be determined sometime in January 2027; and lastly all New England State Fire Marshals gathered for a lithium ion battery safety press conference at the Big E to promote Fire Prevention Week.

D. Determination of Date/Time for Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting of the Fire Service Commission is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, October 15, 2026 at 10:00am.

A motion to adjourn was made by FF MacKinnon Jr. and seconded by Ms. Fitzpatrick.

Roll Call:
Chief John S. Ingram - Yes
Ms. Roberta Fitzpatrick - Yes
Deputy Secretary Susan Terrey - Yes
Chief Peter J. Burke Jr. - Yes
Chief Matthew Grafton - Yes
FF Richard D. MacKinnon Jr. -Yes

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The meeting of the Fire Service Commission concluded at 10:21am.