

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

In the Matter of a Complaint by

FINAL DECISION

Jennifer Pardus,

Complainant

against

Docket #FIC 2023-0387

Commissioner, State of Connecticut,  
Department of Social Services; and  
State of Connecticut, Department of  
Social Services,

Respondents

March 13, 2024

The above-captioned matter was heard as a contested case on January 29, 2024, at which time the complainant and the respondents appeared, and presented testimony, exhibits and argument on the complaint. The January 29 hearing had to be continued.

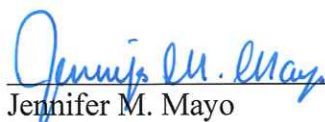
By notice dated February 2, 2024, the Commission informed the parties that the continued hearing would take place on February 28, 2024. By Motion dated February 2, 2024, the respondents requested that the hearing be rescheduled, as counsel for the respondents was required to appear in the United States Federal District Court on February 28, 2024. By email dated February 23, 2024, the Commission contacted the parties and proposed a rescheduled date of March 1, 2024, at 1:00 pm. All parties confirmed in writing that they were able to appear for the continued hearing on said date and time. By notice dated February 26, 2024, the Commission informed the parties that the continued hearing had been rescheduled to March 1, 2024, at 1:00 pm.

On March 1, 2024, Attorney Michael Slitt, counsel for the respondents, appeared at the continued hearing with Paralegal Jennifer Zakrzewski. The complainant did not appear to prosecute the complaint. The hearing officer notes that Attorney Slitt represented that he had spent approximately three hours preparing for the continued hearing; Ms. Zakrzewski also represented that she had spent approximately three hours preparing for the continued hearing. Attorney Slitt also represented that the respondents had provided the complainant with three batches of responsive records and that they intended to disclose additional batches of records to the complainant, on a rolling basis, until the underlying request was completely satisfied.

The following order by the Commission is hereby recommended on the basis of the record concerning the above-captioned complaint:

1. The complaint is hereby dismissed.

Approved by Order of the Freedom of Information Commission at its regular meeting of March 13, 2024.

  
Jennifer M. Mayo

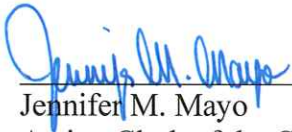
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7PURSUANT TO SECTION 4-180(c), G.S., THE FOLLOWING ARE THE NAMES OF EACH PARTY AND THE MOST RECENT MAILING ADDRESS, PROVIDED TO THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION, OF THE PARTIES OR THEIR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE.

THE PARTIES TO THIS CONTESTED CASE ARE:

**JENNIFER PARDUS**, 266 Pearl Street, Unit 504, Hartford, CT 06103

**COMMISSIONER, STATE OF CONNECTICUT, DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES; AND STATE OF CONNECTICUT, DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**, c/o Attorney Michael Slitt, Department of Social Services, Office of Legal Counsel, 55 Farmington Avenue, Hartford, CT 061052



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Jennifer M. Mayo  
Acting Clerk of the Commission