

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

In the Matter of a Complaint by
Joanne M. Pelton and the Post
Publishing Company,

FINAL DECISION

Complainants

Docket #FIC84-216

against

March 27, 1985

Greater Bridgeport Transit
District,

Respondent

The above captioned matter was heard as a contested case on January 29, 1985 at which time the complainants and the respondent appeared and presented testimony, exhibits and argument on the complaint.

After consideration of the entire record the following facts are found:

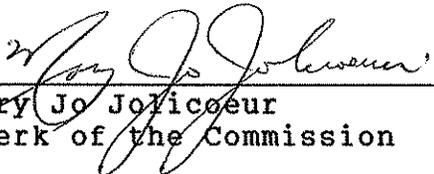
1. The respondent is a public agency within the meaning of §1-18a(a), G.S.
2. By letter of complaint filed with the Commission on October 19, 1984 the complainant alleged that the finance subcommittee of the respondent failed to timely file notice of a meeting held on Monday, October 15, 1984.
3. It is found that notice of the finance subcommittee's October 15, 1984 meeting was not filed with the office of the city clerk until October 16, 1984.
4. It is concluded that the finance subcommittee of the respondent failed to provide notice of its October 15, 1984 meeting at least twenty four hours in advance, as required by §1-21.(a), G.S.
5. The respondent claims that notice of the October 15, 1984 meeting, although postmarked October 15, 1984, was mailed on or about Thursday, October 11, 1984. The respondent cannot account for the delay in its receipt by the city clerk.

6. The respondent also represented at hearing that notices of Monday meetings are now being mailed on the preceding Wednesday, rather than Thursday, as had been its practice, and that since implementing this change it has experienced no difficulty in filing notices in a timely manner.

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

1. Henceforth the respondent shall act in strict compliance with the requirements of §1-21(a), G.S. with respect to providing notice to the public of its meetings.

Approved by order of the Freedom of Information Commission at its regular meeting of March 27, 1985.



Mary Jo Jolicœur
Clerk of the Commission