TO: Freedom of Information Commission

FROM: Thomas A. Hennick

RE: Minutes of the Commission's regular meeting of May 12, 2021

A regular meeting of the Freedom of Information Commission was held on May 12, 2021. Due to public health concerns surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, the Commission meeting of May 12, 2021 was conducted telephonically. The meeting convened at 2:02 p.m. with the following Commissioners present:

Commissioner Owen P. Eagan, presiding Commissioner Jay Shaw Commissioner Jonathan J. Einhorn Commissioner Matthew Streeter Commissioner Christopher P. Hankins Commissioner Lenny T. Winkler Commissioner Ryan P. Barry Commissioner Stephen Fuzesi Jr. Commissioner Victoria W. Chavey

Also present were staff members, Colleen M. Murphy, Mary E. Schwind, Kathleen K. Ross, Valicia D. Harmon, Paula S. Pearlman, Matthew D. Reed, Danielle L. McGee, Zack Hyde, Cindy Cannata and Thomas A. Hennick.

The Commissioners voted, 8-0, to approve the Commission's regular meeting minutes of April 28, 2021. Commissioner Barry abstained.

Those in attendance were informed that the May 12, 2021 regular meeting of the Commission was being recorded.

Docket #FIC 2019-0549 William Holmes v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut,

Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection; and State of Connecticut, Department of

Emergency Services and Public Protection

The matter was removed from the agenda.

Docket #FIC 2019-0723 Victor Velasco v. Rollin Cook, Commissioner, State of

Connecticut, Department of Correction; and State of

Connecticut, Department of Correction

The matter was removed from the agenda.

Docket #FIC 2020-0050

Gerald Nardone v. Chairman, Western Connecticut Tourism District Board; and Western Connecticut Tourism District Board

The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were recorded digitally.

Docket #FIC 2020-0140

Ethan Book v. Mayor, City of Shelton; Chief, Police Department, City of Shelton; Police Department, City of Shelton; and City of Shelton

Ethan Book appeared on his own behalf. Attorney Francis Teodosio appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were recorded digitally.

Colleen M. Murphy reported that the relocation of Commission offices remains on schedule for May 28, 2021. Executive Director Murphy reported that packing of Commission records was continuing and that the new address for the Commission would be 165 Capitol Avenue #1100. She also reminded Commissioners that there would be no contested case hearings scheduled the last two weeks of May and that the Commission meeting scheduled for May 26 would be cancelled.

Colleen M. Murphy reported that Commissioners Einhorn and Barry officially had been reappointed to terms expiring in 2023 and that the reappointment of Commissioners Streeter and Hankins to another two-year term also appeared to be on track. Executive Director Murphy also reported that Commissioner Winkler's confirmation hearing in front of the Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee had gone well and that the nomination to a new four-year term had been voted out of committee and sent to the House of Representatives for final approval.

Colleen M. Murphy and Paula S. Pearlman reported on several pieces of proposed legislation of interest to the Commission.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

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