

TO: Freedom of Information Commission
FROM: Thomas A. Hennick
RE: Minutes of the Commission's regular meeting of September 8, 2021

A regular meeting of the Freedom of Information Commission was held on September 8, 2021. Due to public health concerns surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, the Commission meeting of September 8, 2021 was conducted telephonically. The meeting convened at 2:02 p.m. with the following Commissioners present:

Commissioner Owen P. Eagan, presiding
Commissioner Matthew Streeter
Commissioner Christopher P. Hankins
Commissioner Ryan P. Barry
Commissioner Lenny T. Winkler
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, Danielle L. McGee, Matthew D. Reed, C. Zack Hyde, Cindy Cannata and Thomas A. Hennick.

The Commissioners voted, 6-0, to approve the Commission's regular meeting minutes of [August 25, 2021](#). Commissioner Winkler abstained.

Those in attendance were informed that the September 8, 2021 regular meeting of the Commission was being recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2019-0753](#) Roderick Lewis v. Chief, Police Department, City of West Haven; Police Department, City of West Haven; and City of West Haven

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

[Docket #FIC 2020-0294](#) Victor Velasco v. Rollin Cook, Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Correction; and State of Connecticut, Department of Correction

Victor Velasco appeared on his own behalf. Attorney Lori McCurdy appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

Docket #FIC 2020-0295

Victor Velasco v. Rollin Cook, Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Correction; and State of Connecticut, Department of Correction

Victor Velasco appeared on his own behalf. Attorney Lori McCurdy appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to table the matter. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2021-0004](#)

William Pabon v. Angel Quiros, Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Correction; and State of Connecticut, Department of Correction

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

[Docket #FIC 2021-0012](#)

Steven Nunez v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Administrative Services; and State of Connecticut, Department of Administrative Services

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

Attorney Valicia D. Harmon reported on the Superior Court decision dated September 1, 2021 in *Marissa Lowther v. Freedom of Information Commission*, HHB-CV-18-6047447-S.

Colleen M. Murphy and Valicia D. Harmon reported on pending appeals.

Colleen M. Murphy reported that software has been ordered to allow hearings to be held simultaneously from two locations. This will help reduce case backlog.

Colleen M. Murphy reported that the pump house explosion that had forced the closure of commission offices the week of August 30 had been addressed and that operations had resumed at 165 Capitol Avenue.

Colleen M. Murphy reported that the final round of interviews had been held with candidates for the vacant Staff Attorney II position.

Colleen M. Murphy reported that Commissioner Hankins had been reappointed to another term.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

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