

TO: Freedom of Information Commission
FROM: Thomas A. Hennick
RE: Minutes of the Commission's regular meeting of March 23, 2022

A regular meeting of the Freedom of Information Commission was held on March 23, 2022. Due to public health concerns surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, the Commission meeting of March 23, 2022 was conducted telephonically. The meeting convened at 2:01 p.m. with the following Commissioners present:

Commissioner Owen P. Eagan, presiding
Commissioner Jonathan J. Einhorn
Commissioner Matthew Streeter
Commissioner Christopher P. Hankins
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, C. Zack Hyde, Jennifer F. Miller, Cindy Cannata, Linda Fasciano and Thomas A. Hennick.

The Commissioners unanimously voted to approve the Commission's regular meeting minutes of March 9, 2022.

Those in attendance were informed that the March 23, 2022 regular meeting of the Commission was being recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2019-0636](#) Jacob Carattini v. Joseph Gaudett, Chief, Police Department, City of Bridgeport; and Police Department, City of Bridgeport

Jacob Carattini appeared on his own behalf. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2020-0141](#) Jacob Carattini v. Armando Perez, Chief, Police Department, City of Bridgeport; Police Department, City of Bridgeport; and City of Bridgeport

Jacob Carattini appeared on his own behalf. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2020-0437](#)

David Taylor v. 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 2020-0507](#)

Shawn Crocker v. Otoniel Reyes, Chief, Police Department, City of New Haven; Police Department, City of New Haven; and City of New Haven

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

[Docket #FIC 2020-0054](#)

Claire Howard v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Administrative Services; and State of Connecticut, Department of Administrative Services

Attorney Michael Barrerra appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to amend the Hearing Officer's Report. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report as amended. * The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2020-0098](#)

Andrea Sandor v. New Canaan Library, Inc., Town of New Canaan; and Town of New Canaan

Andrea Sandor appeared on her own behalf. Attorney Brian Smith appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners voted, 5-1, to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. Commissioner Einhorn voted against adoption. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2020-0362](#)

Joshua Esses v. David Desjardins, Counsel, State of Connecticut, General Assembly, House of Representatives; Richard Price, Legislative Aide to Representative Blumenthal, State of Connecticut, General Assembly, House of Representatives; Giovanni Pinto, Legislative Aide to Representative Simmons, State of Connecticut, General Assembly, House of Representatives; Alberto Negron, Legislative Aide to Representative Meskers, State of Connecticut, General Assembly, House of Representatives; Desmond Conner, Legislative Aide to Representative Miller, State of Connecticut, General Assembly, House of Representatives; and State of Connecticut, General Assembly, House of Representatives

Joshua Esses appeared on his own behalf. Assistant Attorney General Alma Nunley appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2020-0547](#)

Anthony Lazzari v. Chief, Police Department, City of Meriden; Police Department, City of Meriden; and City of Meriden

[Docket #FIC 2020-0574](#)

Anthony Lazzari v. Chief, Police Department, City of Meriden; Police Department, City of Meriden; Mayor, City of Meriden; and City of Meriden

[Docket #FIC 2020-0575](#)

Anthony Lazzari v. Chief, Police Department, City of Meriden; Police Department, City of Meriden; Mayor, City of Meriden; and City of Meriden

The Commissioners unanimously voted to consolidate the three matters for the purposes of the Commission's deliberations. Anthony Lazzari appeared on his own behalf. Attorney Christopher Clark appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Reports in all three matters. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2021-0039](#)

Gregg and Jenn Haythorn v. Chairman, Town of Weston; Town Administrator, Town of Weston; and Town of Weston

Gregg Haythorn appeared on his own behalf. Attorney Nicolas Bamonte appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2021-0105](#)

Christine Davis, and Advanced Investigations LLC 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 2021-0106](#)

Christine Davis, and Advanced Investigations LLC 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 2021-0107](#)

Christine Davis and Advanced Investigations LLC 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 2021-0180](#)

Katherine Camara v. Chairman, State of Connecticut, State Marshal Commission; and State of Connecticut, State Marshal Commission

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

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

Colleen M. Murphy reported that work is continuing on reducing the Commission's contested case backlog and that plans are being formulated to return to in person contested case hearings and in person commission meetings.

Colleen M. Murphy informed Commissioners that this would be Management Analyst Cindy Cannata's final "official" commission meeting as she is retiring as of April 1. Although Cindy will be returning in a temporary capacity, Executive Director Murphy wanted to formally thank her for many years of "dedicated public service." Commissioners joined the Executive Director in praising Cindy for all her efforts in many aspects of the Commission's activities over the years.

Paula S. Pearlman reported on legislation.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:54 p.m.

Thomas A. Hennick
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* See attached for amendments and correction

AMENDMENTS

Docket #FIC 2020-0054 Claire Howard v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut,
Department of Administrative Services; and State of
Connecticut, Department of Administrative Services

The order in the Hearing Officer's Report is amended as follows:

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

1. Within 14 days **OF THE NOTICE OF THE FINAL DECISION**, the respondents shall disclose to the complainant **A COPY OF** all of the records responsive to requests 2.a through 2.c, above, free of charge, and without redactions.

2. Henceforth, the respondents shall strictly comply with §§1-210(a) and 1-212(a), G.S.