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Notice of Special Meetings

The Freedom of Information Commission will hold in person special meetings during the week of January 19, 2026 through January 23, 2026 at the specific dates and times listed below. The purpose of each special meeting is to conduct a contested case hearing concerning the matters listed below. Real-time access to each meeting is available to the public by dialing the number and code noted below the case caption. At times, contested cases may be cancelled or postponed shortly before the scheduled time of the hearing. Members of the public may contact the Commission at (860) 566-5682 to check on hearing status.

Date	Time	Contested Case Docket #	CONTESTED CASE CAPTION
January 19, 2026			HOLIDAY
January 20, 2026	9:30 AM	FIC 2025-0300	Elizardo Montanez v. Roderick Porter, Chief, Police Department, City of Bridgeport; Police Department, City of Bridgeport; and City of Bridgeport Dial-in Number: 860-840-2075 Conference Code: 888 292 063#

An evidentiary hearing of the Freedom of Information Commission in the following matter was held on January 20, 2026, in the Freedom of Information Commission's Hearing Room, Conference Room H, located on the ground floor at 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Docket #FIC 2025-0300; Elizardo Montanez v. Roderick Porter, Chief, Police Department, City of Bridgeport; Police Department, City of Bridgeport; and City of Bridgeport

Elizardo Montanez appeared via speakerphone on his own behalf. Attorney Karen Lee Miller appeared on behalf of the respondents. No votes were taken. The proceedings were digitally recorded and available here: [Audio](#)

The hearing convened at 9:39 AM with Attorney Paul V. Arce presiding.
The hearing adjourned at 10:30 AM.

Dated: January 22, 2026

	11:00 AM	FIC 2025-0415	Bryant Abbott v. Director, Department of Health & Social Services, City of Bridgeport; Department of Health & Social Services, City of Bridgeport; and City of Bridgeport Dial-in Number: 860-840-2075 Conference Code: 604 842 694#
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NOTICE: The special meeting scheduled in the following matter for January 20, 2026, at 11:00 AM, was cancelled.

Docket #FIC 2025-0415; Bryant Abbott v. Director, Department of Health & Social Services, City of Bridgeport; Department of Health & Social Services, City of Bridgeport; and City of Bridgeport

	1:00 PM	FIC 2025-0503	Caroline Moretti v. Mayor, City of Shelton; and City of Shelton Dial-in Number: 860-840-2075 Conference Code: 848 475 450#
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An evidentiary hearing of the Freedom of Information Commission in the following matter was held on January 20, 2026, in the Freedom of Information Commission's Hearing Room, Conference Room H, located on the ground floor at 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Docket #FIC 2025-0503; Caroline Moretti v. Mayor, City of Shelton; and City of Shelton

Caroline Moretti appeared on her own behalf. Attorney Thomas G. Cotter appeared on behalf of the respondents. No votes were taken. The proceedings were digitally recorded and available here: [Audio1](#) [Audio2](#) [Audio3](#)

The hearing convened at 1:00 PM with Commissioner Thomas A. Hennick presiding.
The hearing adjourned at 1:45 PM.

Dated: January 22, 2026

January 21, 2026	9:30 AM	FIC 2025-0219	Gregory Johnson v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Correction; and State of Connecticut, Department of Correction Dial-in Number: 860-840-2075 Conference Code: 950 790 282#
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An evidentiary hearing of the Freedom of Information Commission in the following matter was held on January 21, 2026, in the Freedom of Information Commission's Hearing Room, Conference Room H, located on the ground floor at 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Docket #FIC 2025-0219; Gregory Johnson v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Correction; and State of Connecticut, Department of Correction

Gregory Johnson appeared via speakerphone on his own behalf. Attorney Jennifer Lepore appeared on behalf of the respondents. No votes were taken. The proceedings were digitally recorded and available here: [Audio1](#) [Audio2](#)

The hearing convened at 9:40 AM with Attorney Danielle L. McGee presiding.
The hearing adjourned at 11:27 AM.

Dated: January 27, 2026

January 21, 2026 Continued	11:00 AM	FIC 2025-0537	Jacqueline R. Thomas v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Correction; and State of Connecticut, Department of Correction Dial-in Number: 860-840-2075 Conference Code: 532 155 586#
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NOTICE: The special meeting scheduled in the following matter for January 21, 2026, at 11:00 AM, was postponed.

Docket #FIC 2025-0537; Jacqueline R. Thomas v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Correction; and State of Connecticut, Department of Correction

	1:00 PM	FIC 2025-0576	Wendy Taylor v. Town Clerk, Town of Bloomfield; and Town of Bloomfield Dial-in Number: 860-840-2075 Conference Code: 890 458 998#
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An evidentiary hearing of the Freedom of Information Commission in the following matter was held on January 21, 2026, in the Freedom of Information Commission's Hearing Room, Conference Room H, located on the ground floor at 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Docket #FIC 2025-0576; Wendy Taylor v. Town Clerk, Town of Bloomfield; and Town of Bloomfield

The complainant failed to appear. Attorney Lauren Gambardella appeared on behalf of the respondents. No votes were taken. The proceedings were digitally recorded and available here: [Audio](#)

The hearing convened at 1:12 PM with Attorney Danielle L. McGee presiding.
The hearing adjourned at 1:16 PM.

Dated: January 27, 2026

	2:30 PM	FIC 2025-0629	Ryan Salvas v. David Shipee, Selectman, Board of Selectmen, Town of Sterling; Board of Selectmen, Town of Sterling; and Town of Sterling Dial-in Number: 860-840-2075 Conference Code: 903 716 321#
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NOTICE: The special meeting scheduled in the following matter for January 21, 2026, at 2:30 PM, was postponed.

Docket #FIC 2025-0629; Ryan Salvas v. David Shipee, Selectman, Board of Selectmen, Town of Sterling; Board of Selectmen, Town of Sterling; and Town of Sterling

January 22, 2026	11:00 AM	FIC 2025-0349	Danielle Scarpellino v. Paul Freeman, Superintendent of Schools, Guilford Public Schools; and Guilford Public Schools Dial-in Number: 860-840-2075 Conference Code: 377 384 09#
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An evidentiary hearing of the Freedom of Information Commission in the following matter was held on January 22, 2026, in the Freedom of Information Commission's Hearing Room, Conference Room H, located on the ground floor at 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Docket #FIC 2025-0349; Danielle Scarpellino v. Paul Freeman, Superintendent of Schools, Guilford Public Schools; and Guilford Public Schools

Danielle Scarpellino appeared on her own behalf. Attorney Kenneth S. Weinstock appeared on behalf of the respondents. No votes were taken. The proceedings were digitally recorded and available here: [Audio1](#) [Audio2](#) [Audio3](#) [Audio4](#)

The hearing convened at 11:01 AM with Attorney Nicholas A. Smarra presiding.
The hearing adjourned at 2:12 PM.

Dated: January 29, 2026

January 23, 2026	9:30 AM	FIC 2025-0333	Jacob Simkovitz v. Robert Klem, Chief, Fire Department, Town of Easton; Fire Department, Town of Easton; Town Clerk, Town of Easton; and Town of Easton Dial-in Number: 860-840-2075 Conference Code: 934 177 45#
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An evidentiary hearing of the Freedom of Information Commission in the following matter was held on January 23, 2026, in the Freedom of Information Commission's Hearing Room, Conference Room H, located on the ground floor at 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Docket #FIC 2025-0333; Jacob Simkovitz v. Robert Klem, Chief, Fire Department, Town of Easton; Fire Department, Town of Easton; Town Clerk, Town of Easton; and Town of Easton

Jacob Simkovitz appeared on his own behalf. Christine Calvert appeared on behalf of the respondents. No votes were taken. The proceedings were digitally recorded and available here: [Audio1](#) [Audio2](#)

The hearing convened at 9:32 AM with Attorney Jonathan M. McCann presiding.
The hearing adjourned at 10:41 AM.

Dated: January 29, 2026

	11:00 AM	FIC 2025-0192	Katie Gerarde v. Principal, Amity Middle School, Amity Regional School District #5; Amity Middle School, Amity Regional School District #5; and Amity Regional School District #5 Dial-in Number: 860-840-2075 Conference Code: 188 737 62#
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An evidentiary hearing of the Freedom of Information Commission in the following matter was held on January 23, 2026, in the Freedom of Information Commission's Hearing Room, Conference Room H, located on the ground floor at 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Docket #FIC 2025-0192; Katie Gerarde v. Principal, Amity Middle School, Amity Regional School District #5; Amity Middle School, Amity Regional School District #5; and Amity Regional School District #5

Katie Gerarde appeared on her own behalf. Attorney Bryan LeClerc appeared on behalf of the respondents. No votes were taken. The proceedings were digitally recorded and available here: [Audio](#)

The hearing convened at 11:00 AM with Attorney Nicholas A. Smarra presiding.
The hearing adjourned at 11:57 AM.

Dated: January 29, 2026

January 23, 2026 Continued	2:30 PM	FIC 2025-0324	Angela Ramirez v. Chief Executive Officer, Charter Oak Communities, City of Stamford; Charter Oak Communities, City of Stamford; Land Use Bureau Chief, Land Use Bureau, City of Stamford; Land Use Bureau, City of Stamford; and City of Stamford Dial-in Number: 860-840-2075 Conference Code: 185 272 309#
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An evidentiary hearing of the Freedom of Information Commission in the following matter was held on January 23, 2026, in the Freedom of Information Commission's Hearing Room, Conference Room H, located on the ground floor at 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Docket #FIC 2025-0324; Angela Ramirez v. Chief Executive Officer, Charter Oak Communities, City of Stamford; Charter Oak Communities, City of Stamford; Land Use Bureau Chief, Land Use Bureau, City of Stamford; Land Use Bureau, City of Stamford; and City of Stamford

The complainant failed to appear. Attorney Michael Toma and Attorney Philip C. Pires appeared on behalf of the respondents. No votes were taken. The proceedings were digitally recorded and available here: [Audio](#)

The hearing convened at 2:53 PM with Attorney Nicholas A. Smarra presiding.
The hearing adjourned at 2:55 PM.

Dated: January 29, 2026