



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

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Notice of Special Meetings

The Freedom of Information Commission will hold in person special meetings during the week of August 31, 2026 through September 4, 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
August 31, 2026	9:30 AM	FIC 2026-0043	Jennifer Caldwell v. First Selectman, Town of North Haven; and Town of North Haven Dial-in Number: 860-840-2075 Conference Code: 677 745 130#
NOTICE: The special meeting scheduled in the following matter for August 31, 2026, at 9:30 AM, was cancelled. The complaint in this matter has been withdrawn. Docket #FIC 2026-0043; Jennifer Caldwell v. First Selectman, Town of North Haven; and Town of North Haven			
	11:00 AM	FIC 2025-1201	Sarah Turner v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Education; and State of Connecticut, Department of Education Dial-in Number: 860-840-2075 Conference Code: 667 491 784#
An evidentiary hearing of the Freedom of Information Commission in the following matter was held on August 31, 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 2025-1201; Sarah Turner v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Education; and State of Connecticut, Department of Education Sarah Turner appeared on her own behalf. Attorney Michael McKeon appeared on behalf of the respondents. No votes were taken. The proceedings were digitally recorded and available here: Audio The hearing convened at 11:03 AM with Attorney Mary-Kate Smith presiding. The hearing adjourned at 12:53 PM. Dated: September 3, 2026			

	1:00 PM	FIC 2025-1191	Ryan Salvas; and Alycia Salvas v. Chairman, Agriculture Commission, Town of Sterling; Agriculture Commission, Town of Sterling; and Town of Sterling Dial-in Number: 860-840-2075 Conference Code: 386 640 058#
An evidentiary hearing of the Freedom of Information Commission in the following matter was held on August 31, 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 2025-1191; Ryan Salvas; and Alycia Salvas v. Chairman, Agriculture Commission, Town of Sterling; Agriculture Commission, Town of Sterling; and Town of Sterling Ryan Salvas and Alycia Salvas appeared on their own behalf. Attorney Richard Roberts appeared on behalf of the respondents. No votes were taken. The proceedings were digitally recorded and available here: Audio The hearing convened at 1:03 PM with Attorney Nicholas A. Smarra presiding. The hearing adjourned at 1:41 PM. Dated: September 3, 2026			
	2:30 PM	FIC 2025-1245	Gilbert Velez v. Chair, Board of Education, Bridgeport Public Schools; Board of Education, Bridgeport Public Schools; and Bridgeport Public Schools Dial-in Number: 860-840-2075 Conference Code: 633 897 95#
An evidentiary hearing of the Freedom of Information Commission in the following matter was held on August 31, 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 2025-1245; Gilbert Velez v. Chair, Board of Education, Bridgeport Public Schools; Board of Education, Bridgeport Public Schools; and Bridgeport Public Schools The complainant failed to appear. The respondents failed to appear. No votes were taken. The proceedings were digitally recorded and available here: Audio The hearing convened at 2:51 PM with Attorney Mary-Kate Smith presiding. The hearing adjourned at 2:53 PM. Dated: September 3, 2026			

September 1, 2026	9:30 AM	FIC 2026-0079	Jasmine Bartholomew v. Governor, State of Connecticut, Office of the Governor; and State of Connecticut, Office of the Governor Dial-in Number: 860-840-2075 Conference Code: 235 442 595#
An evidentiary hearing of the Freedom of Information Commission in the following matter was held on September 1, 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 2026-0079; Jasmine Bartholomew v. Governor, State of Connecticut, Office of the Governor; and State of Connecticut, Office of the Governor Jasmine Bartholomew appeared on her own behalf. Attorney Sarah P. Karwan appeared on behalf of the respondents. No votes were taken. The proceedings were digitally recorded and available here: Audio The hearing convened at 9:35 AM with Attorney Valicia D. Harmon presiding. The hearing adjourned at 10:28 AM. Dated: September 4, 2026			
	11:00 AM	FIC 2026-0078	Joe Salamone v. Superintendent of Schools, Regional School District 8; and Regional School District 8 Dial-in Number: 860-840-2075 Conference Code: 154 710 346#
An evidentiary hearing of the Freedom of Information Commission in the following matter was held on September 1, 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 2026-0078; Joe Salamone v. Superintendent of Schools, Regional School District 8; and Regional School District 8 The complainant failed to appear. Attorney Christopher E.H. Sanetti appeared on behalf of the respondents. No votes were taken. The proceedings were digitally recorded and available here: Audio1 Audio2 The hearing convened at 11:01 AM with Attorney Marybeth G. Sullivan presiding. The hearing adjourned at 11:24 AM. Dated: September 4, 2026			
	1:00 PM	FIC 2026-0083	James Branigan-El v. Chief Clerk, State of Connecticut, Waterbury Superior Court, Judicial Branch; and State of Connecticut, Waterbury Superior Court, Judicial Branch Dial-in Number: 860-840-2075 Conference Code: 751 025 059#

An evidentiary hearing of the Freedom of Information Commission in the following matter was held on September 1, 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 2026-0083; James Branigan-El v. Chief Clerk, State of Connecticut, Waterbury Superior Court, Judicial Branch; and State of Connecticut, Waterbury Superior Court, Judicial Branch

James Branigan-El appeared on his own behalf. Attorney Kaitlin Yu appeared on behalf of the respondents. No votes were taken. The proceedings were digitally recorded and available here: [Audio1](#) [Audio2](#)

The hearing convened at 1:16 PM with Attorney Paula S. Pearlman presiding.
The hearing adjourned at 2:15 PM.

Dated: September 4, 2026

	2:30 PM	FIC 2026-0084	James Branigan-El v. Chief Clerk, State of Connecticut, Waterbury Superior Court, Judicial Branch; and State of Connecticut, Waterbury Superior Court, Judicial Branch Dial-in Number: 860-840-2075 Conference Code: 446 198 121#
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An evidentiary hearing of the Freedom of Information Commission in the following matter was held on September 1, 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 2026-0084; James Branigan-El v. Chief Clerk, State of Connecticut, Waterbury Superior Court, Judicial Branch; and State of Connecticut, Waterbury Superior Court, Judicial Branch

James Branigan-El appeared on his own behalf. Attorney Kaitlin Yu appeared on behalf of the respondents. No votes were taken. The proceedings were digitally recorded and available here: [Audio1](#) [Audio2](#)

The hearing convened at 2:35 PM with Attorney Paula S. Pearlman presiding.
The hearing adjourned at 3:43 PM.

Dated: September 4, 2026

September 2, 2026	9:30 AM	FIC 2025-0910	Ronald J. Pugliese v. First Selectman, Town of Middlebury; and Town of Middlebury Dial-in Number: 860-840-2075 Conference Code: 950 214 788#
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NOTICE: The special meeting scheduled in the following matter for September 2, 2026, at 9:30 AM, was cancelled. The complaint in this matter has been withdrawn.

Docket #FIC 2025-0910; Ronald J. Pugliese v. First Selectman, Town of Middlebury; and Town of Middlebury

	11:00 AM	FIC 2026-0015	Heidi Fehrenbach v. Chair, Board of Education, Wethersfield Public Schools; and Board of Education, Wethersfield Public Schools
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An evidentiary hearing of the Freedom of Information Commission in the following matter was held on September 2, 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 2026-0015; Heidi Fehrenbach v. Chair, Board of Education, Wethersfield Public Schools; and Board of Education, Wethersfield Public Schools Heidi Fehrenbach appeared on her own behalf. Attorney Thomas Mooney appeared on behalf of the respondents. No votes were taken. The proceedings were digitally recorded and available here: Audio The hearing convened at 11:04 AM with Commissioner Thomas A. Hennick presiding. The hearing adjourned at 11:21 AM. Dated: September 4, 2026			
	1:00 PM	FIC 2026-0061	Sarah White and the Connecticut Fair Housing Center v. Dr. Elizabeth Rivera-Rodriguez, Director, Health and Social Services Department, City of Bridgeport; Health and Social Services Department, City of Bridgeport; and City of Bridgeport Dial-in Number: 860-840-2075 Conference Code: 752 068 143#
NOTICE: The special meeting scheduled in the following matter for September 2, 2026, at 1:00 PM, was cancelled. The complaint in this matter has been withdrawn. Docket #FIC 2026-0061; Sarah White and the Connecticut Fair Housing Center v. Dr. Elizabeth Rivera-Rodriguez, Director, Health and Social Services Department, City of Bridgeport; Health and Social Services Department, City of Bridgeport; and City of Bridgeport			
September 3, 2026	9:30 AM	FIC 2025-1232	Jossean Crispin v. Nancy Navarretta, Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services; and State of Connecticut, Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services Dial-in Number: 860-840-2075 Conference Code: 589 900 977#
An evidentiary hearing of the Freedom of Information Commission in the following matter was held on September 3, 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 2025-1232; Jossean Crispin v. Nancy Navarretta, Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services; and State of Connecticut, Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services Jossean Crispin appeared on her own behalf. Attorney Noelle Miano appeared on behalf of the respondents. No votes were taken. The proceedings were digitally recorded and available here: Audio			

The hearing convened at 9:35 AM with Attorney Danielle L. McGee presiding.
The hearing adjourned at 11:04 AM.

Dated: September 4, 2026

11:00 AM

FIC 2026-0051

Martin Edgar v. Superintendent, Hartford Public Schools; and Hartford Public Schools

Dial-in Number: 860-840-2075
Conference Code: 565 250 909#

NOTICE: The special meeting scheduled in the following matter for September 3, 2026, at 11:00 AM, was cancelled. The complaint in this matter has been withdrawn.

Docket #FIC 2026-0051; Martin Edgar v. Superintendent, Hartford Public Schools; and Hartford Public Schools

1:00 PM

FIC 2026-0032

Lorraine Esposito v. Joshua Brooks, First Selectman, Town of Branford; and Town of Branford

Dial-in Number: 860-840-2075
Conference Code: 754 344 038#

An evidentiary hearing of the Freedom of Information Commission in the following matter was held on September 3, 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 2026-0032; Lorraine Esposito v. Joshua Brooks, First Selectman, Town of Branford; and Town of Branford

Lorraine Esposito appeared on her own behalf. Attorney William A. Aniskovich 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 1:14 PM with Attorney Danielle L. McGee presiding.
The hearing adjourned at 2:25 PM.

Dated: September 4, 2026

2:30 PM

FIC 2025-1237

Lorraine Esposito v. Joshua Brooks, First Selectman, Town of Branford; and Town of Branford

Dial-in Number: 860-840-2075
Conference Code: 708 628 65#

An evidentiary hearing of the Freedom of Information Commission in the following matter was held on September 3, 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 2025-1237; Lorraine Esposito v. Joshua Brooks, First Selectman, Town of Branford; and Town of Branford

Lorraine Esposito appeared on her own behalf. Attorney William A. Aniskovich appeared on behalf of the respondents. No votes were taken. The proceedings were digitally recorded and available here: [Audio1](#) [Audio2](#)

The hearing convened at 2:39 PM with Attorney C. Zack Hyde presiding.
The hearing adjourned at 3:39 PM.

Dated: September 4, 2026

September 4, 2026	9:30 AM	FIC 2026-0056	Ralph Crozier v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection; and State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection Dial-in Number: 860-840-2075 Conference Code: 403 356 184#
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NOTICE: The special meeting scheduled in the following matter for September 4, 2026, at 9:30 AM, was postponed.

Docket #FIC 2026-0056; Ralph Crozier v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection; and State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection