

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION
STATE OF CONNECTICUT

In the Matter of a Complaint by

FINAL DECISION

Craig Brownell,

Complainant

against

Docket # FIC 2024-0252

Superintendent of Schools, Weston Public
Schools; and Weston Public Schools,

Respondents

April 9, 2025


The above-captioned matter was scheduled to be heard as a contested case on November 18, 2024, at 2:30 p.m., at which time the respondents appeared, but the complainant did not appear.

At the hearing, counsel for the respondents appeared with a witness, the superintendent for Weston Public Schools. Counsel represented that she dedicated between six and seven hours to preparing for the hearing, and the witness represented that she dedicated approximately three hours.

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

1. The complaint is dismissed for failure to prosecute.
2. The complainant is admonished for his failure to appear at the hearing in this matter, which failure resulted in a waste of scarce state and local resources.
3. The complainant is cautioned that, in accordance with §1-206(b)(3)(D), G.S., the Commission may consider a history of nonappearance at its proceedings as cause to decline to schedule a contested case hearing.

Approved by Order of the Freedom of Information Commission at its regular meeting of April 9, 2025.

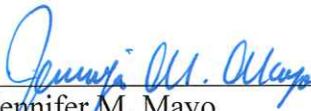

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PURSUANT TO SECTION 4-180(c), G.S., THE FOLLOWING ARE THE NAMES OF EACH PARTY AND THE MOST RECENT MAILING ADDRESS, PROVIDED TO THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION, OF THE PARTIES OR THEIR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE.

THE PARTIES TO THIS CONTESTED CASE ARE:

CRAIG BROWNELL, 17 White Birch Ridge, Weston, CT 06883

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, WESTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS; AND WESTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS, c/o Attorney Sarah Gleason, Shipman & Goodwin LLP, 300 Atlantic Street, 3rd Floor, Stamford, CT 06901



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