## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

In the Matter of a Complaint by

FINAL DECISION

Ira Alston,

Complainant

against

Docket # FIC 2024-0516

Chairman, State of Connecticut, Board of Pardons and Paroles; and State of Connecticut, Board of Pardons and Paroles,

Respondents

August 13, 2025

The above-captioned matter was heard as a contested case on February 28, 2025, at which time the respondents appeared. The complainant, who is incarcerated, was unable to appear via teleconference pursuant to the January 2004 memorandum of understanding between the Commission and the Department of Correction. See Anthony Sinchak v. Freedom of Information Commission, Docket No. CV 03-0826293, Superior Court, J.D. of Hartford at Hartford, Corrected Order dated January 27, 2004 (Sheldon, J.). The complainant's nonappearance was due to a situation at the correctional institution where he is incarcerated that prevented him, through no fault of his own, from accessing telephone service.

A continued contested case hearing in the above-captioned matter was convened on June 6, 2025, at which time the complainant appeared but the respondents did not. After such hearing was opened, the complainant withdrew his appeal to the Commission on the record, representing that the respondents had provided to the Department of Correction compact discs responsive to the request at issue in his complaint.

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

1. Based on the complainant's withdrawal, the complaint is hereby dismissed.

Approved by Order of the Freedom of Information Commission at its regular meeting of August 13, 2025.

Jennifer M. Mayo

Acting Clerk of the Commission

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:

IRA ALSTON, #275666, MacDougall-Walker Correctional Institution, 1153 East Street, South, Suffield, CT 06080

CHAIRMAN, STATE OF CONNECTICUT, BOARD OF PARDONS AND PAROLES; AND STATE OF CONNECTICUT, BOARD OF PARDONS AND PAROLES, c/o Attorney David G Bothwell, Board of Pardons and Paroles, 55 West Main Street, Suite 520, Waterbury, CT 06702

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