

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

In the Matter of a Complaint by

FINAL DECISION

Nicolina Cortesiano,

Complainant

against

Docket #FIC 2025-0200

Commissioner, State of Connecticut,
State, Department of Transportation; and
State of Connecticut, Department of
Transportation,

Respondents

September 10, 2025

The above-captioned matter was scheduled to be heard as a contested case on August 6, 2025, at which time the respondents appeared, but the complainant did not appear to prosecute the case.

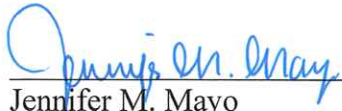
The hearing officer notes that Attorney Sharon Peters and certified legal intern Molly Turban, together as counsel for the respondents, appeared at the hearing with one witness. Specifically, it is noted that counsel appeared with Alice Sexton, Principal Attorney, for the respondents. At the hearing, Ms. Turban represented that she spent about fifteen hours reviewing and responding to the underlying request for records in this case, meeting with counsel and her witness, reviewing the file in this matter, and otherwise preparing for the hearing. Attorney Peters represented that she contributed around four hours of her time in preparation for the hearing. In addition, Ms. Turban represented that Attorney Sexton spent approximately six hours preparing for the hearing.

At the hearing in this matter the respondents represented that they provided all records responsive to the request in their possession to the complainant by letter dated July 11, 2025.

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

1. The complaint is hereby dismissed.
2. The Commission notes that the complainant's failure to appear at or to notify the Commission that she did not intend to attend the hearing in this matter, resulted in a waste of scarce state resources.

Approved by Order of the Freedom of Information Commission at its regular meeting of September 10, 2025.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Jennifer M. Mayo", is written over a horizontal line.


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:

NICOLINA CORTESIANO, 410 Tudor Street, Waterbury, CT 06704

COMMISSIONER, STATE OF CONNECTICUT, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; AND STATE OF CONNECTICUT, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, c/o Attorney Sharon A. Peters and Molly Turban, Certified Legal Intern, Connecticut Department of Transportation, 2800 Berlin Turnpike, Room 2208, Newington, CT 06111



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