

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

In the Matter of a Complaint by

FINAL DECISION

Michael Mourning,

Complainant

against

Docket # FIC 2025-0884

Executive Director, State of Connecticut,
Commission on Human Rights and
Opportunities; and State of Connecticut,
Commission on Human Rights and
Opportunities,

Respondents

August 26, 2026

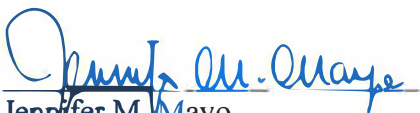
The above-captioned matter was scheduled to be heard as a contested case on May 6, 2026, at which time the respondents appeared, but the complainant failed to appear.

The hearing officer notes that Attorney Renee Vanden Wall Bake, counsel for the respondents, appeared at the hearing with a witness. Specifically, it is noted that Attorney Vanden Wall Bake appeared with the Freedom of Information Officer for the State of Connecticut, Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities. Attorney Vanden Wall Bake represented that she and the witness interrupted their other duties to prepare for and to appear for the hearing. She also stated that she prepared for the hearing for at least three hours.

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 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 resources.

Approved by Order of the Freedom of Information Commission at its regular meeting of August 26, 2026.



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:

MICHAEL MOURNING, 55 Wildman Street #109, Danbury, CT 06810

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, STATE OF CONNECTICUT, COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES; AND STATE OF CONNECTICUT, COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES, c/o Attorney Renee Vanden Wall Bake, Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities, 450 Columbus Boulevard, Suite 2, Hartford, CT 06103



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