

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

In the Matter of a Complaint by

FINAL DECISION

Sanjay Gupta,

Complainant

against

Docket # FIC 2025-0491

Superintendent of Schools, West Hartford
Public Schools; and West Hartford Public
Schools,

Respondents

June 10, 2026

The above-captioned matter was heard as a contested case on November 17, 2025, at which time the complainant and the respondents appeared, stipulated to certain facts, and presented testimony, exhibits and argument on the complaint.

After consideration of the entire record, the following facts are found and conclusions of law are reached:

1. The respondents are public agencies within the meaning of §1-200(1), G.S.
2. It is found that, by email dated June 3, 2025, the complainant requested the following records from the respondents:

[a] All meeting attendant or participation logs including

- [i] Google Meet attendance report,
- [ii] Google Meet Quality Control Tool Log,
- [iii] Google Admin-console data reflecting join/leave events, and
- [iv] Any equivalent log if a different platform was used.

[b] Any email or other communication that distributed the records above to district staff or Board members.

3. It is found that, by email dated June 3, 2025, the respondents acknowledged the complainant's request and stated that "once the responsive records have been identified, to the extent they exist, you will be notified via email."

4. It is found that, by email dated June 17, 2025, the complainant requested a status update on his June 3 records request.

5. By letter of complaint filed June 18, 2025, the complainant appealed to the Commission, alleging that the respondents violated the Freedom of Information (“FOI”) Act by failing to provide all records responsive to the request described in paragraph 2, above.

6. Section 1-200(5), G.S., provides:

“[p]ublic records or files” means any recorded data or information relating to the conduct of the public’s business prepared, owned, used, received or retained by a public agency, or to which a public agency is entitled to receive a copy by law or contract under section 1-218, whether such data or information be handwritten, typed, tape-recorded, videotaped, printed, photostated, photographed or recorded by any other method.

7. Section 1-210(a), G.S., provides in relevant part that:

(e)xcept as otherwise provided by any federal law or state statute, all records maintained or kept on file by any public agency, whether or not such records are required by any law or by any rule or regulation, shall be public records and every person shall have the right to . . . (3) receive a copy of such records in accordance with section 1-212.

8. Section 1-212(a), G.S., provides in relevant part that “[a]ny person applying in writing shall receive, promptly upon request, a plain, facsimile, electronic or certified copy of any public record.”

9. It is found that the records described in paragraph 2, above, to the extent such records exist and are maintained by the respondents, are public records within the meaning of §§1-200(5) and 1-210(a), G.S.

10. It is found that, by email dated June 23, 2025, the respondents provided copies of responsive records to the complainant.

11. At the contested case hearing, the complainant contended that the respondents failed to provide all records responsive to his request, described in paragraph 2, above. The respondents contended that they had provided copies of all responsive records to the complainant.

12. With respect to the request described in paragraph 2[a][i], above, the respondents testified, and it is found, that they provided a copy of the attendance report for the June 2, 2025 meeting.

13. With respect to the complainant’s request, described in paragraphs 2[a][ii] and [iii], above, the respondents testified, and it is found, that they provided copies of the quality tool log

and join and leave events from the meeting, as part of the records emailed to the complainant, described in paragraph 10, above.

14. With respect to the request described in paragraph 2[a][iv], above it is found that the respondents use Google Meet, and therefore, there is neither a different platform nor an equivalent log, responsive to such request.

15. It is therefore found that the respondents do not maintain any records responsive to the complainant's request described in paragraph 2[a][iv], above.

16. With respect to the complainant's request described in paragraph 2[b], above, it is found that the respondents provided one responsive email to the complainant.

17. The respondents testified, and it is found, that they understood the complainant's request described in paragraph 2[b], above, to cover any emails, or other communications, used to distribute the same records the complainant was seeking, to district staff or board members as described in paragraph 2[a], above.

18. The complainant testified that he was seeking email records of what information was provided to the participants of the June 2, 2025 meeting. The Commission notes that the complainant is free to make a new and more specific request, if he wishes, with respect to additional email communications he may be seeking.

19. It is found, however, that the respondents' interpretation of the request was reasonable based upon the wording of the June 3 records request, and that the records the complainant still seeks are outside the scope of such request.

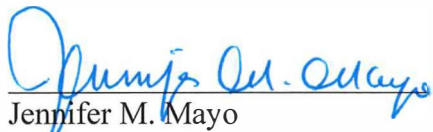
20. It is therefore found that the respondents provided to the complainant all responsive records related to the request described in paragraph 2, above.

21. Based on all of the foregoing, it is concluded that the respondents did not violate the disclosure provisions of §§1-210(a) and 1-212(a), G.S., in this case.

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.

Approved by Order of the Freedom of Information Commission at its regular meeting of June 10, 2026.



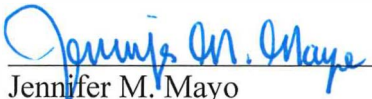
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PURSUANT TO SECTION 4-180(c), G.S., THE FOLLOWING ARE THE NAMES OF EACH PARTY AND THE MOST RECENT MAILING ADDRESS, PROVIDED TO THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION, OF THE PARTIES OR THEIR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE.

THE PARTIES TO THIS CONTESTED CASE ARE:

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