

Freedom of Information Commission
of the State of Connecticut

In the Matter of a Complaint by)
Saul Goldstein, Complainant) Report of Hearing Officer
) Docket #FIC75-18
against) December 10, 1975
)
Bridgeport Board of Education,)
Respondent)

1. The Respondent is a public agency, as it is the school board of the City of Bridgeport.

2. The records desired consist of the minutes required by law to be maintained concerning meetings not held in executive session, which minutes are public records.

3. The Complainant has requested access to such public records and has requested copies of records.

4. At the time of the hearing, the Respondent tendered compliance by way of submitting as an exhibit a schedule of rates and charges for copies of pages of the public records of the public agency, including all minutes that the public agency keeps.

5. The minute book and all of its contents concerning meetings of the public agency is a public record which must be made available for inspection or copying upon request by the Complainant.


6. The Respondent has failed to keep records of its proceedings in sessions that it called "work sessions," which are in fact meetings. The record that is kept consisted only of a list of the agenda items that is not preserved as part of the minutes of the public agency.

The following is the Order that it is proposed the Commission adopt concerning this complaint:

1. The Respondent shall produce for inspection and provide copies of its minutes of all meetings upon the lawful request of the Complainant, subject to the schedule of rates that it has established for all persons pursuant to Public Act 75-342.

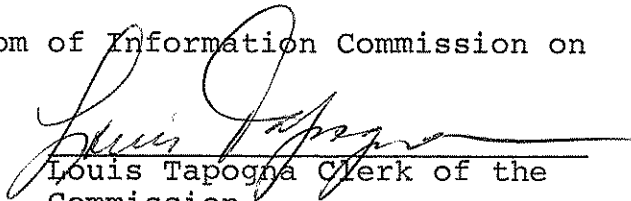
2. The Respondent shall conduct all work sessions as meetings by giving notice and maintaining a record or any discussion or action taken at that meeting as provided by Public Act 75-342. In particular, the public must be given access to the work sessions. In the event that any resolution or other act is adopted at the work session, the resolution and the vote must be included in the minutes of the public agency.

3. In the event that the public agency conducts any part of the work session as an executive session under Public Act 75-342, the following compliance is required. First, a record shall be kept of any resolution adopted or rejected. Second, no record shall be kept of any discussion leading to the adoption of such resolution. Third, the names of all persons voting for or against the resolution shall be noted as part of the record concerning the adoption or rejection of the resolution.



Commissioner Judith A. Lahey,
as Hearing Officer

Approved by order of the Freedom of Information Commission on
December 17, 1975.



Louis Tapogna Clerk of the
Commission