

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

In the Matter of a Complaint by
Betty Kaladish and Paulette
Crone,

FINAL DECISION
Docket #FIC83-41

Complainant

July 21, 1983

against

Connecticut Council on Indian Affairs
of the State of Connecticut,

Respondent

The above captioned matter was heard as a contested case on May 17, 1983, at which time the complainants and the respondent appeared and presented testimony, exhibits and argument on the complaint.

After consideration of the entire record the following facts are found:

1. The respondent is a public agency within the meaning of §1-18a(a), G.S.

2. By letter of complaint filed with the Commission on March 3, 1983, the complainants alleged that the minutes of a February 1, 1983 meeting of the respondent were not available until March 1, 1983, and that the minutes of the respondent's March 1, 1983 meeting were still not available as of March 9, 1983. The complainants further alleged that the failure of the respondent to timely file its minutes was contrary to representatives of the respondent at a November 30, 1982 hearing before the Freedom of Information Commission. The complainants asked that a civil penalty be imposed.

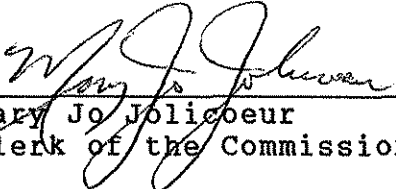
3. At hearing, the respondent admitted the factual allegations contained in the complainants' complaint. The respondent indicated that the administration of the respondent is in the process of change and that henceforth the requirements of §1-21, G.S. will be strictly complied with.

4. Under the circumstances as presented at hearing, the Commission declines to impose a civil penalty.

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

1. Henceforth the respondent shall act in strict compliance with the requirements of §1-21, G.S. regarding the filing of minutes of public meetings.

Approved by order of the Freedom of Information Commission at its special meeting of July 8, 1983.



Mary Jo Jolicœur
Clerk of the Commission