

TO: Freedom of Information Commission
FROM: Cynthia A. Cannata
RE: Minutes of the Commission's regular meeting of July 11, 2018
DATE: July 12, 2018

A regular meeting of the Freedom of Information Commission was held on July 11, 2018, in the Freedom of Information Hearing Room, 18-20 Trinity Street, Hartford, Connecticut. The meeting convened at 2:22 p.m. with the following Commissioners present:

Commissioner Owen P. Eagan, presiding
Commissioner Matthew Streeter
Commissioner Christopher P. Hankins
Commissioner Lenny Winkler
Commissioner Ryan Barry

Also present were staff members, Colleen M. Murphy, Mary E. Schwind, Tracie C. Brown, Valicia D. Harmon, Victor R. Perpetua, Kathleen K. Ross, Lisa F. Siegel, and Cindy Cannata.

The Commissioner voted 3-0 to approve the Commission's regular meeting minutes of June 27, 2018. Commissioners Lenny Winkler and Ryan Barry abstained.

Those in attendance were informed that the Commission does not ordinarily record the remarks made at its meetings, but will do so on request.

[Docket #FIC 2018-0104](#) Antonio Daniels v. Chief, Police Department, City of Stamford; Police Department, City of Stamford; and City of Stamford

The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report.

[Docket #FIC 2017-0461](#) Beverly Jackson v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Public Health; and State of Connecticut, Department of Public Health

Attorney Allen L. Williams, III appeared on behalf of the complainant. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were recorded digitally.

[Docket #FIC 2017-0561](#) Robert Walpuck v. Chairman, Zoning Board of Appeals, Town of Weston; Zoning Board of Appeals, Town of Weston; and Town of Weston

The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report.

[Docket #FIC 2017-0562](#) Marc Criscio v. Director, Public Works Department, City of New Haven; Public Works Department, City of New Haven; and City of New Haven

Marc Criscio appeared on his own behalf, and Joseph Ryan appeared on behalf of the complainant as well. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were recorded digitally.

[Docket #FIC 2017-0597](#) Robert Cushman v. Chief, Police Department, City of Hartford; Police Department, City of Hartford; and City of Hartford

The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report.

[Docket #FIC 2017-0598](#) Robert Cushman v. Chief, Police Department, City of Hartford; Police Department, City of Hartford; and City of Hartford

The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report.

[Docket #FIC 2017-0599](#) Robert Cushman v. Chief, Police Department, City of Hartford; Police Department, City of Hartford; and City of Hartford

The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report.

[Docket #FIC 2017-0638](#) Claire Howard v. Chief Executive Officer, Bristol Housing Authority; and Bristol Housing Authority

The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report.

[Docket #FIC 2017-0641](#) Matt Gugliotti v. Chief, Avon Volunteer Fire Department; and Avon Volunteer Fire Department

Matt Gugliotti appeared on his own behalf. Attorney Michael C. Harrington appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were recorded digitally.

[Docket #FIC 2018-0003](#) Claire Bessette and The Day v. Chief, Police Department, City of Norwich; Police Department, City of Norwich; and City of Norwich

The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report.

[Docket #FIC 2018-0089](#) Claire Bessette and The Day v. General Manager, Norwich Public Utilities; and Norwich Public Utilities

Claire Bessette appeared on her own behalf. Attorney Sarah Gruber appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners voted 4-0 to amend the Hearing Officer's Report. Commissioner Barry recused himself. The Commissioners voted 3-0 to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report as amended*. Commissioner Egan recused himself regarding the merits, and Commissioner Barry recused himself from participating in this matter. The proceedings were recorded digitally.

[Docket #FIC 2018-0056](#) Jeff Leiby v. Chairman, Police Commission, Town of Woodbridge; Police Commission, Town of Woodbridge; and Town of Woodbridge

Jeff Leiby appeared on his own behalf. Attorney Gerald T. Weiner appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report.

The Commissioners unanimously voted to approve the requests to summarily deny leave to schedule hearings in: *Kacey Lewis v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Correction; and State of Connecticut, Department of Correction, Docket # FIC 2017-0442; Kacey Lewis v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Correction; and State of Connecticut, Department of Correction, Docket # FIC 2017-0508; Kacey Lewis v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Correction; and State of Connecticut, Department of Correction, Docket # FIC 2017-0548; and Kacey Lewis v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Correction; and State of Connecticut, Department of Correction, Docket # FIC 2017-0691*. The proceedings were recorded digitally.

Colleen M. Murphy invited the Commission members to its annual summer outing on Friday, July 27, 2018.

The meeting adjourned at 4:23 p.m.

Cynthia A. Cannata

AMENDMENTS

[Docket #FIC 2018-0089](#) Claire Bessette and The Day v. General Manager, Norwich Public Utilities; and Norwich Public Utilities

Paragraph 19 of the Hearing Officer's Report is amended as follows:

19. However, such circumstances are not found in this case. As a threshold matter, IC-2018-0089-1 [and -2] **through IC-2018-0089-3** do not reflect communication with an outside technical expert retained specifically to assist the attorney in rendering legal advice. It is found, therefore, that the communication with the third-party was not made in confidence.