

TO: Freedom of Information Commission
FROM: Danielle L. McGee
DATE: July 10, 2020
RE: Minutes of the Commission's regular meeting of July 8, 2020

A regular meeting of the Freedom of Information Commission was held on July 8, 2020. Due to public health concerns surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, the Commission Meeting of July 8, 2020 was conducted telephonically. The meeting convened at 2:03 p.m. with the following Commissioners present:

Commissioner Owen P. Eagan, presiding
Commissioner Jay Shaw
Commissioner Jonathan J. Einhorn
Commissioner Matthew Streeter
Commissioner Christopher P. Hankins
Commissioner Lenny T. Winkler
Commissioner Stephen Fuzesi, Jr.
Commissioner Victoria Chavey

Also present were staff members, Colleen M. Murphy, Mary E. Schwind, Victor R. Perpetua, Valicia D. Harmon, Kathleen K. Ross, Paula S. Pearlman, Matthew D. Reed, Danielle L. McGee, and Cindy Cannata.

The Commissioners voted, 7-0, to approve the Commission's regular meeting minutes of June 24, 2020. Commissioner Streeter abstained.

Those in attendance were informed that the July 8, 2020 regular meeting of the Commission was being recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2019-0378](#)

Dale Kukucka v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection; and State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection

Dale Kukucka appeared on his own behalf. Attorney Douglas Sauve appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were recorded digitally.

[Docket #FIC 2019-0745](#)

Donald Raynor v. Jason Thody, Interim Chief, Department, City of Hartford; Police Department, City of Hartford; and City of Hartford

Donald Raynor appeared on his own behalf. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were recorded digitally.

[Docket #FIC 2015-147](#)

Marissa Lowthert v. Bruce Likly, Chairman, Board of Education, Wilton Public Schools; Christine Finkelstein, Chris Stroup, Laura Schwemm, Glen Hemmerle, and Lory Rothstein, as members, Board of Education, Wilton Public Schools; and Wilton Public Schools

Marissa Lowthert appeared on her own behalf. Attorney Peter Murphy appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were recorded digitally.

[Docket #FIC 2019-0264](#)

James Torlai v. Chief, Police Department, Town of New Milford; Police Department, Town of New Milford; and Town of New Milford

James Torlai appeared on his own behalf. Attorney Randall DiBella appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were recorded digitally.

[Docket #FIC 2019-0281](#)

Ethan Book v. Mayor, City of Shelton; and City of Shelton

The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2019-0348](#)

Jessica Fritz Aguiar and Clovercrest Media Group v. Chief, Police Department, Town of Wallingford; Police Department, Town of Wallingford; and Town of Wallingford

Jessica Fritz Aguiar appeared on her own behalf. Attorney Janis Small appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2019-0509](#)

Charles Cornelius v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Correction; and State of Connecticut, Department of Correction

Charles Cornelius appeared on his own behalf. Attorney Jennifer Lepore appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2019-0521](#)

David Collins, and The Day v. Chairman, Board of Directors, State of Connecticut, Connecticut Port Authority; and Board of Directors, State of Connecticut, Connecticut Port Authority

The matter was marked off.

[Docket #FIC 2019-0577](#)

Mario Boone v. Superintendent of Schools, New Haven Public Schools; and New Haven Public Schools

Attorneys Michael Pinto and Elias A. Alexiades appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

Attorney Valicia D. Harmon reported on the Memorandum of Decision in *Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, et al. v. Freedom of Information Commission, et al.*, Docket No. HHB-CV-19-6050491-S.

The Commissioners voted unanimously to appeal the Superior Court decision in *Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, et al. v. Freedom of Information Commission, et al.*, Docket No. HHB-CV19-6050491-S.

Attorney Kathleen K. Ross reported on the Memorandum of Decision in *Commissioner, State of CT, Dept. of Emergency Services and Public Protection, et. al. v. FOI, et al.*, Docket No. HHB-CV18-6047741-S.

Executive Director and General Counsel Colleen M. Murphy reported on the status of Commission operations during the COVID-19 pandemic and possible relocation of the Commission's offices.

Executive Director Murphy also reported that second round interviews have been conducted for the open HR Generalist position.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:24 p.m.

/s/Danielle L. McGee

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