

TO: Freedom of Information Commission
FROM: Thomas A. Hennick
RE: Minutes of the Commission's regular meeting of September 9, 2020

A regular meeting of the Freedom of Information Commission was held on September 9, 2020. Due to public health concerns surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, the Commission Meeting of September 9, 2020 was conducted telephonically. The meeting convened at 2:04 p.m. with the following Commissioners present:

Commissioner Owen P. Eagan, presiding
Commissioner Jonathan J. Einhorn
Commissioner Matthew Streeter
Commissioner Christopher P. Hankins
Commissioner Stephen Fuzesi, Jr.

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, Thomas A. Hennick, Wendy Paradis, Charla Vincent and Cindy Cannata.

The Commissioners unanimously voted to approve the Commission's regular meeting minutes of August 26, 2020.

Those in attendance were informed that the September 9, 2020 regular meeting of the Commission was being recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2019-0516](#)

Marlando Daley v. Chief, Armando Perez, Police Department, City of Bridgeport; Police Department, City of Bridgeport; and City of Bridgeport

Marlando Daley appeared on his own behalf. Attorney Dina Scalo appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to remand the matter to the Hearing Officer. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2019-0668](#)

Luis Salaman v. New Haven Transportation Traffic and Parking Department

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

[Docket #FIC 2019-0421](#)

Charles Flynn v. Burt Rosenberg, FOI Officer, City of Stamford; and City of Stamford

Charles Flynn appeared on his own behalf. Attorney Michael Toma appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners voted, 4-0, to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. Commissioner Einhorn did not vote on this matter. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2019-0450](#)

Sarah Braasch v. Assistant Chief, Yale University Police Department; and Yale University Police Department

Attorney Jay Wolman appeared on behalf of the complainant. Attorney Aaron Bayer appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2019-0657](#)

Maria Naughton v. Superintendent of Schools, New Canaan Public Schools; Chair, Board of Education, New Canaan Public Schools; Board of Education, New Canaan Public Schools; and New Canaan Public Schools

Maria Naughton appeared on her own behalf. Attorneys Andreanna Bellach and Tyler Bischoff appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

Colleen M. Murphy and Valicia Harmon reported on the Superior Court, Judicial District of New Britain, Memorandum of Decision dated August 31, 2020 in William J. Comerford v. Freedom of Information Commission, et al., Docket No. HHB-CV-19-6054926-S.

Colleen M. Murphy and Danielle L. McGee reported on the Superior Court, Judicial District of New Britain, Memorandum of Decision dated September 3, 2020 in Linda Reed, Clerk of the Common Council v. Freedom of Information Commission et al, Docket No. HHB-CV-19-6055845-S. The Commissioners voted 4-0-1 to authorize FOI legal staff to appeal the decision to the Appellate Court. Commissioner Hankins abstained.

Valicia D. Harmon reported on her appearance before the Connecticut Supreme Court in the Commission's appeal of AC41441, City of Meriden vs. FOIC.

Colleen M. Murphy reported that contested cases had resumed telephonically, and that progress was being made toward holding those hearings via video conference.

Colleen M. Murphy shared with Commissioners the news that David Winkler, husband of Commissioner Lenny Winkler, had passed away. Commissioners expressed their condolences.

Colleen M. Murphy introduced and welcomed HR Generalist Charla Vincent, who joined the commission on August 28, 2020.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

Thomas A. Hennick

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