

TO: Freedom of Information Commission
FROM: Thomas A. Hennick
RE: Minutes of the Commission's regular meeting of September 23, 2020

A regular meeting of the Freedom of Information Commission was held on September 23, 2020. Due to public health concerns surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, the Commission Meeting of September 23, 2020 was conducted telephonically. The meeting convened at 2:02 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 W. Chavey

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

The Commissioners voted, 6-0, to approve the Commission's regular meeting minutes of September 9, 2020. Commissioners Winkler and Chavey abstained.

Those in attendance were informed that the September 23, 2020 regular meeting of the Commission was being recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2019-0441](#)

Robert Andrews v. Rollin Cook, Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Correction; and State of Connecticut, Department of Correction

Robert Andrews appeared on his own behalf. The Commissioners unanimously voted to amend the Hearing Officer's Report. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report as amended. * The proceedings were recorded digitally.

[Docket #FIC 2019-0688](#)

Earl Thompson v. Chief, Police Department, Town of Bloomfield; Police Department, Town of Bloomfield; and Town of Bloomfield

Earl Thompson appeared on his own behalf. The Commissioners unanimously voted to table the matter. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2019-0443](#)

Kevin Blacker v. Executive Director, State of Connecticut, Connecticut Port Authority; and State of Connecticut, Connecticut Port Authority

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

[Docket #FIC 2019-0465](#)

Christopher Peak and New Haven Independent v. Office of the Corporation Counsel, City of New Haven; and City of New Haven

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

[Docket #FIC 2019-0497](#)

Mark Graves v. Roberto Rosado, Chief, Police Department, Town of Willimantic; Police Department, Town of Willimantic; and Town of Willimantic

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

[Docket #FIC 2019-0591](#)

Louise Czar v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection; and State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection

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

Mary E. Schwind and Danielle L. McGee reported on the Superior Court, Judicial District of New Britain, Memorandum of Decision dated September 10, 2020 in Sebastian Giuliano, et al. v. Freedom of Information Commission, et al., Docket No. HHB-CV19-6055846-S. The Commissioners unanimously voted to authorize FOI legal staff to appeal the decision to the Appellate Court.

Mary E. Schwind and Paula S. Pearlman reported on pending appeals.

Mary E. Schwind reported that contested cases had resumed telephonically and that the number of cases being scheduled would increase beginning in October.

Mary E. Schwind reported that the relocation of commission offices would, in all likelihood, not occur until 2021.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:44 p.m.

Thomas A. Hennick

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AMENDMENTS

Docket #FIC 2019-0441

Robert Andrews v. Rollin Cook, Commissioner,
State of Connecticut, Department of Correction; and
State of Connecticut, Department of Correction

The Hearing Officer's Report is amended as follows:

14. The complainant further contends that the disciplinary **INVESTIGATIVE** report provided to him is incomplete[, as it is only a single page].
15. It is found, however, that the respondents conducted a diligent search for the requested disciplinary **INVESTIGATIVE** report[, and that the report is comprised of a single page].