

TO: Freedom of Information Commission
FROM: Thomas A. Hennick
RE: Minutes of the Commission's regular meeting of January 13, 2021

A regular meeting of the Freedom of Information Commission was held on January 13, 2021. Due to public health concerns surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, the Commission Meeting of January 13, 2021 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 Lenny T. Winkler
Commissioner Ryan P. Barry
Commissioner Stephen Fuzesi Jr.
Commissioner Victoria W. 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, Thomas A. Hennick, Wendy Paradis and Cindy Cannata.

The Commissioners voted, 6-0, to approve the Commission's regular meeting minutes of [December 9, 2020](#). Commissioners Hankins and Chavey did not participate in this matter.

Those in attendance were informed that the January 13, 2021 regular meeting of the Commission was being recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2020-0028](#)

William McKinney v. Attorney General, State of Connecticut, Office of the Attorney General; and State of Connecticut, Office of the Attorney General

The Commissioners voted, 6-0, to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were recorded digitally. Commissioners Hankins and Chavey did not participate in this matter.

[Docket #FIC 2020-0073](#)

Jan Gawlik v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Correction; and State of Connecticut, Department of Correction

Jan Gawlik appeared on his own behalf. Attorney Jennifer Lepore appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners voted, 7-0, to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. Commissioner Chavey abstained. The proceedings were recorded digitally.

[Docket #FIC 2020-0095](#)

Jason Goode v. Rollin Cook, Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Correction; and State of Connecticut, Department of Correction

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

[Docket #FIC 2020-0047](#)

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.

[Docket #FIC 2020-0070](#)

Katherine Camara v. Chief, Police Department, Town of Watertown; Police Department, Town of Watertown; and Town of Watertown

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

[Docket #FIC 2020-0078](#)

Len Suzio v. Governor, State of Connecticut, Office of the Governor; and State of Connecticut, Office of the Governor

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

Attorney Valicia D. Harmon reported on the Superior Court, Judicial District of New Britain J.D., Order dated December 14, 2020 in Torlai, James v. Freedom of Information Commission Et Al, Docket No. [HHB-CV19-5026923-S](#).

Colleen M. Murphy reported on pending appeals.

Colleen M. Murphy reported that Commission staff is continuing to hold contested case hearings remotely and that work continues on having commission meetings moved to a video platform.

Colleen M. Murphy reported that the relocation of Commission offices was now tentatively scheduled for the end of April.

Colleen M. Murphy reported that applications for the Staff Attorney I position had been received and reviewed and that interviews were beginning this week.

Colleen M. Murphy reported that Attorney Victor Perpetua had announced that he planned to retire on March 1, 2021.

Colleen M. Murphy reported that the 2021 legislative session had begun and that staff was recommending that the FOIC not propose any new legislation this session.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:54 p.m.

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