

TO: Freedom of Information Commission
FROM: Thomas A. Hennick
RE: Minutes of the Commission's regular meeting of April 14, 2021

A regular meeting of the Freedom of Information Commission was held on April 14, 2021. Due to public health concerns surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, the Commission meeting of April 14, 2021 was conducted telephonically. The meeting convened at 2:04 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, Valicia D. Harmon, Kathleen K. Ross, Paula S. Pearlman, Matthew D. Reed, Danielle L. McGee, Zack Hyde, Cindy Cannata and Thomas A. Hennick.

The Commissioners unanimously voted to approve the Commission's regular meeting minutes of March 24, 2021.

Those in attendance were informed that the April 14, 2021 regular meeting of the Commission was being recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2019-0704](#) Ryan Bailey v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Correction; and State of Connecticut, Department of Correction

Ryan Bailey 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 recorded digitally.

[Docket #FIC 2019-0355](#) Eugene Walker v. John Karajanis, Chief, Police Department, City of West Haven; Police Department, City of West Haven; and City of West Haven

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

[Docket #FIC 2020-0164](#)

Janelle Vogt v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut,
Department of Correction; and State of Connecticut,
Department of Correction

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

[Docket #FIC 2020-0125](#)

George Schober v. First Selectman, Town of Suffield;
Board of Selectmen, Town of Suffield; and Town of
Suffield

George Schober appeared on his own behalf. Attorney Sharon Baldwin appeared on behalf of the respondents. 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 digitally recorded.

Mary E. Schwind and Attorney Paula Pearlman reported on the Appellate Court opinion in *Richard Lindquist v. Freedom of Information Commission* (AC 42496) (March 26, 2021).

Mary E. Schwind reported that Commission staff is continuing to refine its process for holding remote video hearings and that all remote hearings should be done with video by the time of the agency's relocation into its new offices in June.

Mary E. Schwind reported that the relocation of Commission offices remains on schedule for May 28, 2021. Attorney Schwind reported that the process of organizing for the move was underway, that there would be no contested case hearings scheduled the last two weeks of May and that the Commission meeting scheduled for [May 26](#) would be canceled.

Paula S. Pearlman reported on several pieces of proposed legislation of interest to the Commission.

Mary E. Schwind introduced new Staff Attorney Zack Hyde.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:49 p.m.

Thomas A. Hennick
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* See attached for amendments

AMENDMENTS

Docket #FIC 2020-0125

George Schober v. First Selectman, Town of Suffield;
Board of Selectmen, Town of Suffield; and Town of
Suffield

The Hearing Officer's Report is amended as follows:

14. After careful inspection of the in camera records, it is found that the following records are written confidential communications between a public official or employee and an attorney, made in the course of the professional relationship, and relate to legal advice sought by the agency: **IC2020-0125-002**; IC2020-0125-006; **IC2020-0125-014**; IC2020-0125-015 and 016; IC2020-0125-018 through 021; **IC2020-0125-023**; **IC2020-0125-024**; **IC2020-0125-025**; the bottom 18 lines of IC2020-0125-026; IC2020-0125-027; **IC2020-0125-034**; IC2020-0125-035; and the first two lines of IC2020-0125-036.

16. It is found that the following records are not exempt from disclosure pursuant to the attorney-client privilege as set forth in §1-210(b)(10), G.S.: IC2020-0125-001; **IC2020-0125-003** through 005; IC2020-0125-011 and 012; [IC2020-0125-014]; IC2020-0125-022; [through 025]; IC2020-0125-026 all except the bottom 18 lines; IC2020-0125-028 through 031; IC2020-0125-033 [and 034]; and IC2020-0125-038.