

TO: Freedom of Information Commission
FROM: Thomas A. Hennick
RE: Minutes of the Commission's regular meeting of June 9, 2021

A regular meeting of the Freedom of Information Commission was held on June 9, 2021. Due to public health concerns surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, the Commission meeting of June 9, 2021 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 Ryan P. Barry
Commissioner Stephen Fuzesi Jr.
Commissioner Victoria W. Chavey

Also present were staff members, Colleen M. Murphy, Mary E. Schwind, Kathleen K. Ross, Valicia D. Harmon, Paula S. Pearlman, Matthew D. Reed, Zack Hyde, Cindy Cannata and Thomas A. Hennick.

The Commissioners unanimously voted to approve the Commission's regular meeting minutes of [May 12, 2021](#).

Those in attendance were informed that the June 9, 2021 regular meeting of the Commission was being recorded.

Docket #FIC 2020-0251 Luis Colon Ortega v. Fernando Spagnolo, Chief, Police Department, City of Waterbury; Police Department, City of Waterbury; and City of Waterbury

The matter was removed from the agenda.

[Docket #FIC 2020-0139](#) Jeff Schneider v. Chief, Police Department, Town of Cromwell; Police Department, Town of Cromwell; and Town of Cromwell

Jeff Schneider appeared on his own behalf. Chief Denise Lamontagne appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners voted, 8-0, to approve the Hearing Officer's Report. Commissioner Einhorn did not participate in this matter.

Docket #FIC 2019-0750

Kevin Rennie v. Deputy General Counsel, Office of Governor Ned Lamont

Kevin Rennie appeared on his own behalf. Assistant Attorney General Phillip Miller appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners voted, 5-1, to table the matter. Commissioner Streeter voted no. Commissioner Barry recused himself from the matter. Commissioners Chavey and Einhorn did not participate in the matter.

[Docket #FIC 2019-0455](#)

Sheri Speer v. State Marshal, City of New London; and New London County State Marshals, City of New London

Sheri Speer appeared on her own behalf. Attorney Brian Estep appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners voted, 7-0, to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. Commissioners Chavey and Einhorn did not participate in the matter. The proceedings were recorded digitally.

Paula S. Pearlman reported on the Appellate Court decision dated June 8, 2021 in *ALLCO Renewable Energy Limited et. al. v. Freedom of Information Commission*, Docket No. [A.C. 42992](#).

Mary E. Schwind reported on the Appellate Court decision dated June 8, 2021 in *Marissa Lowthert v. Freedom of Information Commission*, Docket No. [AC 43086](#).

Colleen M. Murphy reported that the [relocation](#) of Commission offices has been completed. Executive Director Murphy reported that staff has spent the week "settling in" at 165 Capitol Avenue #1100. She praised staff for working diligently to affect a smooth move and transition to the new location. She singled out Management Analyst Cindy Cannata for her tireless efforts organizing much of the packing and Attorney Matthew Reed for his efforts in overseeing much of the agency's essential technological transition.

Colleen M. Murphy reported that the reappointment of Commissioners Streeter and Hankins to another two-year term appeared to be on track.

Colleen M. Murphy reported that the vacant Staff Attorney II position had been [posted](#) and that applications were being submitted.

Colleen M. Murphy and Paula S. Pearlman reported on several pieces of proposed legislation of interest to the Commission, most notably bills concerning access to records about crumbling foundations, voter information and remote meetings of public agencies.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

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