

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

A regular meeting of the Freedom of Information Commission was held on July 14, 2021. Due to public health concerns surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, the Commission meeting of July 14, 2021 was conducted telephonically. The meeting convened at 2:01 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 Stephen Fuzesi Jr.

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

The Commissioners voted, 5-0, to approve the Commission's regular meeting minutes of June 23, 2021. Commissioner Einhorn did not participate in this matter.

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

[Docket #FIC 2019-0723](#)

Victor Velasco v. Rollin Cook, Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Correction; and State of Connecticut, Department of Correction

Victor Velasco appeared on his own behalf. Attorney Tracie Brown appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to amend the Hearing Officer's Report. The Commissioners unanimously voted to table the matter until the August 11, 2021 Commission meeting. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2020-0190](#)

GerJuan Tyus v. Chief, Police Department, City of New London; Police Department, City of New London; and City of New London

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

[Docket #FIC 2020-0191](#)

Lawrence Moore v. Chief, Police Department, City of Stamford; Police Department, City of Stamford; and City of Stamford

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

[Docket #FIC 2019-0503](#)

Tom Arras v. First Selectman, Town of Woodbury; Board of Selectmen, Town of Woodbury; and Town of Woodbury

Tom Arras appeared on her own behalf. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2019-0597](#)

Brendan O'Rourke v. Board of Representatives, City of Stamford; and City of Stamford

Attorney Heather Spaide appeared on behalf of the complainant. Attorney Michael Toma appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2020-0037](#)

Maryanne Hornish v. Chief, Police Department, Town of Suffield; Police Department, Town of Suffield; and Town of Suffield

Maryanne Hornish appeared on her own behalf. Attorney Sharon Baldwin 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 reported that Commission staff had begun working on the transition back to in person or "hybrid" contested case hearings and commission meetings.

Colleen M. Murphy reported that the Commissioner Streeter had officially been reappointed to another two-year term.

Paula S. Pearlman reported on legislation addressing remote meetings of public agencies. She directed Commissioners to the staff "primer" on the new meeting provisions.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:16 p.m.

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**AMENDMENTS**

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The Hearing Officer's Report is amended as follows:

16. No evidence was presented that any action was taken to search for and identify responsive records until CCS Campanelli's office received notice of the appeal pending before the Commission on or about February 18, 2020[.]. **IT IS FOUND** that a search was subsequently conducted on or about March 4, and that responsive records were provided on March 6, 2020.