

TO: Freedom of Information Commission
FROM: Thomas A. Hennick
RE: Minutes of the Commission's regular meeting of July 28, 2021

A regular meeting of the Freedom of Information Commission was held on July 28, 2021. Due to public health concerns surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, the Commission meeting of July 28, 2021 was conducted telephonically. The meeting convened at 2:03 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.
Commissioner Victoria W. Chavey

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 unanimously voted to approve the Commission's regular meeting minutes of [July 14, 2021](#).

Those in attendance were informed that the July 28, 2021 regular meeting of the Commission was being recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2019-0549](#) William Holmes 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 2020-0086](#) David Taylor 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 digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2020-0287](#)

Albert Farah v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Correction; and State of Connecticut, Department of Correction

Albert Farah appeared on his own behalf. Attorney Lori McCurdy appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2020-0292](#)

Christine Wakefield v. Chief, Dayville Fire District; and Dayville Fire District

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

[Docket #FIC 2020-0325](#)

Donald Carr v. Registrar, State of Connecticut, Central Connecticut University; and State of Connecticut, Central Connecticut State University

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

The Commissioners unanimously voted to deny the [respondent's petition](#) for reconsideration dated July 7, 2021 in *Docket #FIC 2019-0750, Kevin Rennie v. Deputy General Counsel, Office of Governor Ned Lamont*.

Colleen M. Murphy reported that Commission staff had begun working on the transition back to in person or "hybrid" contested case hearings, but had decided that any decisions would not be made until the end of September. Executive Director Murphy said that the possibility of holding hearings simultaneously from two locations was being explored. She praised the work of staff members Mary Schwind, Matthew Reed, Danielle McGee and Valicia Harmon for their work on the transition back to in person meetings and hearings.

Colleen M. Murphy reported that interviews were underway with candidates for the vacant Staff Attorney II position.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:06 p.m.

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