

TO: Freedom of Information Commission
FROM: Jennifer M. Mayo
RE: Minutes of the Commission's regular meeting of October 12, 2022

A regular meeting of the Freedom of Information Commission was held on October 12, 2022. The Commission meeting of October 12, 2022 was conducted in person. The meeting convened at 2:01 p.m. with the following Commissioners present:

Commissioner Owen P. Eagan, presiding
Commissioner Jonathan J. Einhorn (by telephone)
Commissioner Matthew Streeter
Commissioner Christopher P. Hankins
Commissioner Stephen Fuzesi, Jr.

Also present were staff members, Colleen M. Murphy, Mary E. Schwind, Valicia D. Harmon, Danielle L. McGee, C. Zack Hyde, Jennifer F. Miller, Barbara Housen, Kate Smith, Kevin W. Munn, Cindy Cannata, and Jennifer Mayo.

The Commissioners unanimously voted to approve the Commission's regular meeting minutes of September 28, 2022.

Those in attendance were informed that the October 12, 2022, regular meeting of the Commission was being recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2020-0404](#) Andres Sosa v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Correction; and State of Connecticut, Department of Correction

Andres Sosa 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 2021-0348](#) Aaron Bouffard v. Chief, Police Department, City of Danbury; Police Department, City of Danbury; and City of Danbury

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

[Docket #FIC 2020-0634](#) Gregg and Jenn Haythorn v. Superintendent of Schools, Weston Public Schools; and Weston Public Schools

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

[Docket #FIC 2021-0619](#) Gregg and Jennifer Haythorn v. Town Administrator, Town of Weston; Chairman, Board of Finance, Town of Weston; Board of Finance, Town of Weston; and Town of Weston

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

[Docket #FIC 2021-0214](#) Susan Haigh and Associated Press v. Governor, State of Connecticut, Office of the Governor; and State of Connecticut, Office of the Governor

Susan Haigh appeared on her own behalf. 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.

[Docket #FIC 2021-0411](#) Anthony Price v. Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer, Connecticut Innovations; and Connecticut Innovations

Anthony Price appeared on his own behalf. Attorney Christopher J. Cahill appeared on behalf of the Respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2021-0610](#) Matthew Hennessy v. Donald Stein, Chair, Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority; Tom Kirk, President, Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority; Laurie Hunt, Director of Legal Services, Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority; and Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority

Attorney Craig Dickenson appeared on behalf of the Complainant. Attorney Michael Collins appeared on behalf of the Respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2021-0617](#) Melissa Steeves v. Superintendent of Schools, Trumbull Public Schools; and Trumbull Public Schools

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.

[Docket #FIC 2022-0037](#) Patricia Cofrancesco v. Finance Director, Town of East Haven; Assistant Director of Administration and Management, Town of East Haven; and Purchasing Agent, Town of East Haven

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

[Docket #FIC 2022-0073](#) Timothy Herbst and 9-15 Albany Turnpike, LLC. v. First Selectman, Town of Canton; Town Manager, Town of Canton; Town Planner, Town of Canton; and Town of Canton

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

[Docket #FIC 2022-0120](#) Paul Michalski v. Chairman, Board of Education, Town of Darien; Board of Education, Town of Darien; Superintendent of Schools, Darien Public Schools; and Darien Public Schools

Paul Michalski appeared on his own behalf. Attorney Thomas Mooney appeared on behalf of the Respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2022-0190](#) Anthony Saraco v. Chief, Police Department, Town of Fairfield; Police Department, Town of Fairfield; and Town of Fairfield

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

[Docket #FIC 2022-0212](#) Marina DiFlorio 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.

Attorney Valicia D. Harmon reported on pending appeals.

Colleen M. Murphy reported that the Commission is on the second round of interviews for hiring a new Secretary 1.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

Jennifer M. Mayo

AMENDMENTS

Docket #FIC 2021-0214 Susan Haigh and Associated Press v. Governor, State of Connecticut, Office of the Governor; and State of Connecticut, Office of the Governor

An additional order is added to the Hearing Officer's Report as follows:

2. WITHIN FOURTEEN DAYS OF THE NOTICE OF FINAL DECISION IN THIS MATTER, THE RESPONDENT OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR SHALL CONTACT THE COMMISSION TO SCHEDULE A TRAINING SESSION ON THE FOI ACT FOR MEMBERS OF ITS STAFF, TO BE CONDUCTED BY A MEMBER OF THE FOI COMMISSION STAFF, WHICH SESSION SHALL BE CONDUCTED WITHIN NINETY DAYS THEREAFTER.

Docket #FIC 2021-0617 Melissa Steeves v. Superintendent of Schools, Trumbull Public Schools; and Trumbull Public Schools

Paragraph 1 of the order in the Hearing Officer's Report is amended as follows:

1. Forthwith and within sixty days of the date of the notice of final decision in this matter, the respondents shall conduct a search for, and provide copies of, all records used by the school district for instruction on the topics set forth in paragraphs 2(a)-(f), 2(h) and 2(m), above, during the period of January 1, 2019, through September 13, [2019], **2021**, free of charge.