

TO: Freedom of Information Commission
FROM: Thomas A. Hennick
RE: Minutes of the Commission's regular meeting of May 11, 2022

A regular meeting of the Freedom of Information Commission was held on May 11, 2022. Due to public health concerns surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, the Commission meeting of May 11, 2022 was conducted telephonically. The meeting convened at 2:02 p.m. with the following Commissioners present:

Commissioner Owen P. Eagan, presiding
Commissioner Jonathan J. Einhorn
Commissioner Matthew Streeter
Commissioner Christopher P. Hankins
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, C. Zack Hyde, Jennifer F. Miller, Cindy Cannata, Linda Fasciano and Thomas A. Hennick.

The Commissioners unanimously voted to approve the Commission's regular meeting minutes of April 27, 2022.

Those in attendance were informed that the April 27, 2022 regular meeting of the Commission was being recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2021-0389](#) Cordaryl Silva v. Renee Dominguez, Chief, Police Department, City of New Haven; Police Department, City of New Haven; and City of New Haven

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

[Docket #FIC 2021-0540](#) Julio Burgos Torres v. Fernando Spagnolo, Chief, Police Department, City of Waterbury; Police Department, City of Waterbury; and City of Waterbury

Julio Burgos Torres appeared on his own behalf. Attorney Richard Scappini appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2019-0710](#)

David Collins and The New London Day v. Associate Attorney General, State of Connecticut, Office of the Attorney General; State of Connecticut, Office of the Attorney General; Auditor, State of Connecticut, Auditor of Public Accounts; and State of Connecticut, Auditor of Public Accounts

David Collins appeared on behalf of the complainants. Assistant Attorney General Phillip Miller appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2021-0172](#)

Jill Vergara v. Tree Warden, Town of Fairfield; and Town of Fairfield

Jill Vergara appeared on her own behalf. Attorney James Baldwin appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2021-0234](#)

Gregory Cann; Jennifer Budai; Tom Galatie; Immacula Cann; and Linda Palermo v. Mayor, Town of Stratford; and Town of Stratford

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

[Docket #FIC 2021-0258](#)

Nancy Burton v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Agriculture; State of Connecticut, Department of Agriculture; Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Administrative Services; and State of Connecticut, Department of Administrative Services

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

[Docket #FIC 2021-0393](#)

Petrina Yoxall v. Patricia King, Office of Corporation Counsel, City of New Haven; and Office of Corporation Counsel, City of New Haven

Petrina Yoxall appeared on her own behalf. Attorney Catherine LaMarr appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2021-0415](#)

Helene Byrne v. Administrator, State of Connecticut, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner; and State of Connecticut, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner

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

[Docket #FIC 2021-0522](#)

Ethan Book v. Sheriff, City of Bridgeport; and City of Bridgeport

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

[Docket #FIC 2021-0707](#)

Valmore and Leslie Caron v. Acting Warden, Borough Board of Litchfield; and Borough Board of Litchfield

Leslie Caron appeared on behalf of the complainants. Attorney Steven Byrne appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

Valicia D. Harmon reported on pending appeals.

Colleen M. Murphy reported that, after multiple strategy sessions among staff members, plans are now underway for the return to in person contested case hearings and in person commission meetings in August, 2022.

Colleen M. Murphy reported that an offer had been extended and accepted by Attorney Mary Kate Smith for the vacant Staff Attorney 2 position. Colleen M. Murphy also reported an offer was being prepared for the top candidate for the vacant paralegal position.

Paula S. Pearlman reported on legislation.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:43 p.m.