

TO: Freedom of Information Commission
FROM: C. Zack Hyde
RE: Minutes of the Commission's regular meeting of June 8, 2022

A regular meeting of the Freedom of Information Commission was held on June 8, 2022. Due to public health concerns surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, the Commission meeting of June 8, 2022 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

Also present were staff members, Colleen M. Murphy, Mary E. Schwind, Kathleen K. Ross, Valicia D. Harmon, Paula S. Pearlman, C. Zack Hyde, Jennifer F. Miller, Cindy Cannata, Linda Fasciano and Barbara Housen.

The Commissioners unanimously voted to approve the Commission's regular meeting minutes of May 25, 2022.

Those in attendance were informed that the June 8, 2022 regular meeting of the Commission was being recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2021-0140](#) Jan Gawlik v. Angel Quiros, Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Correction; and State of Connecticut, Department of Correction

Jan Gawlik 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 2021-0428](#) Jan M. Gawlik v. Angel Quiros, Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Correction; and State of Connecticut, Department of Correction

Jan Gawlik 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 adopt the Hearing Officer's Report as amended. * The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2021-0529](#)

Jan Gawlik v. Angel Quiros, Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Correction; and State of Connecticut, Department of Correction

Jan Gawlik appeared on his own behalf. Attorney Jennifer Lepore appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2021-0609](#)

Tyquan Turner v. Jason Thody, Chief, Police Department, City of Hartford; Police Department, City of Hartford; and City of Hartford

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

[Docket #FIC 2020-0262](#)

Paul Kowalski v. City of New Haven

Paul Kowalski appeared on his own behalf. Attorney Catherine LaMarr appeared on behalf of the respondent. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2020-0308](#)

Matthew Olson v. City Attorney, City of Stamford; and City of Stamford

Matthew Olson appeared on his own behalf. 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 2020-0537](#)

Emilia Otte and Connecticut Examiner v. Chief, Police Department, Town of Old Saybrook; Police Department, Town of Old Saybrook; and Town of Old Saybrook

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

[Docket #FIC 2020-0538](#)

Siobhan McGirl, and NBC Connecticut v. Chief, Police Department, Town of Old Saybrook; Police Department, Town of Old Saybrook; and Town of Old Saybrook

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

[Docket #FIC 2020-0573](#) Alfred Wilcox v. Chief, Police Department, Town of Old Saybrook; Police Department, Town of Old Saybrook; and Town of Old Saybrook

Alfred Wilcox appeared on his own behalf. Attorney Frederick Dorsey appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2020-0592](#) Meghan Friedmann and Hearst Connecticut Media v. Chief, Police Department, Town of Old Saybrook; Police Department, Town of Old Saybrook; and Town of Old Saybrook

Meghan Friedmann appeared on her own behalf. Attorney Frederick Dorsey appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2021-0350](#) Gregg and Jenn Haythorn v. Chairperson, Board of Police Commissioners, Town of Weston; and Town Administrator, Town of Weston

Attorney Nicholas Bamonte appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2021-0425](#) Diana McManus v. Mayor, City of West Haven; and City of West Haven

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

The Commissioners unanimously voted to deny a Petition for Reconsideration of Final Decision and sustain the objection thereto in 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

Colleen M. Murphy reported that staff continues to work on plans for the return to in person contested case hearings and in person commission meetings in August, 2022. She reported that she hopes to have initial plans ready for the Commissioners to review at the next regularly scheduled meeting or the next meeting thereafter.

Colleen M. Murphy reported that former Staff Attorney Barbara Housen has officially joined the staff as a temporary retired worker to help with case backlog. She also reported that a new staff attorney and a paralegal would join the staff on June 17.

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

C. Zack Hyde

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* See attached for amendment

AMENDMENT

Docket #FIC 2021-0428 Jan M. Gawlik v. Angel Quiros, Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Correction; and State of Connecticut, Department of Correction

The order in the Hearing Officer's Report is amended as follows:

14. At the hearing in this matter, Counselor Supervisor and FOI Administrator Anthony Campanelli credibly testified that disclosure of the records responsive to the request in paragraph 2, above, [would] **may** result in a safety risk within a correctional facility, including risk of escape, because such records include information about the facility's emergency procedures, including information about lockdowns and modified lockdowns; whether units are open, closed, on a lockdown or modified lockdown; how an area within a facility is secured; and staff assignment, reassignment, and staff location.