TO: Freedom of Information Commission

FROM: Jennifer M. Mayo

RE: Minutes of the Commission's regular meeting of August 24, 2022

A regular meeting of the Freedom of Information Commission was held on August 24, 2022. Due to public health concerns surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, the Commission meeting of August 24, 2022, was conducted solely through the use of electronic equipment. 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

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

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

Those in attendance were informed that the August 24, 2022, regular meeting of the Commission was being recorded.

Docket #FIC 2020-0391 Randy Dixon v. Chief, Police Department, City of

Bridgeport; Police Department, City of Bridgeport; and City of

Bridgeport

Randy Dixon appeared on his own behalf. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

<u>Docket #FIC 2020-0493</u> Luis Diaz v. Chief, Police Department, City of Bridgeport; Police Department, City of Bridgeport

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

Docket #FIC 2020-0594 Luis Diaz v. Chief, Police Department, City of Bridgeport; Police Department, 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 2021-0273

David Traichel v. Environmental and Natural Resources
Planner, Town of Wallingford; and Town of Wallingford

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

<u>Docket #FIC 2021-0515</u> Ethan Book v. Registrar of Voters, City of Bridgeport; and City of Bridgeport

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

<u>Docket #FIC 2021-0516</u> Tom Arras v. First Selectman, Town of Woodbury; Board of Selectmen, Town of Woodbury; and Town of Woodbury

The Commissioners unanimously voted to reopen the matter. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

Docket #FIC 2021-0554 Gregg & Jenn Haythorn v. Chairman, Board of Education, Town of Weston; and Board of Education, Town of Weston

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

Docket #FIC 2021-0600

Shem Brijbilas 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 2021-0614

Nouboukpo Gassesse v. Director of Public Records, State of Connecticut, University of Connecticut; and State of Connecticut, University of Connecticut

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

The Commissioners unanimously voted to approve the request to Summarily Deny Leave to Schedule a Hearing Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §1-206(b)(2) in *David Godbout v. Chair, State of Connecticut, Judicial Branch, Rules Committee of the Superior Court, and State of Connecticut, Judicial Branch, Rules Committee of the Superior Court,* Docket # FIC 2020-0167. The Complainant repeatedly interrupted the Commission during its deliberations, despite being informed that the matter is not arguable. Ultimately, at the direction of the Chairman, the Complainant was placed on mute for the remainder of the meeting.

The Commissioners took no action on the Request to Summarily Deny Leave to Schedule a Hearing Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §1-206(b)(2) in *David Godbout v. Patrick Carroll, Chief Court Administrator, State of Connecticut, Judicial Branch; and State of Connecticut, Judicial Branch, Office of the Chief Court Administrator,* Docket # FIC 2020-0186.

The Commissioners took no action on the Request to Summarily Deny Leave to Schedule a Hearing Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §1-206(b)(2) in *David Godbout v. Patrick Carrol, Chief Court Administrator, Administrator's Office*, Docket # FIC 2020-0312.

The Commissioners unanimously voted to approve the request to Schedule a Hearing Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §1-206(b)(2) in *David Godbout v. Colleen Murphy, Executive Director, State of Connecticut, Freedom of Information Commission; and State of Connecticut, Freedom of Information Commission*, Docket # FIC 2021-0146. The Complainant repeatedly interrupted the Commission during its deliberations, despite being informed that the matter is not arguable. Ultimately, at the direction of the Chairman, the Complainant was placed on mute for the remainder of the meeting.

Attorney Valicia D. Harmon reported on pending appeals.

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. She also said that the reopening is scheduled to commence the week of September 5, 2022.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

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