

TO: Freedom of Information Commission
FROM: Russell Blair
RE: Minutes of the Commission's regular meeting of July 26, 2023

A regular meeting of the Freedom of Information Commission was held on July 26, 2023. The Commission meeting of July 26, 2023 was conducted in person. The meeting convened at 2:03 p.m. with the following Commissioners present:

Commissioner Owen P. Eagan, presiding
Commissioner Christopher P. Hankins (participated by speakerphone)
Commissioner Stephen Fuzesi Jr.
Commissioner Aigné Goldsby

Also present were staff members Colleen M. Murphy, Valicia D. Harmon, Paula S. Pearlman, C. Zack Hyde, Mary-Kate Smith, Kevin W. Munn, Nicholas Smarra, Jennifer F. Miller, Jennifer Mayo and Russell Blair.

The Commissioners unanimously voted to approve the Commission's regular meeting minutes of [July 12, 2023](#).

Those in attendance were informed that the July 26, 2023 regular meeting of the Commission was being recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2022-0357](#) Albert Farah v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Correction; and State of Connecticut, Department of Correction

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

[Docket #FIC 2022-0433](#) Max Sandmeier 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 2022-0348](#) Louis Pepe v. Clerk, City of Hartford; and City of Hartford

Attorney Jonathan Friedler appeared on behalf of the complainant. Attorney Ashley Cullinan appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2022-0354](#) Atiya Sample v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Labor; and State of Connecticut, Department of Labor

Assistant Attorney Krista O'Brien appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2022-0362](#) Jennifer Pardus v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Social Services; and State of Connecticut, Department of Social Services

Jennifer Pardus appeared on her own behalf. Attorney Matthew Antonetti appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2022-0365](#) Evan Parzych 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 2022-0378](#) Brian Scott-Smith v. First Selectman, Town of Plainfield; Finance Director, Town of Plainfield; and Town of Plainfield

Brian Scott-Smith appeared on his 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 2023-0064](#) Pat Lionetti v. Director, Department of Health and Social Services, City of Bridgeport; Department of Health and Social Services, 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 2023-0069](#) Karolyn Ryan v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Children and Families; and State of Connecticut, Department of Children and Families

Karolyn Ryan appeared on her own behalf. Attorney Charlotte Shea appeared on behalf of the respondents. 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

Charles Setaro v. City Council, City of Danbury; and City of Danbury, Docket # FIC 2020-0201.

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 *Charles Setaro v. City Council, City of Danbury; and City of Danbury*, Docket # FIC 2020-0447.

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 *Scott Connors v. Administrator, State of Connecticut, Judicial Branch, Adult Probation Services; and State of Connecticut, Judicial Branch, Adult Probation Services*, Docket # FIC 2023-0070.

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 *Scott Connors v. Administrator, State of Connecticut, Judicial Branch, Adult Probation Services; and State of Connecticut, Judicial Branch, Adult Probation Services*, Docket # FIC 2023-0072.

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 *Jan Gawlik v. AFSCME Union Local 387*, Docket # FIC 2023-0081.

Attorney Valicia D. Harmon reported on two new appeals filed in Superior Court in New Britain. The first regarded the Commission's final decision in FIC-2022-0255, *Alicia Solow Niederman v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Education; and State Of Connecticut, Department of Education*. The case has been assigned Docket No. HHB-CV23-6080532-S. The second regarded the Commission's final decision in FIC-2020-0082, *William Bailey v. Chief, Police Department, City of Bridgeport; Police Department, City of Bridgeport; and City of Bridgeport*. The case has been assigned Docket No. HHB-CV23-6080300-S. The Commissioners took no action.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:19 p.m.

Russell Blair

*See attached for amendment

AMENDMENTS

Docket #FIC 2022-0378 Brian Scott-Smith v. First Selectman, Town of Plainfield;
Finance Director, Town of Plainfield; and Town of Plainfield

Paragraph 54 in the Hearing Officer's Report is amended as follows:

54. After a careful in camera inspection, it is found that the highlighted portions of the following in camera records, described in paragraph 53, above, are records of standards, procedures, processes, software and codes, not otherwise available to the public, the disclosure of which would compromise the security or integrity of an information technology system:

IC-2022-0378-31 through IC-2022-0378-32;
IC-2022-0378-33 (entry numbers: 1, 3, 7, 8);
IC-2022-0378-34;
IC-2022-0378-35 (entry numbers: 2 through 4, 7);
IC-2022-0378-36 (entry numbers: 1, 3);
IC-2022-0378-37;
IC-2022-0378-38 (entry numbers: 2 through 8);
IC-2022-0378-39;
IC-2022-0378-40 (entry numbers: 1 and 2);
IC-2022-0378-41 (entry numbers: 1, 3, 5 through 7, 9);
IC-2022-0378-42 (entry numbers: 1, 3 through 5);
IC-2022-0378-43 (entry numbers 2, 4, 6 through 8);
IC-2022-0378-44 (entry numbers 1 through 3, 5);
IC-2022-0378-45;
IC-2022-0378-46 (entry numbers 4, 7);
IC-2022-0378-47 (entry numbers 1, 3 through 5);
IC-2022-0378-48 (entry numbers 1, 2, 4, 6);
IC-2022-0378-49 (entry numbers 1, 3);
IC-2022-0378-50;
IC-2022-0378-51 (entry numbers 1, 2, 4, 7 through 9);
IC-2022-0378-52 (entry numbers 1 through 7);
IC-2022-0378-53 (entry numbers [5]**3** through 7, 9[through 12]);
IC-2022-0378-54 (entry numbers [3]**5** through 7, 9 **through 12**)
IC-2022-0378-55;
IC-2022-0378-56 (entry numbers 2, 4, 6, 8);
IC-2022-0378-57 (entry numbers 1, 3, 4, 6);
IC-2022-0378-58 (entry numbers 1 and 2);
IC-2022-0378-59 (entry numbers 1, 2, 4 through 6);
IC-2022-0378-60 (entry numbers 1 through 4, 6 through 10);
IC-2022-0378-61 through IC-2022-0378-63;
IC-2022-0378-76;
IC-2022-0378-78;
IC-2022-0378-80;

IC-2022-0378-81;
IC-2022-0378-84 (entry numbers 1, 9, 20);
IC-2022-0378-85 (entry numbers 3, 8, 9, 20); and
IC-2022-0378-86 (entry number 5).