

TO: Freedom of Information Commission  
FROM: Russell Blair  
RE: Minutes of the Commission's regular meeting of June 28, 2023

A regular meeting of the Freedom of Information Commission was held on June 28, 2023. The Commission meeting of June 28, 2023 was conducted in person. The meeting convened at 2:07 p.m. with the following Commissioners present:

Commissioner Owen P. Eagan, presiding  
Commissioner Matthew Streeter  
Commissioner Christopher P. Hankins  
Commissioner Stephen Fuzesi Jr.  
Commissioner Aigné Goldsby

Also present were staff members, Colleen M. Murphy, Valicia D. Harmon, Paula S. Pearlman, Danielle L. McGee, C. Zack Hyde, Mary-Kate Smith, Kevin W. Munn, Cynthia A. Cannata, Lorraine Walker and Russell Blair.

The Commissioners unanimously voted to approve the Commission's regular meeting minutes of [June 14, 2023](#).

Those in attendance were informed that the July 28, 2023 regular meeting of the Commission was being recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2022-0549](#) Hector Torres 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 2022-0290](#) William Bellock v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Energy and Environmental Protection; and State of Connecticut, Department of Energy and Environmental Protection

William Bellock appeared on his own behalf. Attorney Caleb Hamel 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 2022-0292](#) Marli Rudko v. Andreas Bisbikos, First Selectman, Town of Colchester; and Town of Colchester

Marli Rudko appeared on her own behalf. Attorney Julie Jaquays appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2022-0373](#)

Kirk Carr; John Tartaglia; and John Noonan v. Chair, Planning and Zoning Commission, Town of Ridgefield; Planning and Zoning Commission, Town of Ridgefield; and Town of Ridgefield

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

[Docket #FIC 2022-0394](#)

Ryan Brooks v. Assistant Town Manager, Town of South Windsor; Human Resources Director, Town of South Windsor; and Town of South Windsor

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

[Docket #FIC 2023-0038](#)

Leah Cantor v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Consumer Protection; and State of Connecticut, Department of Consumer Protection

Leah Cantor appeared on her own behalf. Attorney Michael Wertheimer appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

Attorney Valicia D. Harmon reported on the Appellate Court decision dated June 20, 2023 in Marissa Lowthert v. Freedom of Information Commission, Docket No. AC 44972. The Commissioners took no action.

Executive Director Colleen M. Murphy reported that Commissioners Matthew Streeter and Jonathan J. Einhorn were reappointed to two-year terms on the Commission.

Executive Director Colleen M. Murphy reported that Nicholas Smarra will join the Commission as a Staff Attorney on June 30, 2023. She further stated that Mikia Eady-Grey, who has been serving as a temporary Secretary at the Commission for several months, has been hired to a permanent, full-time Secretary position, effective June 30, 2023.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:17 p.m.

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Russell Blair

\*See attached for amendment

## AMENDMENTS

Docket #FIC 2022-0290      William Bellock v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut,  
Department of Energy and Environmental Protection; and State  
of Connecticut, Department of Energy and Environmental  
Protection

Paragraph 16 of the Hearing Officer's Report is amended as follows:

16. With regard to the respondents' claim that certain portions of the in camera records are exempt from disclosure pursuant to § 1-210(b)(10), G.S., that statute permits a public agency to withhold from disclosure records of "communications privileged by the attorney-client [privilege] **RELATIONSHIP.**