

TO: Freedom of Information Commission
FROM: Jennifer M. Mayo
RE: Minutes of the Commission's regular meeting of May 24, 2023.

A regular meeting of the Freedom of Information Commission was held on May 24, 2023. The Commission meeting of May 24, 2023 was conducted in person. The meeting convened at 2:03 p.m. with the following Commissioners present:

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

Also present were staff members, Colleen M. Murphy, Mary Schwind, Valicia D. Harmon, Paula S. Pearlman, Danielle L. McGee, Mary-Kate Smith, Barbara Housen, Kevin Munn, and Jennifer Mayo.

The Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the Commission's regular meeting minutes of May 10, 2023.

Those in attendance were informed that the May 24, 2023, regular meeting of the Commission was being recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2020-0623](#) Joshua Smith v. Angel Quiros, Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Correction; and State of Connecticut, Department of Correction

This matter was removed from the agenda by staff in advance of the meeting.

[Docket #FIC 2022-0282](#) John Kaminski 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 2022-0343](#) John Kaminski 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 2020-0342](#) Robert Meyers v. First Selectman, Town of Middlefield; and Town of Middlefield

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

[Docket #FIC 2020-0512](#) Renee Coleman-Mitchell v. Governor, State of Connecticut, Office of the Governor; and State of Connecticut, Office of the Governor

Attorney Tricia Jessica Johnson appeared on behalf of the complainant. 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 2022-0241](#) David Moore v. Mayor, City of Shelton; and City of Shelton

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

[Docket #FIC 2022-0264](#) Matthew McLaughlin v. Secretary, State of Connecticut, Office of Policy and Management; and State of Connecticut, Office of Policy and Management

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

[Docket #FIC 2022-0305](#) Deanna Bouchard v. First Selectman, Board of Finance, Town of Colchester; Chairman, Board of Finance, Town of Colchester; Board of Finance, Town of Colchester; and Town of Colchester

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

[Docket #FIC 2022-0321](#) Marli Rudko v. Andreas Bisbikos, First Selectman, Town of Colchester; Andrea Migliaccio, Chairperson, Board of Finance, Town of Colchester; Board of Finance, Town of Colchester; and Town of Colchester

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

[Docket #FIC 2022-0554](#) William Fish, Jr. v. Chief Executive Officer, Connecticut Innovations; and Connecticut Innovations

William Fish, Jr. appeared on his own behalf. Attorney Sarah Gleason 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.

Attorneys Valicia D. Harmon, Mary-Kate Smith, and Danielle L. McGee reported on pending appeals.

Executive Director and General Counsel Colleen M. Murphy stated that the legislature's proposed budget includes two new positions for the Commission and that if such positions are approved, there will be a need to determine where such staff members will be housed, since the Commission's current space cannot accommodate additional staff. She further stated that she has begun discussions regarding this matter with staff of the Department of Administrative Services. She also reported that there will be a Special Commission Meeting with the tentative date of June 7, 2023.

Attorney Paula S. Pearlman reported on legislation.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:57 p.m.

Jennifer M. Mayo

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*See attached for amendment

AMENDMENTS

Docket #FIC 2022-0554 William Fish, Jr. v. Chief Executive Officer, Connecticut Innovations; and Connecticut Innovations

Paragraph 1 of the order of the Hearing Officer's report is amended as follows:

1. Within 14 days of the date of notice of final decision in this matter, the respondents shall conduct a thorough and diligent search for all notebooks and written communications, other than emails, text messages, and online chat conversations, responsive to the requests described in paragraph 2.j and 2.k, above, and provide copies of such records to the complainant, free of charge. **IN THE EVENT SUCH SEARCH YIELDS NO RECORDS RESPONSIVE TO THE REQUESTS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPHS 2.J AND 2.K, ABOVE, RESPONDENT MATTHEW MCCOOE SHALL PROVIDE THE COMPLAINANT WITH AN AFFIDAVIT DETAILING THE NATURE AND SCOPE OF THE SEARCH, AND AVERRING THAT NO SUCH RECORDS EXIST.**