

TO: Freedom of Information Commission
FROM: Russell Blair
RE: Minutes of the Commission's regular meeting of July 12, 2023

A regular meeting of the Freedom of Information Commission was held on July 12, 2023. The Commission meeting of July 12, 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 Einhorn
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, Nicholas Smarra, Mikia Eady-Grey, Jennifer Mayo and Russell Blair.

The Commissioners unanimously voted to approve the Commission's regular meeting minutes of [June 28, 2023](#).

Those in attendance were informed that the July 12, 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

Joshua Smith appeared on his own behalf. Attorney Tracie Brown appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

Docket #FIC [2022-0316](#) Ahmaad Lane v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Correction; and State of Connecticut, Department of Correction

Ahmaad Lane 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 [2022-0323](#) Richard Quint v. Angel Quiros, Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Correction; and State of Connecticut, Department of Correction

Richard Quint appeared on his own behalf. Attorney Tracie Brown appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

Docket #FIC [2022-0368](#) David Taylor v. Commissioner, Department of Public Health; and State of Connecticut, Department of Public Health

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

Docket #FIC [2022-0337](#) Chris Powell v. Superintendent of Schools, Enfield Public Schools; and Enfield Public Schools

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

Docket #FIC [2023-0398](#) Robert Cushman v. Colin Ryan, Chief, Police Department, Town of Farmington; Police Department, Town of Farmington; and Town of Farmington

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

Docket #FIC [2023-0573](#) Sudhakar Vamathevan v. Chair, Board of Directors, Workforce Alliance Inc.; and Board of Directors, Workforce Alliance Inc.

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

Attorney Valicia D. Harmon reported on a new appeal filed in Superior Court in Rockville regarding the Commission's final decision in FIC-2020-0304, Docket No. TTD CV23-5016933-S. The Commissioners took no action.

Executive Director Colleen M. Murphy introduced new staff members Nicholas Smarra and Mikia Eady-Grey. Both were attending their first Commission meeting.

Attorney Paula S. Pearlman reported that the 2023 legislative report had been submitted to the Commissioners for their review.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:22 p.m.

Russell Blair

*See attached for amendment

AMENDMENTS

Docket #FIC 2022-0316 Ahmaad Lane v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut,
Department of Correction; and State of Connecticut,
Department of Correction

Paragraphs 18-20 and the order recommended in the Hearing Officer's Report are amended as follows:

18. It is found that the approximate 12-week delay in providing the one responsive email to the complainant was [not] reasonable **UNDER THE FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF THIS CASE.**

[19. Upon consideration of all the factors presented, and under the facts and circumstances of this particular case, it is found that the respondents did not provide the responsive email to the complainant promptly.]

[20.] 19. Consequently, it is concluded that the respondents **DID NOT** violate[d] the promptness provisions of §§1-210(a) and 1-212(a), G.S.

The following order by the Commission is hereby recommended on the basis of the record concerning the above-captioned complaint:

1. [Henceforth, the respondents shall comply with the promptness provisions of §§1-210(a) and 1-212(a), G.S.] **THE COMPLAINT IS HEREBY DISMISSED.**