

TO: Freedom of Information Commission
FROM: Russell Blair
RE: Minutes of the Commission's regular meeting of August 9, 2023

A regular meeting of the Freedom of Information Commission was held on August 9, 2023. The Commission meeting of August 9, 2023 was conducted in person. The meeting convened at 2:05 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 (participated by speakerphone)

Also present were staff members Colleen M. Murphy, Mary E. Schwind, Mary-Kate Smith, Barbara E. Housen, Danielle L. McGee, Kevin W. Munn, Nicholas Smarra, Cynthia A. Cannata and Russell Blair.

The Commissioners unanimously voted to approve the Commission's regular meeting minutes of July 26, 2023.

Those in attendance were informed that the August 9, 2023 regular meeting of the Commission was being recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2020-0347](#) Shane Sturgeon v. Chief, Police Department, Town of Vernon; Police Department, Town of Vernon; and Town of Vernon

Shane Sturgeon appeared on his own behalf. Attorney Louis Spadaccini appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2022-0516](#) Jan Gawlik v. Angel Quiros, Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Correction; and State of Connecticut, Department of Correction

Jan Gawlik appeared on his own behalf. Attorney Jennifer Lepore appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2021-0511](#) Leya Edison, Luann Zbiden, and Lynnette Miller v. First Selectman, Town of Goshen; and Town of Goshen

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

[Docket #FIC 2022-0363](#)

Evan Parzych v. Chief, Police Department, City of Bridgeport;
Police Department, City of Bridgeport; and City of Bridgeport

Attorney Dina Scalo appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2022-0366](#)

Evan Parzych v. Chief, Police Department, City of Bridgeport;
Police Department, City of Bridgeport; and City of Bridgeport

Attorney Dina Scalo appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners voted 5-0 to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. Commissioner Fuzesi abstained. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2022-0372](#)

Anthony Lazzari v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut,
Department of Consumer Protection; and State of Connecticut,
Department of Consumer Protection

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 2022-0416](#)

Marc Wolowitz v. Director, Office of Planning and Economic
Development, City of Bridgeport; Office of Planning and
Economic Development, City of Bridgeport; and City of
Bridgeport

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

Executive Director Colleen M. Murphy reported on a new appeal filed in Superior Court in New Britain regarding 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 CV23-6080753-S. The Commissioners took no action.

Executive Director Colleen M. Murphy reported that the Commission's annual conference will return this fall after a three-year hiatus and is scheduled to be held on Oct. 20, 2023, at The Riverhouse at Goodspeed Station in Haddam.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:31 p.m.

Russell Blair

*See attached for amendment

AMENDMENTS

[Docket #FIC 2022-0372](#)

Anthony Lazzari v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut,
Department of Consumer Protection; and State of Connecticut,
Department of Consumer Protection

Paragraphs 11 and 20 in the Hearing Officer's Report are amended as follows:

11. It is found that, by email dated August 31, 2022, the respondents provided the complainant with copies of certain records responsive to the request described in paragraph 2, above. It is further found that, sometime in **OR AROUND** December 2022, the respondents provided the complainant with certified copies of records responsive to such request. It is found that such certified copies included the records that the respondents had provided to the complainant on August 31, 2022, plus two additional records.

20. It is found that, on average, the respondents receive approximately 10 requests per week for copies of public records. It is found that the respondents provided the complainant with copies of all but two of the records responsive to his request on August 31, 2022, approximately one month after the date of such request. It is found that the respondents provided the complainant with copies of the remaining two records, as well as certified copies of all responsive records, in **OR AROUND** December 2022.