

TO: Freedom of Information Commission
FROM: Russell Blair
RE: Minutes of the Commission's regular meeting of August 23, 2023

A regular meeting of the Freedom of Information Commission was held on August 23, 2023. The Commission meeting of August 23, 2023 was conducted in person. The meeting convened at 2 p.m. with the following Commissioners present:

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

Also present were staff members Colleen M. Murphy, Paula S. Pearlman, Valicia D. Harmon, Mary-Kate Smith, Barbara E. Housen, Danielle L. McGee, C. Zach Hyde, Nicholas Smarra, Jennifer Mayo and Russell Blair.

The Commissioners unanimously voted to approve the Commission's regular meeting minutes of August 9, 2023.

Those in attendance were informed that the August 23, 2023 regular meeting of the Commission was being recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2021-0249](#) Albert Farah 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 2022-0414](#) 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 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 2021-0215](#) Aaron Romano 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 2021-0357](#) Patricia Polk v. Chief, Police Department, Town of Bethel; Police Department, Town of Bethel; and Town of Bethel

Attorney Deborah Stevenson appeared on behalf of the complainant. Attorney Joseph Szerejko appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2022-0477](#) William Rousseau v. Chief, Police Department, Town of Windsor Locks; Police Department, Town of Windsor Locks; and Town of Windsor Locks

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

[Docket #FIC 2022-0481](#) Kurt Brace v. Chairman, Board of Directors, Windsor Locks Public Library; Board of Directors, Windsor Locks Public Library; and Town of Windsor Locks

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

[Docket #FIC 2022-0588](#) Robert Cushman v. Vernon Riddick, Chief, Police Department, Town of West Hartford; Police Department, Town of West Hartford; and Town of West Hartford

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

Attorney Valicia D. Harmon reported on a Superior Court decision dated August 9, 2023, in *Spera, Michael, Chief Et Al v. Freedom of Information Commission Et al*, upholding the Commission's final decision in FIC-2021-0586, *Justin Hanna v. Chief, Police Department, Town of Old Saybrook; Police Department, Town of Old Saybrook; and Town of Old Saybrook*. The Commissioners took no action.

Executive Director Colleen M. Murphy and Attorney Valicia D. Harmon reported that the Commission filed a Motion to Intervene in *Connecticut State Police Union, Inc v. Connecticut Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection Et al*, Docket No. MMX-CV23-5016232-S. The Commissioners took no action.

Attorney Mary-Kate Smith reported that oral arguments were scheduled for August 28, 2023, in *Energy Policy Advocates v. Freedom of Information Commission Et al*, Docket No. HHB-CV22-6073766-S, an appeal filed in Superior Court regarding the Commission's final decision in FIC-2020-0122, *Energy Policy Advocates v. Attorney General, State of Connecticut, Office of the Attorney General; and State of Connecticut, Office of the Attorney General* and briefed Commissioners on the case. The Commissioners took no action.

Executive Director Colleen M. Murphy reported that she expected existing vacancies on the Commission would soon be filled.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:08 p.m.

Russell Blair