TO: Freedom of Information Commission

FROM: Russell Blair

RE: Minutes of the Commission's regular meeting of October 11, 2023

A regular meeting of the Freedom of Information Commission was held on September 27, 2023. The Commission meeting of October 11, 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 Aigné Goldsby
Commissioner Christopher P. Hankins
Commissioner Stephen Fuzesi Jr.

Also present were staff members Colleen M. Murphy, Paula S. Pearlman, Valicia D. Harmon, Mary-Kate Smith, Danielle L. McGee, C. Zack Hyde, Kevin W. Munn, Nicholas Smarra, Jennifer F. Miller, Jennifer Mayo and Russell Blair.

The Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the Commission's regular meeting minutes of September 27, 2023.

Those in attendance were informed that the October 11, 2023 regular meeting of the Commission was being recorded.

Docket #FIC 2022-0501   Earl Bradley v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Correction; and State of Connecticut, Department of Correction

Early Bradley appeared on his own behalf via speakerphone. 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 2022-0527   Richard Quint v. Animal Control Officer, Police Department, Town of Thomaston; Police Department, Town of Thomaston; Town of Thomaston; Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection; and State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection

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

Docket #FIC 2022-0565   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 2023-0046   Sergio Correa v. James C. Rovella, Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of State Police; and State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of State Police

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

Docket #FIC 2021-0325   Gregory Mantell and Investigative News Service v. Risk Manager, Town of Fairfield; and Town of Fairfield

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

Docket #FIC 2022-0504   Natasha Grayson v. Chief, Police Department, Town of Greenwich; Police Department, Town of Greenwich; and Town of Greenwich

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

Docket #FIC 2022-0532   Jon Schoenhorn v. Chief, Police Department, Town of Plainville; Police Department, Town of Plainville; and Town of Plainville

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

Docket #FIC 2022-0598   Jon Schoenhorn v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection; and State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection

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

Docket #FIC 2022-0539   David Lober v. First Selectman, Town of Woodbridge; Town
                             Attorney, Town of Woodbridge; and Town of Woodbridge

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

Docket #FIC 2022-0557   John Kennedy v. Superintendent of Schools, Madison Public
                             Schools; Madison Public Schools; Chairperson, Board of
                             Education, Madison Public Schools; and Board of Education,
                             Madison Public Schools

        John Kennedy appeared on his own behalf. Attorney Kelsey Scarlett 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 that the City of Bridgeport had recently filed appeals in Superior Court of two Commission decisions. The first, *City of Bridgeport, Chief of Police et al. v. Freedom of Information Commission,* HHB-CV23-6081745-S, regards the Commission's final decision in Docket # FIC-2022-0366, *Evan Parzych v. Chief, Police Department, City of Bridgeport et al.* The second, *Bridgeport Police Department, Chief of Police et al. v. Freedom of Information Commission*, HHB-CV23-6081763-S, regards the Commission's final decision in Docket # FIC-2022-0363, *Evan Parzych v. Chief, Police Department, City of Bridgeport et al.*

        Attorney Mary-Kate Smith reported that Superior Court Judge Henry Cohn granted the Commission's motion to dismiss in *Chief, Police Department, City of New London et al. v. Freedom of Information Commission,* HHB-CV23-6079961-S, an appeal of the Commission's final decision in FIC-2022-0176.

        Executive Director Colleen M. Murphy reported that Attorney Jennifer F. Miller would represent the Commission in oral arguments that were scheduled for Thursday, October 19, 2023, in the Appellate Court in *Town of Avon et al. v. Joseph Sastre et al.,* an appeal of a Superior Court decision that upheld the Commission's final decision in Docket # FIC-2020-0133, *Joseph Sastre v. Brandon Robertson, Town Manager, Town of Avon et al.*

        Executive Director Colleen M. Murphy reported that Judy Ganswindt had been appointed to the Freedom of Information Commission and would be officially joining the Commission at its October 25, 2023 meeting.

        The meeting was adjourned at 3:16 p.m.

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Russell Blair