

TO: Freedom of Information Commission
FROM: Jennifer Mayo
RE: Minutes of the Commission's regular meeting of December 13, 2023

A regular meeting of the Freedom of Information Commission was held on December 13, 2023. The Commission meeting of December 13, 2023 was conducted in person. The meeting convened at 2:06 p.m. with the following Commissioners present:

Commissioner Owen P. Eagan, presiding
Commissioner Kate Farrish
Commissioner Stephen Fuzesi Jr.
Commissioner Judith Ganswindt
Commissioner Aigné Goldsby
Commissioner Christopher P. Hankins
Commissioner Matthew Streeter

Also present were staff members Colleen M. Murphy, Valicia Harmon, C. Zack Hyde, Jennifer Miller, Mary-Kate Smith, Kevin W. Munn, and Jennifer Mayo.

The Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the Commission's regular meeting minutes of November 15, 2023.

Those in attendance were informed that the December 13, 2023 regular meeting of the Commission was being recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2023-0004](#) Sergio Correa v. Angel Quiros, 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 2023-0084](#) Ira Alston v. Karl Jacobson, Chief, Police Department, City of New Haven; Police Department, City of New Haven; and City of New Haven

Ira Alston appeared on his own behalf. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2023-0099](#) Isaiah Jones v. Chair, State of Connecticut, Board of Pardons and Paroles; and State of Connecticut, Board of Pardons and Paroles

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

[Docket #FIC 2019-0410](#) Michael Aronow v. Scott Simpson, FOI Compliance Officer, State of Connecticut, University of Connecticut Health Center; and State of Connecticut, University of Connecticut Health Center

This matter was removed from the agenda by staff in advance of the meeting at the direction of the hearing officer.

[Docket #FIC 2023-0007](#) Robert Meehan v. Chief, Police Department, City of Stamford; Police Department, City of Stamford; City of Stamford; 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 2023-0089](#) Jennifer Desroches v. Mayor, City of Derby; and City of Derby

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

[Docket #FIC 2023-0090](#) Claire Howard v. Mayor, City of Middletown; City of Middletown; Chief, Police Department, City of Middletown; and Police Department, City of Middletown

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

[Docket #FIC 2023-0094](#) Corinne Bennett v. Assessor, Town of Thomaston; and Town of Thomaston

Corinne Bennett appeared on her own behalf. Attorney Michael Ryback appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2023-0191](#) Yue Bradford v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Public Health; and State of Connecticut, Department of Public Health

Yue Bradford appeared on her own behalf. Assistant Attorney General Elizabeth Bannon appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2023-0240](#) Donald Thomas v. Chairman, Board of Education, Bridgeport Public Schools; and Board of Education, Bridgeport Public Schools

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

[Docket #FIC 2023-0254](#) Neil Godfrey v. Matt Ritter, Representative, State of Connecticut, General Assembly, House of Representatives; Jason Rojas, Representative, State of Connecticut, General Assembly, House of Representatives; Geoff Luxenberg, Representative, State of Connecticut, General Assembly, House of Representatives; Corey Rioux, Legal Counsel, Connecticut House Democrats, State of Connecticut, General Assembly, House of Representatives; and State of Connecticut, Connecticut General Assembly, House of Representatives

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

[Docket #FIC 2023-0270](#) Jacques Parenteau v. Town Manager, Town of Groton; and Town of Groton

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

The Commissioners unanimously voted to approve the Request to Summarily Deny Leave to Schedule a Hearing Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §1-206(b)(2) in *Dan Reale v. Chairman, Board of Education, Plainfield Public Schools; and Board of Education, Plainfield Public Schools*, Docket # FIC 2021-0544.

The Commissioners unanimously voted to approve the Request to Summarily Deny Leave to Schedule a Hearing Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §1-206(b)(2) in *Daniel Reale v. Chairman, Board of Education, Plainfield Public Schools; and Board of Education, Plainfield Public Schools*, Docket # FIC 2021-0598.

The Commissioners unanimously voted to approve the Request to Summarily Deny Leave to Schedule a Hearing Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §1-206(b)(2) in *Daniel Reale v. Chairman, Board of Education, Town of Plainfield; and Board of Education, Town of Plainfield*, Docket # FIC 2021-0664.

The Commissioners unanimously voted 6-0 to approve the Request to Summarily Deny Leave to Schedule a Hearing Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §1-206(b)(2) in *Darrell Stancuna v. Chairman, State of Connecticut, Judicial Branch, Council on Probate Judicial Conduct; and State of Connecticut, Judicial Branch, Council on Probate Judicial Conduct*, Docket # FIC 2023-0250. Commissioner Eagan abstained from the vote. The Commissioners voted 3-3 (Commissioners Farrish, Fuzesi, and Goldsby in favor; Commissioners Ganswindt, Hankins, and Streeter against) to permit the Complainant to read his written statement into the record. The motion failed.

Attorney Valicia Harmon reported that one new court appeal had been filed with the Commission.

Executive Director Colleen M. Murphy reported on the COGEL conference and that the Commission's library will undergo a transformation, with the addition of three workstations to accommodate new employees.

Executive Director Colleen M. Murphy also reported that Attorney Jennifer Miller is leaving the Commission at the end of December 2023 and the Commission will begin the process of filling the vacancy in the near future.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:43 p.m.

/s/ Jennifer Mayo
Jennifer Mayo