

TO: Freedom of Information Commission
FROM: Russell Blair
RE: Minutes of the Commission's regular meeting of January 24, 2024

A regular meeting of the Freedom of Information Commission was held on January 24, 2024. The Commission meeting of January 24, 2024 was conducted in person. The meeting convened at 2:03 p.m. with the following Commissioners present:

Commissioner Owen P. Eagan, presiding
Commissioner Jonathan J. Einhorn
Commissioner Kate Farrish
Commissioner Stephen Fuzesi Jr.
Commissioner Aigné Goldsby
Commissioner Christopher P. Hankins
Commissioner Matthew Streeter

Also present were staff members Colleen M. Murphy, Paula S. Pearlman, Valicia D. Harmon, C. Zack Hyde, Jennifer Mayo and Russell Blair.

The Commissioners unanimously voted to approve the Commission's regular meeting minutes of January 10, 2024.

Those in attendance were informed that the January 24, 2024 regular meeting of the Commission was being recorded.

Docket #FIC 2023-0059 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 2023-0396](#) Jason Goode 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 2019-0376](#) Matthew LaVecchia v. Chairman, Board of Fire Commissioners, City of Milford; Board of Fire Commissioners, City of Milford; and City of Milford

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

[Docket #FIC 2023-0033](#) Breina Schain v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Motor Vehicles; and State of Connecticut, Department of Motor Vehicles

Breina Schain appeared on her own behalf. Attorney Michelle Givens appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2023-0054](#) Maura Kjar v. Legal Director, State of Connecticut, Connecticut Technical Education and Career System; and State of Connecticut, Connecticut Technical Education and Career System

Maura Kjar appeared on her own behalf. Attorney Kelly LaCluyze appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2023-0063](#) Stephen Nevas v. Adjutant General, State of Connecticut, Military Department; and State of Connecticut, Military Department

Attorney Stephen Nevas appeared on his own behalf. Assistant Attorney General Leland Moore appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners took a brief recess. The Commissioners voted 5-0 to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. Commissioner Farrish abstained and Commissioner Einhorn was absent. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2023-0151](#) Martin J. Rutt and Patricia L. Dyer v. Land Use Inspector, Town of Prospect; and Town of Prospect

Martin J. Rutt and Patricia L. Dyer appeared on their own behalf. Attorney David Hardy appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners voted 6-0 to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. Commissioner Einhorn abstained. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2023-0290](#) Robert Cushman v. Chief, Police Department, City of Hartford; Police Department, City of Hartford; and City of Hartford

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

[Docket #FIC 2023-0367](#)

Elijah El-Hajj-Bey v. Director, Department of Public Works, Town of East Hartford; Department of Public Works, Town of East Hartford; and Town of East Hartford

The matter was withdrawn from consideration at the meeting by the hearing officer.

Attorney Valicia D. Harmon reported that an appeal had been filed in Superior Court regarding the Commission's final decision in Docket #FIC-2023-0021, *Richard Kosinski v. Chairman, Connecticut State Board of Mediation and Arbitration, et. al.* The appeal has been assigned Docket No. HHB-CV23-5035156-S.

Attorney Valicia D. Harmon reported that oral arguments were scheduled for February 5, 2024, in the Appellate Court in *Town of Greenwich et al. v. Freedom of Information Commission et al.*, AC 46064, AC 46003.

Managing Director and Associate General Counsel Paula S. Pearlman presented the Commission's 2024 legislative package for consideration. The Commissioners unanimously voted to approve the 2024 legislative package.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

/s/ Russell Blair
Russell Blair