

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

A regular meeting of the Freedom of Information Commission was held on July 24, 2024. The Commission meeting of July 24, 2024 was conducted in person. The meeting convened at 2:06 p.m. with the following Commissioners present:

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

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

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

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

[Docket #FIC 2023-0410](#) 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 2023-0391](#) Dana Ravenberg v. Connecticut Adjutant General, State of Connecticut, Military Department; and State of Connecticut, Military Department

Attorney Stephen Nevas appeared on behalf of the complainant. Attorney Timothy Tomcho appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners took a recess to review in-camera records. The Commissioners voted 7-0 to amend the Hearing Officer's Report. The Commissioners voted 7-0 to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report as amended\*. Commissioner Farrish abstained from both votes. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2023-0392](#) Daniel Drainville and The Day v. Chief, Police Department, Town of Montville; Police Department, Town of Montville; and Town of Montville

Daniel Drainville appeared on his own behalf. The respondents did not appear. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2023-0403](#) Kristen McDowell v. Superintendent of Schools, New Haven Public Schools; and New Haven Public Schools

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

[Docket #FIC 2023-0404](#) Martin Rutt v. Land Use Inspector, Land Use Department, Town of Prospect; Land Use Department, Town of Prospect; and Town of Prospect

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

[Docket #FIC 2023-0422](#) Stephen Busemeyer, David Altimari and the Connecticut Mirror 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 2023-0437](#) Joseph Socha, III v. Chair, Town Council, Town of Montville; Town Council, Town of Montville; and Town of Montville

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

[Docket #FIC 2023-0489](#) Jessica Vasquez v. Superintendent of Schools, Hartford Public Schools; Labor Investigator, Hartford Public Schools; and Hartford Public Schools

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

[Docket #FIC 2024-0055](#) Joao Godoy v. Chief, Police Department, Town of Simsbury; Police Department, Town of Simsbury; and Town of Simsbury

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

[Docket #FIC 2024-0065](#) Luz Mercado v. Chief, Police Department, City of New Haven; Police Department, City of New Haven; and City of New Haven

Luz Mercado appeared on her own behalf. The respondents did not appear. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2024-0101](#) Christopher Calabrese v. State's Attorney, State of Connecticut, Office of the State's Attorney; and State of Connecticut, Office of the State's Attorney

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

[Docket #FIC 2024-0104](#) Cambridge Properties v. Office of the Town Attorney, Town of Stratford; and Town of Stratford

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

[Docket #FIC 2024-0106](#) Cambridge Properties v. Executive Director, State of Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities; and State of Connecticut, Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities

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

The Commissioners unanimously voted to deny the Motion for Reconsideration dated July 8, 2024 and received by the Commission on July 8, 2024, filed by the Complainant in *Anthony Lazzari v. Chief, Police Department, Town of Berlin; Police Department, Town of Berlin; and Town of Berlin*, Docket # FIC-2023-0350.

The Commissioners voted 7-0 to deny the Motion for Reconsideration dated July 8, 2024 and received by the Commission on July 8, 2024, filed by the Complainant in *Anthony*

*Lazzari v. Chief, Police Department, City of Meriden; Police Department, City of Meriden; and City of Meriden*, Docket # FIC-2023-0351. Commissioner Hankins abstained from the vote.

Executive Director Colleen M. Murphy reported that the Commission was interviewing applicants to fill two staff attorney positions.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

/s/ Russell Blair  
Russell Blair

## AMENDMENTS\*

Docket #FIC 2023-0391      Dana Ravenberg v. Connecticut Adjutant General, State of Connecticut, Military Department; and State of Connecticut, Military Department

The Hearing Officer's Report is amended as follows:

Strike Paragraphs 31 and 32.

Replace Paragraph 35(c) with the following:

ICR 2023-0391-008-021, ICR 2023-0391-022-034, and ICR 2023-0391-070-082 are earlier drafts of the document sent to the Adjutant General and disclosed to the complainant at Respondents' Exhibit 2, Bates #43-45. It is found, therefore, that these records constitute intra-agency reports within the meaning of §1-210(e)(1), G.S. It is found that comparing Respondents' Exhibit 2, Bates #43-45 to these earlier drafts shows significant revisions including, but not limited to, changes to the structure and phrasing of certain sections. Accordingly, it is found that ICR 2023-0391-008-021, ICR 2023-0391-022-034, and ICR 2023-0391-070-082 were subject to further revision or discussion among staff members before submission to the Adjutant General and that they therefore constitute preliminary drafts or notes.

Renumber paragraphs and change internal paragraph references to be consistent with the amendment.

Strike sub-paragraph (ii) of Paragraph 1 of the Order. Remove the sub-paragraph numbers in Paragraph 1 of the Order.

Strike Paragraphs 2 and 3 of the Order.