

TO: Freedom of Information Commission
FROM: Jennifer Mayo
RE: Minutes of the Commission's regular meeting of August 14, 2024

A regular meeting of the Freedom of Information Commission was held on August 14, 2024. The Commission meeting of August 14, 2024, was conducted in person. The meeting convened at 2:03 p.m. with the following Commissioners present:

Commissioner Owen P. Eagan, presiding
Commissioner Kate Farrish
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, C. Zack Hyde, Kevin W. Munn, Mary-Kate Smith, Marybeth G. Sullivan, and Jennifer Mayo.

The Commissioners unanimously voted to approve the Commission's regular meeting minutes of July 24, 2024.

Those in attendance were informed that the August 14, 2024, regular meeting of the Commission was being recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2023-0463](#) Ira Alston 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 2021-0192](#) Alyssa Peterson v. Office of the Corporation Counsel, City of Hartford; and City of Hartford

Alyssa Peterson appeared on her own behalf. Attorney Nathalie Feola-Guerrieri appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners voted 5-0 to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. Commissioner Goldsby Wells abstained. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2023-0435](#) Matthew Hennessy v. Carmen Sierra, City Treasurer, Office of the Treasurer, City of Hartford; Office of the Treasurer, City of Hartford; and City of Hartford

Matthew Hennessy appeared on his own behalf. Attorney Danielle Combs appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2023-0436](#) Jacques Jean v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Developmental Services; and State of Connecticut, Department of Developmental Services

Attorney Marisol Orihuela appeared on behalf of the complainant. The Commissioners unanimously voted to amend the Hearing Officer's report. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report as amended.* The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2023-0443](#) Linda Kulmann v. Executive Director, Northwest Connecticut Public Safety Communication Center; and Northwest Connecticut Public Safety Communication Center

Linda Kulmann appeared on her own behalf. Attorney Stephanie Cummings appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners voted 5-0 to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. Commissioner Ganswindt abstained. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2023-0470](#) Aryah Jones v. Chief, Police Department, City of Waterbury; Police Department, City of Waterbury; and City of Waterbury

The matter was removed from the agenda by the hearing officer prior to the meeting.

[Docket #FIC 2023-0501](#) Maribella Gonzalez 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 Commissioners unanimously voted to reopen the matter due to the arrival of the complainant, who had not been present when the matter was initially adopted by the Commission. Maribella Gonzalez appeared on her own behalf. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2023-0540](#) Pasquale Salemi v. Chief Executive Officer, Metropolitan District Commission; and Metropolitan District Commission

Pasquale Salemi appeared on his own behalf. Attorney Nicole S. Mulé appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2024-0076](#) Todd Steigman v. Attorney General, State of Connecticut, Office of the Attorney General; and State of Connecticut, Office of the Attorney General

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

The Commissioners unanimously voted to approve the Executive Director's Recommendation to Deny Petition for Relief from Vexatious Requester in Town of Easton v. June Logie, PRVR #15.

Attorney C. Zack Hyde reported on the withdrawal of the appeal in *Chief, Police Department, City of Bridgeport v. Freedom of Information Commission*, Docket No. HHB-CV-23-6078957-S. The Commissioners took no action.

Executive Director Colleen M. Murphy reported that the Freedom of Information Commission is preparing for a third round of interviews for the two staff attorney positions.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

/s/ Jennifer Mayo
Jennifer Mayo

AMENDMENTS*

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Department of Developmental Services; and State of
Connecticut, Department of Developmental Services

Paragraph 3 of the order, amend as follows:

Within 30 days of the date of the Notice of Final Decision in this matter, the respondents shall provide the complainant with an affidavit setting forth their efforts to comply with the Order set forth in paragraph 2, above [.] , INCLUDING THE SPECIFIC NATURE AND SCOPE OF ANY INDIVIDUAL SEARCHES CONDUCTED BY GERALD GORE, KATHLEEN MURPHY, AND ANY OTHER INDIVIDUALS.