

TO: Freedom of Information Commission
FROM: Russell Blair
RE: Minutes of the Commission's regular meeting of August 28, 2024

A regular meeting of the Freedom of Information Commission was held on August 28, 2024. The Commission meeting of August 28, 2024 was conducted in person. The meeting convened at 2:05 p.m. with the following Commissioners present:

Commissioner Owen P. Eagan, presiding
Commissioner Jonathan J. Einhorn
Commissioner Kate Farrish (participated via speakerphone)
Commissioner Stephen Fuzesi Jr. (participated via speakerphone)
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, C. Zack Hyde, Danielle L. McGee, Kevin W. Munn, Marybeth G. Sullivan, Nicholas A. Smarra, Molly Steffes, Cynthia A. Cannata and Russell Blair.

The Commissioners voted 7-0 to approve the Commission's regular meeting minutes of August 14, 2024. Commissioner Fuzesi abstained from the vote.

Those in attendance were informed that the August 28, 2024 regular meeting of the Commission was being recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2023-0453](#) Trevor Outlaw v. Chief, Police Department, City of Meriden; Police Department, City of Meriden; and City of Meriden

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

[Docket #FIC 2023-0465](#) Christopher Coleman v. Director, State of Connecticut, Judicial Marshal Services; and State of Connecticut, Judicial Marshal Services

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

[Docket #FIC 2023-0462](#) Robert Storace and the Connecticut Examiner v. Town Clerk, Town of Newington; and Town of Newington

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

[Docket #FIC 2023-0466](#) Alan Tuchmann v. Administrator, Land Use Department, City of Ansonia; Land Use Department, City of Ansonia; Director, Economic Development Department, City of Ansonia; Economic Development Department, City of Ansonia; and City of Ansonia

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

[Docket #FIC 2023-0468](#) Paul Testa v. Executive Director, State of Connecticut, Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities; and State of Connecticut, Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities

Attorney Bryan LeClerc appeared on behalf of the complainant. Attorney Michael Roberts appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2023-0480](#) Sheryl Broadnax v. Chief, Fire Department, City of New Haven; Fire Department, City of New Haven; and City of New Haven

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

[Docket #FIC 2023-0570](#) Daniel Dunn v. Lauren Garrett, Mayor, Town of Hamden; and Town of Hamden

Attorney Bryan LeClerc appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2023-0622](#) Jim Haddadin and Connecticut Public Radio v. Chief, Police Department, City of New Haven; Police Department, City of New Haven; and City of New Haven

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

[Docket #FIC 2024-0152](#)

Robert Cushman v. John Kelley, Chief, Police Department, Town of Vernon; Police Department, Town of Vernon; and Town of Vernon

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

The Commissioners unanimously voted to accept the Executive Director's Request to Summarily Deny Leave to Schedule a Hearing Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §1-206(b)(2) in *James Mitchell v. Angel Quiros, Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Correction; and State of Connecticut, Department of Correction*, Docket # FIC-2024-0215.

The Commissioners unanimously voted to accept the Executive Director's Request to Summarily Deny Leave to Schedule a Hearing Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §1-206(b)(2) in *Paul Fine Jr. v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Correction; and State of Connecticut, Department of Correction*, Docket # FIC-2024-0316.

Executive Director Colleen M. Murphy reported that planning was well underway for the Commission's annual conference that will be held on October 25, 2024, at The Riverhouse in Haddam.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:28 p.m.

/s/ Russell Blair

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