

TO: Freedom of Information Commission
FROM: Russell Blair
RE: Minutes of the Commission's regular meeting of September 25, 2024

A regular meeting of the Freedom of Information Commission was held on September 25, 2024. The Commission meeting of September 25, 2024 was conducted in person. The meeting convened at 2:07 p.m. with the following Commissioners present:

Commissioner Owen P. Eagan, presiding
Commissioner Jonathan J. Einhorn (arrived at 2:20 p.m.)
Commissioner Kate Farrish (participated via speakerphone)
Commissioner Stephen Fuzesi Jr. (participated via speakerphone)
Commissioner Judith Ganswindt
Commissioner Aigné Goldsby Wells
Commissioner Matthew Streeter

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

The Commissioners unanimously voted to approve the Commission's regular meeting minutes of September 11, 2024.

Those in attendance were informed that the September 25, 2024 regular meeting of the Commission was being recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2019-0707](#) Ian Cooke v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection; and State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection

Ian Cooke appeared on his own behalf. Assistant Attorney General Steven Barry appeared on behalf of the respondents. The matter was continued to the October 9, 2024 Commission meeting.

[Docket #FIC 2023-0605](#) Ian Cooke 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 voted 6-0 to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. Commissioner Einhorn was not present for the vote. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2023-0511](#) Darius Armadore v. Brian Wright, Chief, Police Department, City of New London; Police Department, City of New London; and City of New London

Darius Armadore appeared on his own behalf. Attorney Brian Estep appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2021-0096](#) Dan Reale v. Secretary of the State, State of Connecticut, Office of the Secretary of the State; and State of Connecticut, Office of the Secretary of the State

The Commissioners voted 6-0 to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. Commissioner Einhorn was not present for the vote. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2023-0541](#) Dan Reale v. First Selectman, Town of Plainfield; and Town of Plainfield

The Commissioners voted 6-0 to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. Commissioner Einhorn was not present for the vote. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2023-0444](#) Terry A. Stringer v. Director, State of Connecticut, Connecticut Insurance Department; and State of Connecticut, Connecticut Insurance Department

Terry A. Stringer appeared on his own behalf. Assistant Attorney General John Langmaid appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners voted 6-1 to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report with Commissioner Streeter opposed. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2023-0497](#) Joao Campos v. Keith White, Chief, Police Department, Town of Monroe; Police Department, Town of Monroe; and Town of Monroe

Joao Campos appeared on his own behalf. 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 2023-0499](#) Tim Reilly v. Chief, Willimantic Police Department, Town of Windham; Willimantic Police Department, Town of Windham; and Town of Windham

The Commissioners voted 6-0 to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. Commissioner Einhorn was not present for the vote. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2023-0505](#) Colleen Shaddox v. Director, State of Connecticut, Department of Economic and Community Development; and State of Connecticut, Department of Economic and Community Development

Colleen Shaddox appeared on her own behalf. Assistant Attorney General Diaghilev Lubin-Farnell appeared on behalf of the respondents. Attorney Andrew DePeau appeared on behalf of the intervenor. 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 2023-0526 Garth Perri v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Economic and Community Development; and State of Connecticut, Department of Economic and Community Development

The Commissioners voted 6-0 to amend the Hearing Officer's Report. The Commissioners voted 6-0 to adopt the Hearing Officer's report as amended*. Commissioner Einhorn was not present for the votes. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2024-0151](#) Claire Howard v. Town Manager, Office of Town Manager, Town of Enfield; Office of Town Manager, Town of Enfield; and Town of Enfield

The Commissioners voted 6-0 to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. Commissioner Einhorn was not present for the vote. 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 *Michael Mourning v. Christian Community Outreach Ministries, Inc.*, Docket# FIC-2024-0431.

Attorney C. Zack Hyde reported that the Supreme Court had denied the Town of Greenwich's Petition for Certification to appeal the Appellate Court decision in *Town of Greenwich et al. v. Freedom of Information Commission et al.*, AC 46064, AC 46003. The case has been remanded to the Commission for further proceedings.

Executive Director Colleen M. Murphy reminded Commissioners that the annual Freedom of Information Conference was scheduled for Friday, October 25, 2024 at The Riverhouse in Haddam.

Executive Director Colleen M. Murphy reported that Thomas A. Hennick, the Commission's longtime Public Education Officer who retired at the end of 2023, has been appointed as a Commissioner of the Freedom of Information Commission.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

/s/ Russell Blair
Russell Blair

AMENDMENTS*

Docket #FIC 2023-0497 Joao Campos v. Keith White, Chief, Police Department, Town of Monroe; Police Department, Town of Monroe; and Town of Monroe

The Hearing Officer's Report is amended as follows:

27. THE COMMISSION DECLINES THE COMPLAINANT'S REQUEST TO IMPOSE CIVIL PENALTIES UPON THE RESPONDENTS.

Docket #FIC 2023-0505 Colleen Shaddox v. Director, State of Connecticut, Department of Economic and Community Development; and State of Connecticut, Department of Economic and Community Development

Paragraph 27(e) Hearing Officer's Report is amended as follows:

(e) that a portion of the redacted information [, or certain portions thereof,] contained within IC 2023-0505-5, lines 11-14; IC 2023-0505-18, lines 6-8; IC 2023-0505-37, lines 6-8; IC 2023-0505-53, lines 6-8; and IC 2023-0505-72, lines 6-8 describes the Minimum Requirements as set forth in the Assistance Agreement;

Docket #FIC 2023-0526 Garth Perri v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Administrative Services; and State of Connecticut, Department of Administrative Services

Paragraph 27 of the Hearing Officer's Report is amended as follows:

27. Based upon a careful inspection of the in camera records described in paragraph 11, above, it is found that the following portions of such records constitute test questions, scoring keys and other examination data used to administer an examination for employment within the meaning of §1-210(b)(6), G.S.: IC-2023-0526-15 (line 7, word 2 through line 10 [in its entirety], word 4); and IC-2024-0526-16 (line 4, word 13 through line 12 in its entirety).