

TO: Freedom of Information Commission
FROM: Russell Blair
RE: Minutes of the Commission's regular meeting of October 9, 2024

A regular meeting of the Freedom of Information Commission was held on October 9, 2024. The Commission meeting of October 9, 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 (participated via speakerphone)
Commissioner Stephen Fuzesi Jr.
Commissioner Judith Ganswindt
Commissioner Christopher P. Hankins
Commissioner Thomas A. Hennick
Commissioner Matthew Streeter

Also present were staff members Colleen M. Murphy, Paula S. Pearlman, Valicia D. Harmon, C. Zack Hyde, Nicholas A. Smarra, Danielle L. McGee, Paul V. Arce, Stephanie Tessmer, Jennifer Mayo, Cynthia A. Cannata and Russell Blair.

Thomas A. Hennick was sworn in as a Commissioner of the Freedom of Information Commission.

The Commissioners voted 6-0 to approve the Commission's regular meeting minutes of September 25, 2024. Commissioners Hankins and Hennick abstained.

Those in attendance were informed that the October 9, 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 M. Barry appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to amend the Proposed Final Decision After Remand. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Proposed Final Decision After Remand as amended*. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2023-0539](#) Gregory Johnson v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Correction; and State of Connecticut, Department of Correction

Gregory Johnson 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 2023-0631](#) Aziah Dwan v. Chief, Police Department, Town of Hamden; Police Department, Town of Hamden; and Town of Hamden

Aziah Dwan appeared on his own behalf. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2023-0533](#) Dave Howey v. Executive Director, Vernon Housing Authority; and Vernon Housing Authority

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

[Docket #FIC 2023-0543](#) Nancy Griswold v. Stacey Sefcik, Zoning Enforcement Officer and Land Use Administrator, Building and Land Use Department, Town of Thomaston; Building and Land Use Department, Town of Thomaston; and Town of Thomaston

Nancy Griswold appeared on her own behalf. Attorney Nicole Byrne appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2023-0558](#) Jacqueline Rabe Thomas, Investigative Reporter v. Secretary, State of Connecticut, Office of Policy and Management; and State of Connecticut, Office of Policy and Management

Jacqueline Rabe Thomas appeared on her own behalf. Attorney Kara Murphy appeared on behalf of the respondents. Attorney Deborah Del Prete Sullivan appeared on behalf of the intervenor. The Commissioners voted 6-1 to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report, with Commissioner Streeter opposed. Commissioner Farrish abstained.

[Docket #FIC 2024-0043](#) James Maggio v. First Selectwoman, Board of Selectmen, Town of Weston; Board of Selectmen, Town of Weston; and Town of Weston

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

[Docket #FIC 2023-0265](#) James Maggio v. First Selectwoman, Board of Selectmen, Town of Weston; Board of Selectmen, Town of Weston; and Town of Weston

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

[Docket #FIC 2023-0089](#) Dr. Muthu Sankaran v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Economic and Community Development; and State of Connecticut, Department of Economic and Community Development

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

[Docket #FIC 2024-0186](#) Sharlene McEvoy v. Chairman, Planning and Zoning Commission, City of Derby; Planning and Zoning Commission, City of Derby; City of Derby

Sharlene McEvoy appeared on her own behalf. Attorney Brian 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 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

Executive Director Colleen M. Murphy introduced Paul V. Arce as the Commission's newest staff attorney.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

/s/ Russell Blair
Russell Blair

AMENDMENTS*

[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

Paragraphs 50(c) and (50)(d) and Footnote 10 of the Proposed Final Decision After Remand are amended as follows:

(c) IC2019-0707a-14[2]6 line 17 starting with the word “MOUs” through line 19 ending with the word “work”;

(d) IC2019-0707a-14[2]6 line 25 beginning with the word “Greco” through line 26.5 ending with the word “emergencies.”

¹⁰ The Commission notes that immediately following the word “emergencies” on IC2019-0707a-14[2]6 line 26.5 is a cell phone number for an attorney for the respondents. The Commission in its discretion declines to order the respondents to disclose such information.