

TO: Freedom of Information Commission
FROM: Russell Blair
RE: Minutes of the Commission's regular meeting of November 20, 2024

A regular meeting of the Freedom of Information Commission was held on November 20, 2024. The Commission meeting of November 20, 2024 was conducted in person. The meeting convened at 2:10 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 Aigné Goldsby Wells
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, Danielle L. McGee, Mary-Kate Smith, C. Zack Hyde, Nicholas A. Smarra, Paul V. Arce, Molly Steffes, Jennifer Mayo and Russell Blair.

The Commissioners unanimously voted to approve the Commission's regular meeting minutes of October 23, 2024.

Those in attendance were informed that the November 20, 2024 regular meeting of the Commission was being recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2023-0610](#) Richard Quint v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Correction; and State of Connecticut, Department of Correction

Richard Quint 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 2023-0632](#) James Raynor v. Jason Thody, Chief, Police Department, City of Hartford; Police Department, City of Hartford; and City of Hartford

James Raynor appeared on his own behalf. Attorney Nathalie Feola-Guerrieri appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners voted 8-0 to amend the Hearing Officer's Report. The Commissioners voted 8-0 to amend the Hearing Officer's Report a second time. Commissioner Streeter abstained from both votes. The Commissioners voted 8-1

to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report as amended* with Commissioner Streeter opposed. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2023-0652](#) Cordaryl Silva v. Scott Todd, Chief, Police Department, City of Derby; Police Department, City of Derby; and City of Derby

Attorney Bryan LeClerc appeared on behalf of the respondents. The complainant did not appear. The Commissioners unanimously voted to amend the Hearing Officer's Report. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report as amended*

[Docket #FIC 2024-0023](#) 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 unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2020-0638](#) David Collins and The Day v. Governor, State of Connecticut, Office of the Governor; and State of Connecticut, Office of the Governor

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

[Docket #FIC 2023-0546](#) Melissa Combs v. Superintendent of Schools, Farmington Public Schools; and Farmington Public Schools

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

[Docket #FIC 2023-0633](#) David Cummings v. Chief Court Administrator, State of Connecticut, Judicial Branch; and State of Connecticut, Judicial Branch

David Cummings appeared on his own behalf. Attorney Andrei Tarutin appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2023-0636](#) Adam Osmond v. William Tong, Attorney General, State of Connecticut, Office of the Attorney General; and State of Connecticut, Office of the Attorney General

Adam Osmond appeared on his own behalf. Assistant Deputy Attorney General

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

[Docket #FIC 2023-0638](#) Desiree Brown 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 2023-0640](#) Lawanda Boddie-Slack 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 2024-0014](#) Dr. Muthu Sankaran v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Public Health; and State of Connecticut, Department of Public Health

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 *David Godbout v. Ann Cicchiello as member, Board of Selectmen, Town of East Lyme; Board of Selectmen, Town of East Lyme; and Town of East Lyme*, Docket# FIC-2023-0614.

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 *David Godbout v. Wendi Sims, Democratic Registrar of Voters, Town of East Lyme; Mary Smith, Republican Registrar of Voters, Town of East Lyme; and Town of East Lyme*, Docket# FIC-2023-0635.

The Commissioners unanimously voted to add to the agenda Consideration of Appeal of Denial for Expedited Hearing in *Fred Camillo v. Chairman, Board of Education, Greenwich Public Schools; and Board of Education, Greenwich Public Schools*, Docket #FIC 2024-0653. The Commissioners voted 8-0 to deny the appeal. Commissioner Fuzesi abstained from the vote.

Executive Director Colleen M. Murphy reported that approximately 240 people attended the Commission's annual conference in October.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

/s/ Russell Blair

Russell Blair

AMENDMENTS*

Docket #FIC 2023-0632 James Raynor v. Jason Thody, Chief, Police Department, City of Hartford; Police Department, City of Hartford; and City of Hartford

Paragraphs 3 and 5 of the order in the Hearing Officer's Report are amended as follows:

3. In complying with paragraph 2 of this order, above, the respondents: (i) need not provide duplicates of records already disclosed to the complainant, except as provided for in paragraph 1 of this order, above; and (ii) may redact only those portions of the responsive records, if any, that are mandatorily exempt from disclosure. The respondents may not redact any information that is permissively exempt from disclosure. The respondents shall provide such records to the complainant free of charge. **IF, PURSUANT TO THIS ORDER, THE RESPONDENTS WITHHOLD ANY RECORD THAT IS SUBJECT TO A MANDATORY EXEMPTION, THEY SHALL SUBMIT AN AFFIDAVIT TO THE COMMISSION (WITH COPY TO THE COMPLAINANT) SWORN TO OR ATTESTED BY A PERSON WITH THE REQUISITE KNOWLEDGE, AND DETAILING THE TYPES OF RECORDS WITHHELD AND THE STATUTORY BASIS FOR WITHHOLDING SUCH RECORDS.**

5. [Within fourteen (14) days of the Notice of Final Decision in this matter, the respondents shall contact the Commission's public education officer to schedule training regarding the requirements of the FOI Act.] **SINCE THE RESPONDENTS RECEIVED FOI ACT TRAINING BY COMMISSION STAFF SUBSEQUENT TO THE HEARINGS AND PRIOR TO THE COMMISSION ISSUING THIS FINAL DECISION, NO TRAINING IS REQUIRED AT THIS TIME.**

Docket #FIC 2023-0652 Cordaryl Silva v. Scott Todd, Chief, Police Department, City of Derby; Police Department, City of Derby; and City of Derby

Paragraph 2 of the order in the Hearing Officer's Report is amended as follows:

1. In complying with paragraph 1 of the order above, the respondents may redact only those portions of the responsive records, if any, that are mandatorily exempt from disclosure. No redactions may be made to those portions of any records responsive to the complainant's December 3 request that are permissively exempt from disclosure. **IF, PURSUANT TO THIS ORDER, THE RESPONDENTS WITHHOLD ANY RECORD THAT IS SUBJECT TO A MANDATORY EXEMPTION, THEY SHALL SUBMIT AN AFFIDAVIT TO THE COMMISSION (WITH COPY TO THE COMPLAINANT) SWORN TO OR ATTESTED BY A PERSON WITH THE REQUISITE KNOWLEDGE, AND DETAILING THE TYPES OF RECORDS WITHHELD AND THE STATUTORY BASIS FOR WITHHOLDING SUCH RECORDS.**