

TO: Freedom of Information Commission

FROM: Jennifer Mayo

RE: Minutes of the Commission's regular meeting of March 26, 2025

A regular meeting of the Freedom of Information Commission was held on March 26, 2025. The Commission meeting of March 26, 2025 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
Commissioner Stephen Fuzesi Jr. (participated via speakerphone)
Commissioner Judith Ganswindt
Commissioner Christopher P. Hankins
Commissioner Thomas A. Hennick

Also present were staff members Colleen M. Murphy, Paula S. Pearlman, Valicia D. Harmon, C. Zack Hyde, Mary-Kate Smith, Nicholas A. Smarra, Paul V. Arce, and Jennifer Mayo.

The Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the Commission's regular meeting minutes of March 12, 2025.

Those in attendance were informed that the March 26, 2025 regular meeting of the Commission was being recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2024-0256](#) James Raynor 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 2024-0317](#) James Raynor 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 2024-0346](#) Basil Smith v. Fernando Spagnolo, Chief, Police Department, City of Waterbury; Police Department, City of Waterbury; and City of Waterbury

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

[Docket #FIC 2024-0362](#) Francis Anderson v. Angel Quiros, Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Correction; and State of Connecticut, Department of Correction

The Commissioners unanimously voted to continue the matter for two weeks, to the Commission's next regular meeting.

[Docket #FIC 2024-0203](#) Danielle Scarpellino v. Superintendent of Schools, Guilford Public Schools; and Guilford Public Schools

The complainant Danielle Scarpellino appeared on her own behalf. Attorney Kenneth S. Weinstock appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2024-0219](#) Georgette Ravenberg v. Adjutant General, State of Connecticut, Military Department; and State of Connecticut, Military Department

For purposes of argument, the Commissioners voted 6-0 to consolidate this matter with Docket #FIC 2024-0220; Dana Ravenberg v. Adjutant General, State of Connecticut, Military Department; and State of Connecticut, Military Department. Commissioner Farrish abstained.

Attorney Stephen Nevas appeared on behalf of the complainant. Assistant Attorney General Colleen B. Valentine appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners voted 5-1 to continue the matter for two weeks to the Commission's April 9, 2025 meeting, and ordered the parties to submit written memoranda, including citations to any rules, statutes, and regulations, regarding due process afforded in the Military Department's efficiency board's proceedings, and particularly with regard to whether a hearing is required. The memoranda are due by close of business on April 2, 2025. Commissioner Hennick voted against. Commissioner Farrish abstained.

[Docket #FIC 2024-0220](#) Dana Ravenberg v. Adjutant General, State of Connecticut, Military Department; and State of Connecticut, Military Department

For purposes of argument, the Commissioners voted 6-0 to consolidate this matter with Docket #FIC 2024-0219; Dana Ravenberg v. Adjutant General, State of Connecticut, Military Department; and State of Connecticut, Military Department. Commissioner Farrish abstained.

Attorney Stephen Nevas appeared on behalf of the complainant. Assistant Attorney General Colleen B. Valentine appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners voted 5-1 to continue the matter for two weeks to the Commission's April 9, 2025 meeting,

and ordered the parties to submit written memoranda, including citations to any rules, statutes, and regulations, regarding due process afforded in the Military Department's efficiency board's proceedings, and particularly with regard to whether a hearing is required. The memoranda are due by close of business on April 2, 2025. Commissioner Hennick voted against. Commissioner Farrish abstained.

[Docket #FIC 2024-0225](#) Deanna Bouchard v. Superintendent of Schools, Colchester Public Schools; and Colchester Public Schools

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

[Docket #FIC 2024-0237](#) Deanna Bouchard v. Superintendent of Schools, Colchester Public Schools; and Colchester Public Schools

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

[Docket #FIC 2024-0228](#) Sandra Landolina v. First Selectwoman, Board of Selectmen, Town of East Granby; Board of Selectmen, Town of East Granby; and Town of East Granby

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

[Docket #FIC 2024-0261](#) Joseph Sokolovic v. Chief, Police Department, City of Bridgeport; Police Department, City of Bridgeport; and City of Bridgeport

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 2024-0305](#) Laith Aqel v. President, Board of Alders, City of New Haven; Board of Alders, City of New Haven; and City of New Haven

The Commissioners voted 6-0 to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. Commissioner Einhorn abstained. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

Executive Director Colleen M. Murphy reported that she and Commission Counsel Mary-Kate Smith recently attended and participated at a Sunshine Week conference in Washington, D.C.

Executive Director Murphy also reported that the Connecticut Foundation for Open Government Walker Cronkite Anniversary and Freedom of Information 50th Anniversary event is coming up on April 14, 2025.

Last, Executive Director Murphy stated that the Commission will be hosting the Yale China Law Center and a professor from China on April 2, 2025.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

/s/ Jennifer Mayo
Jennifer Mayo

AMENDMENTS*

Docket #FIC 2024-0261 Joseph Sokolovic v. Chief, Police Department, City of Bridgeport;
Police Department, City of Bridgeport; and City of Bridgeport

Delete second paragraph through paragraph 25 of hearing officer report.

Delete the order of the hearing officer report.

Add language as follows:

A REPORT OF HEARING OFFICER DATED FEBRUARY 28, 2025 WAS ISSUED ON MARCH 13, 2025.

BY LETTER DATED MARCH 14, 2025 AND RECEIVED MARCH 17, 2025, THE COMPLAINANT NOTIFIED THE HEARING OFFICER THAT THE PARTIES HAD RESOLVED THE UNDERLYING REQUEST FOR RECORDS AND THAT HE LONGER REQUIRED THE INTERVENTION OF THE COMMISSION.

THE COMMISSION TAKES ADMINISTRATIVE NOTICE OF THE COMPLAINANT'S LETTER AND CONSTRUES SUCH LETTER AS A WITHDRAWAL.

The following order by the Commission is hereby recommended on the basis of the record concerning the above-captioned complaint:

1. BASED ON THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE COMPLAINT, THE CASE IS HEREBY DISMISSED.