

TO: Freedom of Information Commission

FROM: Russell Blair

RE: Minutes of the Commission's regular meeting of April 9, 2025

A regular meeting of the Freedom of Information Commission was held on April 9, 2025. The Commission meeting of April 9, 2025 was conducted in person. The meeting convened at 2:05 p.m. with the following Commissioners present:

Commissioner Owen P. Eagan, presiding
Commissioner Kate Farrish
Commissioner Stephen Fuzesi Jr.
Commissioner Judith Ganswindt
Commissioner Aigné Goldsby-Wells
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, C. Zack Hyde, Mary-Kate Smith, Nicholas A. Smarra, Marybeth G. Sullivan, Paul V. Arce, J. Max McCann, Jennifer Mayo and Russell Blair.

The Commissioners voted 7-0 to approve the Commission's regular meeting minutes of March 26, 2025. Commissioner Streeter abstained from the vote.

Those in attendance were informed that the April 9, 2025 regular meeting of the Commission was being recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2024-0221](#) Andres Sosa v. Angel Quiros, Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Correction; and State of Connecticut, Department of Correction

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

Francis Anderson 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 2024-0491](#)

Jason Goode v. Angel Quiros, 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 2024-0219](#)

Georgette Ravenberg v. Adjutant General, State of Connecticut, Military Department; and State of Connecticut, Military Department

For the purposes of argument, this matter was consolidated with Docket # FIC 2024-0220 at the March 26, 2025 Commission meeting. Attorney Stephen Nevas appeared on behalf of the complainant. Assistant Attorney General Colleen Valentine appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners voted 7-0 to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. Commissioner Farrish abstained from the vote. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2024-0220](#)

Dana Ravenberg v. Adjutant General, State of Connecticut, Military Department; and State of Connecticut, Military Department

For the purposes of argument, this matter was consolidated with Docket # FIC 2024-0219 at the March 25, 2025 Commission meeting. Attorney Stephen Nevas appeared on behalf of the complainant. Assistant Attorney General Colleen Valentine appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners voted 7-0 to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. Commissioner Farrish abstained from the vote. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2024-0223](#)

Wendy Taylor 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 2024-0231](#)

Richard Kosinski v. Chair, State of Connecticut, Board of Mediation and Arbitration, Neutral Arbitrator Selection Committee; State of Connecticut, Board of Mediation and Arbitration, Neutral Arbitrator Selection Committee; Douglas Cho, Director, State of Connecticut Board of Mediation and Arbitration; and State of Connecticut, Connecticut Board of Mediation and Arbitration

Richard Kosinki appeared on his own behalf. Assistant Attorney General Ksenya Hentisz appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

Docket #FIC 2024-0233 Joseph Sokolovic v. Chairman, Board of Education, Bridgeport Public Schools; and Board of Education, Bridgeport Public Schools

Joseph Sokolovic appeared on his own behalf. Attorney Dina Scalo appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2024-0252](#) Craig Brownell v. Superintendent of Schools, Weston Public Schools; and Weston Public Schools

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

Attorney Valicia D. Harmon reported on the March 27, 2025 decision in Superior Court in *Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Education, et al. v. Freedom of Information Commission, et al.* Docket No. HHB-CV-23-6080532-S. The Commissioners unanimously voted to file a Motion to Reconsider, Set Aside Judgement and Remand, and if denied, appeal the matter to the Appellate Court.

The Commissioners unanimously voted to file a Joint Motion for Remand in *Secretary, State of Connecticut, Office of Policy and Management et. al. v. Freedom of Information Commission, et. al.*, Docket No. HHB-CV-23-6080532-S.

Executive Director Colleen M. Murphy and Managing Director and Associate General Counsel Paula S. Pearlman updated Commissioners on the status of FOI-related legislation under consideration by the General Assembly.

Executive Director Colleen M. Murphy reported to the Commission that a committee of staff members was created to review and draft revisions to the Commission Regulations, and that she planned to introduce a package of proposed revisions to the Commission for their approval at its next regular meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 4:14 p.m.

/s/ Russell Blair
Russell Blair