

TO: Freedom of Information Commission

FROM: Russell Blair

RE: Minutes of the Commission's regular meeting of September 25, 2025

A regular meeting of the Freedom of Information Commission was held on September 25, 2025. The Commission meeting of September 25, 2025 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 Judith Ganswindt
Commissioner Aigné Goldsby Wells
Commissioner Thomas A. Hennick
Commissioner Christopher P. Hankins (participated via speakerphone)
Commissioner Matthew Streeter (participated via speakerphone)

Also present were staff members Paula S. Pearlman, Danielle L. McGee, C. Zack Hyde, Nicholas A. Smarra, Marybeth G. Sullivan, Paul V. Arce, Jonathan McCann, Jennifer Mayo and Russell Blair.

The Commissioners unanimously voted to approve the Commission's regular meeting minutes of September 10, 2025.

Those in attendance were informed that the September 25, 2025 regular meeting of the Commission was being recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2024-0687](#) David C Fuller v. Stephanie Thomas, 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

David C. Fuller appeared on his own behalf. The respondents did not appear. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2024-0811](#) Michael Holmes 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 2020-0503 Maria Naughton v. Superintendent of Schools, New Canaan Public Schools; Chair, Board of Education, New Canaan Public Schools; and New Canaan Public Schools

The Commissioners took no action. The matter was marked off prior to the meeting.

[Docket #FIC 2024-0610](#) DeeAnn Morton v. Chairman, Board of Commissioners,
Montville Housing Authority; and Board of Commissioners,
Montville Housing Authority

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 2024-0616](#) Maryanne Hornish v. First Selectman, Board of Selectmen,
Town of Suffield; Board of Selectmen, Town of Suffield; and
Town of Suffield

Maryanne Hornish appeared on her own behalf. Attorney Derek Donnelly appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2024-0638](#) Michael F. Magistrali v. Chairman, Board of Education,
Torrington Public Schools; Board of Education, Torrington
Public Schools; and Torrington Public Schools

Michael F. Magistrali appeared on his own behalf. Attorney Jessica Ritter appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2024-0753](#) Nicole Dykstra v. Chairman, Board of Education, Oxford Public
Schools; Board of Education, Oxford Public Schools; and Town
of Oxford

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

[Docket #FIC 2024-0821](#) Matthew McCluster v. Keith Mello, Chief, Police Department,
City of Milford; Police Department, City of Milford; and City of
Milford

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

[Docket #FIC 2025-0073](#) Alex Coriaty; and Kathryn Coriaty v. Chief, Police Department,
Town of East Lyme; Police Department, Town of East Lyme;
and Town of East Lyme

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

[Docket #FIC 2025-0249](#)

Mark Genest v. Administrator, Planning and Zoning
Commission, Town of Stratford; Planning and Zoning
Commission, Town of Stratford; and Town of Stratford

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

Director of Education and Communications Russell Blair reported that the annual Freedom of Information conference would be held on October 3rd, 2025, with around 250 attendees expected. Additionally, he reported that the Commission would be hosting a luncheon before the October 8, 2025 Commission meeting to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Freedom of Information Act and the Commission.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:06 p.m.

/s/ Russell Blair
Russell Blair

AMENDMENTS*

[Docket #FIC 2024-0610](#)

DeeAnn Morton v. Chairman, Board of Commissioners,
Montville Housing Authority; and Board of Commissioners,
Montville Housing Authority

The order in the Hearing Officer's Report is amended as follows:

1. Henceforth, the respondents shall strictly comply with the executive session provisions of §1-231(a), G.S.

[2. Forthwith, the respondents shall arrange for an FOI training session to be conducted by staff of the Commission. The respondents shall contact the Commission to schedule such a training session.]

[3.] **2.** The respondents are admonished for failing to appear at the initial March 7, 2025 contested case hearing, which resulted in the waste of scarce state resources and inconvenience to the appearing party and witness.