

TO: Freedom of Information Commission

FROM: Russell Blair

RE: Minutes of the Commission's regular meeting of October 8, 2025

A regular meeting of the Freedom of Information Commission was held on October 8, 2025. The Commission meeting of October 8, 2025 was conducted in person. The meeting convened at 2:13 p.m. with the following Commissioners present:

Commissioner Owen P. Eagan, presiding
Commissioner Jonathan J. Einhorn
Commissioner Kate Farrish
Commissioner Judith Ganswindt
Commissioner Aigné Goldsby Wells
Commissioner Thomas A. Hennick
Commissioner Christopher P. Hankins
Commissioner Matthew Streeter

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

The Commissioners unanimously voted to approve the Commission's regular meeting minutes of September 25, 2025.

Those in attendance were informed that the October 8, 2025 regular meeting of the Commission was being recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2025-0024](#) John Chacho, Jr. v. Fernando C. Spagnalo, 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 2025-0110](#) Richard Quint v. Chief, Police Department, Town of Seymour; Police Department, Town of Seymour; and Town of Seymour

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

[Docket #FIC 2020-0299](#) Michael Dinan, and the New Canaanite.com v. First Selectman, Town of New Canaan; and Town of New Canaan

The Commissioners voted 7-0 to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. Commissioner

Hennick recused himself from the matter. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2024-0615](#) Nina Schutzman v. Chief, Police Department, Town of New Milford; Police Department, Town of New Milford; and Town of New Milford

Attorney Alexa Millinger appeared on behalf of the complainant. Attorney D. Randall DiBella appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners voted 7-0 to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. Commissioner Farrish recused herself from the matter. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2024-0618](#) Lynelle Jones v. Senior Planner, Planning and Zoning Department, City of Norwalk; Planning and Zoning Department, City of Norwalk; and City of Norwalk

Lynelle Jones appeared on her own behalf. Attorney Jeffry Spahr appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to amend the Hearing Officer's Report. The Commissioners unanimously voted to amend the Hearing Officer's Report a second time. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report as amended*. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2024-0619](#) John DiIorio v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Banking; and State of Connecticut, Department of Banking

John DiIorio appeared on his own behalf. Assistant Attorney General John Langmaid appeared on behalf of the respondents. 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 2024-0627](#) Donna C. Dunphy v. Chief, Police Department, City of Norwich; Police Department, City of Norwich; and City of Norwich

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

[Docket #FIC 2024-0628](#) Keith Yagaloff v. First Selectman, Board of Selectmen, Town of East Windsor; Board of Selectmen, Town of East Windsor; and Town of East Windsor

The Commissioners voted 7-0 to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. Commissioner Streeter recused himself from the matter. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2024-0647](#)

Todd Berton v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut,
Department of Public Health; and State of Connecticut,
Department of Public Health

Attorney Ryan McKone appeared on behalf of the complainant. Attorney Lisa Kessler appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2024-0675](#)

Greg Smith and The Day v. First Selectman, Board of
Selectmen, Town of East Lyme; Board of Selectmen, 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 2024-0706](#)

Nancy Griswold v. Chairman, Planning and Zoning
Commission, Town of Thomaston; Planning and Zoning
Commission, 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 2024-0832](#)

Thomas Harbinson v. Chairman, Planning and Zoning
Commission, City of Shelton; Planning and Zoning
Commission, City of Shelton; and City of Shelton

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

[Docket #FIC 2025-0055](#)

Katherine Camara v. Jeremi J. Johnson, Economic Development
Coordinator, Economic Development Commission, Town of
Watertown; Economic Development Commission, Town of
Watertown; and Town of Watertown

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

The Commissioners unanimously voted to deny the Motion to Stay dated September 22, 2025, and received by the Commission on September 22, 2025, filed by the Respondents in *Alec Ferretti v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Public Health; and State of Connecticut, Department of Public Health*, Docket #FIC 2021-0051.

Executive Director Colleen M. Murphy reported that oral argument was held Tuesday, October 7, 2025, before the Appellate Court in David Godbout v. Freedom of Information Commission, AC 47401.

Director of Education and Communications Russell Blair reported on the annual Freedom of Information conference, held October 3, 2025, at The Riverhouse in Haddam, noting that nearly 250 people attended and that the Commission received a lot of positive feedback and suggestions for future years. Executive Director Colleen M. Murphy thanked the Commissioners who attended and participated in programming at the conference and thanked the Commission staff for their assistance in organizing the event.

Commissioner Farrish reported on activities that had been organized this year to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Freedom of Information Act and the creation of the Commission, culminating in a luncheon held on October 8, 2025, prior to the Commission meeting.

Commissioner Farrish reported that the Connecticut Foundation for Open Government was honoring Executive Director Colleen Murphy with the Mitchell W. Pearlman Freedom of Information Award at an event at the Mark Twain House in Hartford on October 9, 2025.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

/s/ Russell Blair
Russell Blair

AMENDMENTS*

Docket #FIC 2024-0618 Lynelle Jones v. Senior Planner, Planning and Zoning
Department, City of Norwalk; Planning and Zoning
Department, City of Norwalk; and City of Norwalk

The Hearing Officer's Report is amended as follows:

Footnote 8:

While the Commission, in Jones 1, made clear that the respondents were required to conduct a search for Section B of the complainant's request, described in paragraph 3, above, the respondents [appeared at various points to take] **HAVE TAKEN** the position that Section B was not to be included in their supplemental search. Nevertheless, as indicated in paragraph 21, above, the respondents' supplemental search ultimately included all search terms and/or keywords requested by the complainant, including those that would have reasonably applied to Section B of the request.

Paragraph 37:

Based on the foregoing, **AND UNDER THE FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF THIS CASE**, it is concluded that the respondents substantially complied with the Commission's orders in Jones 1.

Docket #FIC 2024-0619 John DiIorio v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut,
Department of Banking; and State of Connecticut, Department
of Banking

The Hearing Officer's Report is amended as follows:

Paragraph 45:

45. With respect to the respondents' claim that certain records, as indicated on the in camera indexes, are exempt from disclosure pursuant to §36a-21(a)(2), G.S., it is found, based upon a careful inspection of the in camera records, that the respondents failed to prove that the following in camera records are records of the Connecticut Department of Banking and such records constitute confidential supervisory or investigative information and records obtained or collected by a state, federal or foreign regulatory or law enforcement agency, within the meaning of §36a-21(a)(2), G.S.:

- (i) IC-2024-0619-6742B-1 [through IC-2024-0619-6742B-2]; IC-2024-0619-6742B-4; IC-2024-0619-6742B-66; IC-2024-0619-6742B-71; IC-2024-0619-6742B-76; IC-2024-0619-6742B-78; IC-2024-0619-6742B-83; IC-2024-0619-6742B-89; IC-2024-

0619-6742B-98; IC-2024-0619-6742B-106; IC-2024-0619-6742B-108; IC-2024-0619-6742B-110; IC-2024-0619-6742B-427; IC-2024-0619-6742B-429 through IC-2024-0619-6742B-428; IC-2024-0619-6742B-430; IC-2024-0619-6742B-432; IC-2024-0619-6742B-453; IC-2024-0619-6742B-457; IC-2024-0619-6742B-459; IC-2024-0619-6742B-469; IC-2024-0619-6742B-546; IC-2024-0619-6742B-548; IC-2024-0619-6742B-552; IC-2024-0619-6742B-554; IC-2024-0619-6742B-556; IC-2024-0619-6742B-558; IC-2024-0619-6742B-560; IC-2024-0619-6742B-562; IC-2024-0619-6742B-570; IC-2024-0619-6742B-572; IC-2024-0619-6742B-574; IC-2024-0619-6742B-607; IC-2024-0619-6742B-615; IC-2024-0619-6742B-625; IC-2024-0619-6742B-627; IC-2024-0619-6742B-629; IC-2024-0619-6742B-631; IC-2024-0619-6742B-646; IC-2024-0619-6742B-652; IC-2024-0619-6742B-654; IC-2024-0619-6742B-656; IC-2024-0619-6742B-658; IC-2024-0619-6742B-660; IC-2024-0619-6742B-662; IC-2024-0619-6742B-664; IC-2024-0619-6742B-666; IC-2024-0619-6742B-668; IC-2024-0619-6742B-670; IC-2024-0619-6742B-672; [IC-2024-0619-6742B-674]; IC-2024-0619-6742B-781; IC-2024-0619-6742B-791; IC-2024-0619-6742B-793; IC-2024-0619-6742B-811; IC-2024-0619-6742B-813; IC-2024-0619-6742B-879; IC-2024-0619-6742B-1015; IC-2024-0619-6742B-1237; IC-2024-0619-6742B-2002 through IC-2024-0619-6742B-2004; IC-2024-0619-6742B-2023; IC-2024-0619-6742B-2042 through IC-2024-0619-6742B-2043; IC-2024-0619-6742B-2059; IC-2024-0619-6742B-2271; IC-2024-0619-6742B-2302 through IC-2024-0619-6742B-2303; IC-2024-0619-6742B-2306; IC-2024-0619-6742B-2323 through IC-2024-0619-6742B-2324; IC-2024-0619-6742B-2330; IC-2024-0619-6742B-2332; IC-2024-0619-6742B-2351; IC-2024-0619-6742B-2484; IC-2024-0619-6742B-2603; IC-2024-0619-6742B-2608; IC-2024-0619-6742B-2626; IC-2024-0619-6742B-2645; IC-2024-0619-6742B-2680; IC-2024-0619-6742B-2682; IC-2024-0619-6742B-2687; IC-2024-0619-6742B-2695; IC-2024-0619-6742B-2697; IC-2024-0619-6742B-2702; IC-2024-0619-6742B-2704; IC-2024-0619-6742B-2706; IC-2024-0619-6742B-2708; IC-2024-0619-6742B-2710; IC-2024-0619-6742B-2712; IC-2024-0619-6742B-2729; IC-2024-0619-6742B-2731; IC-2024-0619-6742B-2733; IC-2024-0619-6742B-2737; IC-2024-0619-6742B-2739; IC-2024-0619-6742B-2747; IC-2024-0619-6742B-2754; IC-2024-0619-6742B-2767; IC-2024-0619-6742B-2769; IC-2024-0619-6742B-2771; IC-2024-0619-6742B-2773; IC-2024-0619-6742B-[2880]**2780**; IC-2024-0619-6742B-2787; IC-2024-0619-6742B-2798; IC-2024-0619-6742B-2800; IC-2024-0619-6742B-2803; IC-2024-0619-6742B-2838; IC-2024-0619-6742B-2843; IC-2024-0619-6742B-2846; IC-2024-0619-6742B-2849; IC-2024-0619-6742B-2851; IC-2024-0619-6742B-2853; IC-2024-0619-6742B-2855; IC-2024-0619-6742B-2857; IC-2024-0619-6742B-2859; IC-2024-0619-6742B-2882; IC-2024-0619-6742B-2884; and IC-2024-0619-6742B-2886.