

TO: Freedom of Information Commission
FROM: Russell Blair
RE: Minutes of the Commission's regular meeting of February 11, 2026

A regular meeting of the Freedom of Information Commission was held on February 11, 2026. The Commission meeting of February 11, 2026 was conducted in person. The meeting convened at 2:02 p.m. with the following Commissioners present:

Commissioner Owen P. Eagan, presiding
Commissioner Jonathan J. Einhorn
Commissioner Kate Farrish
Commissioner Judith Ganswindt
Commissioner Thomas A. Hennick
Commissioner Christopher P. Hankins (participated via speakerphone)
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, Jonathan McCann, Jennifer Mayo and Russell Blair.

The Commissioners voted 6-0 to approve the Commission's regular meeting minutes of January 28, 2026. Commissioner Ganswindt abstained from the vote.

Those in attendance were informed that the February 11, 2026 regular meeting of the Commission was being recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2025-0141](#) Terrance Burton 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 2025-0300](#) Elizardo Montanez v. Roderick Porter, Chief, Police Department, City of Bridgeport; Police Department, City of Bridgeport; and City of Bridgeport

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

[Docket #FIC 2021-0076](#) Diana Waller v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Public Health; and State of Connecticut, Department of Public Health

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

[Docket #FIC 2021-0077](#) Diana Waller v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut,
Department of Public Health; and State of Connecticut,
Department of Public Health

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

[Docket #FIC 2024-0656](#) Michael Donnelly v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut,
Department of Administrative Services; and State of
Connecticut, Department of Administrative Services

The Commissioners unanimously voted to amend the Hearing Officer's Report After Reconsideration. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report After Reconsideration as amended*. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2025-0103](#) Hilary Ram v. Mayor, Town of New Milford; and Town of New
Milford

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

[Docket #FIC 2025-0105](#) Twig Holland v. Director, Human Resource Department, Town
of Fairfield; Human Resource Department, Town of Fairfield;
and Town of Fairfield

Attorney Madeline Diamont 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 for a second time. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report as amended.* The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2025-0108](#) Dr. Laura Triano v. Chair, Public Works Committee; Public
Works Committee; and Town of Southington

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

[Docket #FIC 2025-0109](#) Dr. Laura Triano v. Town Clerk, Town of Southington; and
Town of Southington

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

[Docket #FIC 2025-0114](#) Cheryl Duntz v. Town Clerk, Town of North Canaan; and Town of North Canaan

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 2025-0121](#) Philip Medeiros v. Superintendent of Schools, Bolton Public Schools; and Bolton Public Schools

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

[Docket #FIC 2025-0125](#) Tony Carr v. Chairman, Board of Ethics, Town of Brookfield; Board of Ethics, Town of Brookfield; and Town of Brookfield

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

[Docket #FIC 2025-0130](#) Ryan Salvas; and Alycia Salvas v. Town Clerk, Town of Sterling; and Town of Sterling

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

[Docket #FIC 2025-0326](#) Justin Barnett 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.

Executive Director Colleen M. Murphy reported on the governor's proposed budget for the Commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026.

Executive Director Colleen M. Murphy reported that a new appeal had been filed in Superior Court dated January 30, 2026, Marissa Gillett v. Freedom of Information Commission et al., HHB-CV26-6102964-S, regarding the Commission's Final Decision in Docket #FIC 2024-0842.

Executive Director Colleen M. Murphy reported that interviews were underway for the Commission's next Executive Director and General Counsel and that she hoped the Commission would have a candidate to consider at its next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

/s/ Russell Blair
Russell Blair

AMENDMENTS*

Docket #FIC 2025-0105 Twig Holland v. Director, Human Resource Department, Town of Fairfield; Human Resource Department, Town of Fairfield; and Town of Fairfield

Paragraphs 12 and 19 of the Hearing Officer's Report are amended as follows:

12. Section 1-210(b)(10), G.S., [such statute] permits a public agency to withhold from disclosure records of "communications privileged by the attorney-client relationship."

19. Based upon a careful inspection of the in camera records identified in paragraph 10, above, it is found that: such in camera records consist of email communications between employees of the respondent agency and the respondents' legal counsel; the attorneys were acting in their official capacity as legal counsel to the public agency; the emails relate to legal advice sought by the public agency from the attorney; and the communications were made in confidence. It is also found that no evidence was provided by the complainant to rebut the presumption that such communications were made in confidence. See Blumenthal v. Kimber Mfg., Inc., 265 Conn. 1, 15 (2003). It is further found, based upon a careful inspection of the in camera records, that the following portions of such in camera records are confidential attorney-client communications within the meaning of §52-146r(a)(2), G.S.:

IC-2025-0105-1 (lines 6 and 15 through 28);
IC-2025-0105-5 (lines 8 and 10 through 23);
IC-2025-0105-6 (lines 7 through 8);
IC-2025-0105-8 (lines 8 through 13);
IC-2025-0105-9 (lines 8 **THROUGH 11** and 13 through 14);
IC-2025-0105-10 (lines 6 through 7, 30, and 32 through 38);
IC-2025-0105-11 (lines 7 through 8, 10 through 14, and 30 through 31);
IC-2025-0105-12 (lines 6 through 7, 27, and 29 through 39);
IC-2025-0105-13 (**ALL**);
IC-2025-0105-14 (lines **1 THROUGH 5** [6 through 7] and 14 through 15);
IC-2025-0105-15 (lines 8 through 11 and 13 through 14[1]);
IC-2025-0105-19 (lines 7 through 10);
IC-2025-0105-20 (lines 6 through 8, 13, 15 through 18, 27, and 29 through 34);
IC-2025-0105-21 (lines 2 and 4 through 40); and
IC-2025-0105-22 (lines 1 through 21 and 30 through 31).

