

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

A regular meeting of the Freedom of Information Commission was held on March 11, 2026. The Commission's regular meeting of March 11, 2026 was conducted in person. The meeting convened at 2:01 p.m. with the following Commissioners present:

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

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

The Commissioners voted 7-0 to approve the Commission's special meeting minutes of February 25, 2026. Commissioner Hankins abstained from the vote.

The Commissioners voted 6-0 to approve the Commission's regular meeting minutes of February 25, 2026. Commissioners Hankins and Goldsby Wells abstained from the vote.

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

[Docket #FIC 2025-0172](#) Attorney Kenneth J. Krayske v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Correction; and State of Connecticut, Department of Correction

Attorney Nancy Kase O'Brasky appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2025-0176](#) David Ackert v. Chair, Zoning Commission, Borough of Newtown; Zoning Commission, Borough of Newtown; and Borough of Newtown

Attorney Portia Baudisch appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2025-0181](#) Nancy Griswold v. Chairman, Planning & Zoning Commission, Town of Thomaston; Planning & Zoning Commission, Town of Thomaston; and Town of Thomaston

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

[Docket #FIC 2025-0191](#) Gina Tyler v. Executive Director, State of Connecticut, Connecticut Technical Education and Career System; and State of Connecticut, Connecticut Technical and Career System

Gina Tyler appeared on her own behalf. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2025-0192](#) Katie Gerarde v. Principal, Amity Middle School, Amity Regional School District #5; Amity Middle School, Amity Regional School District #5; and Amity Regional School District #5

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

[Docket #FIC 2025-0197](#) Ronald Norby Sr. v. Superintendent of Schools, Watertown Public Schools; and Watertown Public Schools

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

[Docket #FIC 2025-0268](#) Martin Edgar v. Chief, Police Department, City of Hartford; Police Department, City of Hartford; and City of Hartford

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

[Docket #FIC 2025-0525](#) Caitlin Hayes v. First Selectman, Town of Greenwich; and Town of Greenwich

Attorney Lisa Waller appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners voted 7-0 to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. Commissioner Einhorn abstained from the vote. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

The Commissioners unanimously voted to deny the Request for Expedited Processing, dated February 16, 2026, and received by the Commission February 16, 2026, filed by the Complainant in *Katelynn Sherrell v. Michael Makuch, First Selectman, Town of Willington; and Town of Willington*, Docket #FIC 2026-0035.

The Commissioners unanimously voted to Summarily Deny Leave to Schedule a Hearing Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §1-206(b)(2) in *Mark Wozar v. Records Supervisor, Police Department, Town of West Hartford; Police Department, Town of West Hartford; and Town of West Hartford*, Docket #FIC 2026-0003.

The Commissioners unanimously voted to Summarily Deny Leave to Schedule a Hearing Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §1-206(b)(2) in *Mark Wozar v. Chief, Police Department, Town of West Hartford; Police Department, Town of West Hartford; and Town of West Hartford*, Docket # FIC 2026-0004.

Attorney Valicia D. Harmon reported on two new appeals in Superior Court:

- Attorney General, State of Connecticut, Office of The Attorney General et al. v. Freedom of Information Commission et al., HHB-CV26-6103593-S, filed February 26, 2026, in Superior Court in New Britain, by the respondents regarding the Commission's Final Decision in Docket #FIC 2025-0042, *Nathaniel Clark v. William Tong, Attorney General, State of Connecticut, Office of the Attorney General; and State of Connecticut, Office of the Attorney General*
- Linda T. Wihbey v. Freedom of Information Commission et al., HHB-CV26-6103621-S, filed February 27, 2026, in Superior Court in New Britain, by the complainant regarding the Commission's Final Decision in Docket# FIC 2025-0043, *Linda T. Wihbey v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Social Services; and State of Connecticut, Department of Social Services*

Attorney Danielle L. McGee reported that oral arguments were held March 10, 2026, in the Appellate Court in Matthew Olson v. Freedom of Information Commission, AC 48010.

Interim Executive Director Paula S. Pearlman reported that former Executive Director Colleen M. Murphy and former Management Analyst Cindy A. Cannata would be returning to the Commission as temporary worker retirees to assist the Commission with its transition to a new executive director and general counsel and with increased workload.

Director of Education and Communications Russell Blair updated Commissioners on the FOI-related legislation under consideration by the General Assembly.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

/s/ Russell Blair  
Russell Blair