

TO: Freedom of Information Commission  
FROM: Russell Blair  
RE: Minutes of the Commission's regular meeting of April 22, 2026

A regular meeting of the Freedom of Information Commission was held on April 22, 2026. The Commission's regular meeting of April 22, 2026 was conducted in person. The meeting convened at 2:07 p.m. with the following Commissioners present:

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

Also present were staff members Danielle L. McGee, Paula S. Pearlman, Valicia D. Harmon, 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 April 8, 2026.

The Commissioners unanimously voted to approve the Commission's special meeting minutes of April 15, 2026.

Those in attendance were informed that the April 22, 2026 regular meeting of the Commission was being recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2025-0312](#) John Chacho v. Fernando C. Spagnolo, 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 2025-0323](#) Edgardo Perez v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Correction; and State of Connecticut, Department of Correction

Edgardo Perez 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 2025-0550](#) Kenneth Roger v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Energy & Environmental Protection; and State of Connecticut, Department of Energy & Environmental Protection

Kenneth Roger appeared on his own behalf. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2025-0278](#) Miriam Bleich v. Superintendent of Schools, West Hartford Public Schools; and West Hartford Public Schools

Miriam Bleich appeared on her own behalf. Attorney Andrew Glass 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 2025-0296](#) Andrew Schilkowski v. Tax Collector, 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 2025-0313](#) Timothy J. O'Flynn v. Director, Human Resources Department, Town of Stratford; Human Resources Department, Town of Stratford; and Town of Stratford

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 2025-0316](#) Nancy Griswold v. Ralph Celone, Chairman, Planning and Zoning Commission, Town of Thomaston; Planning and 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 2025-0324](#) Angela Ramirez v. Chief Executive Officer, Charter Oak Communities, City of Stamford; Charter Oak Communities, City of Stamford; Land Use Bureau Chief, Land Use Bureau, City of Stamford; Land Use Bureau, City of Stamford; and City of Stamford

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

[Docket #FIC 2025-0330](#) Jennifer Malloy v. Chief, Police Department, Town of Wilton; Police Department, Town of Wilton; and Town of Wilton

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

[Docket #FIC 2025-0333](#) Jacob Simkovitz v. Robert Klem, Chief, Fire Department, Town of Easton; Fire Department, Town of Easton; Town Clerk, Town of Easton; and Town of Easton

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

[Docket #FIC 2025-0348](#) Michael Dubreuil and Citizens for Colchester v. Daniel P. Sullivan III, Superintendent of Schools, Colchester Public Schools; Colchester Public Schools; and Colchester Board of Education

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

[Docket #FIC 2025-0349](#) Danielle Scarpellino v. Paul Freeman, Superintendent of Schools, Guilford Public Schools; and Guilford Public Schools

Danielle Scarpellino appeared on her own behalf. Attorney Kenneth Weinstock appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2025-0350](#) Paul Norton v. Town Clerk, Town of Plymouth; and Town of Plymouth

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

[Docket #FIC 2025-0294](#) Ralph Neunteufel v. Chair, Planning and Zoning Commission, Town of Easton; Planning and Zoning Commission, Town of Easton; and Town of Easton

Ralph Neunteufel appeared on his own behalf. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2025-0334](#) Ralph Neunteufel v. Zoning Officer, Land Use Department, Town of Easton; Land Use Department, Town of Easton; and Town of Easton

Ralph Neunteufel appeared on his own behalf. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2025-0335](#) Ralph Neunteufel v. Zoning Officer, Land Use Department, Town of Easton; Land Use Department, Town of Easton; and Town of Easton

Ralph Neunteufel appeared on his own behalf. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2025-0336](#) Ralph Neunteufel v. Zoning Officer, Land Use Department, Town of Easton; Land Use Department, Town of Easton; and Town of Easton

Ralph Neunteufel appeared on his own behalf. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2025-0337](#) Ralph Neunteufel v. Zoning Officer, Land Use Department, Town of Easton; Land Use Department, Town of Easton; and Town of Easton

Ralph Neunteufel appeared on his own behalf. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2025-0338](#) Ralph Neunteufel v. Zoning Officer, Land Use Department, Town of Easton; Land Use Department, Town of Easton; and Town of Easton

Ralph Neunteufel appeared on his own behalf. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2025-0339](#) Ralph Neunteufel v. Zoning Officer, Land Use Department, Town of Easton; Land Use Department, Town of Easton; and Town of Easton

Ralph Neunteufel appeared on his own behalf. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

The Commissioners unanimously voted to deny the Petition for Reconsideration dated April 10, 2026 and received by the Commission on April 10, 2026, filed by the Complainant in *Francisco Grasso v. Building Official, Building Division, City of New London; Building Division, City of New London; and City of New London*, Docket #FIC 2025-0287.

Executive Director and General Counsel Danielle L. McGee reported on the Appellate Court decision dated April 21, 2026 in Matthew Olson v. Freedom of Information Commission, Docket No. AC 48010. The judgment of the Superior Court was affirmed.

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

- Executive Director, Northeastern Connecticut Council of Governments et al. v. State of Connecticut Freedom of Information Commission et al., Docket No. HHB-CV26-XXXXXXX-S, filed in Superior Court in New Britain on April 15, 2026
- Secretary, Office of Policy and Management, State of Connecticut et al. v. Freedom of Information Commission et al., Docket No. HHB-CV26-6105032-S, filed in Superior Court in New Britain on April 16, 2026
- Alfred P. Mayo v. Freedom of Information Commission et al., Docket No. HHB-CV26-5040390-S, filed in Superior Court in New Britain on April 21, 2026
- Karl Jacobson, Chief, Police Department, City of New Haven et al. v. Freedom of Information Commission et al., Docket No. HHB-CV26-6105302-S, filed in Superior Court in New Britain on April 24, 2026

Executive Director Danielle L. McGee reported that Commissioner Einhorn was not reappointed for another term, and that Attorney Kerry Joseph Robair had been appointed to the Commission (effective May 1, 2026). Chairman Owen Eagan and Executive Director McGee thanked Commissioner Einhorn for his years of public service.

Director of Education and Communications Russell Blair gave a brief update on FOI-related legislation under consideration by the General Assembly.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:24 p.m.

/s/ Russell Blair  
Russell Blair

## AMENDMENTS\*

Docket #FIC 2025-0278      Miriam Bleich v. Superintendent of Schools, West Hartford Public Schools; and West Hartford Public Schools

Footnote 2 of the Hearing Officer's Report is amended as follows:

<sup>2</sup>The Commission notes that, after receiving the presentations referenced in paragraph 14, above, the complainant sent the respondents an additional request for a copy of public records including: (1) notes, records, and correspondence related to the six contracted sessions with RE-Center; (2) records and correspondence of consultation or coaching of WHPS staff for the contracted period; and (3) the mission statement collaborated on or written by RE-Center (the "Third Request"). The Commission further notes that, on or about August 15, 2025, the respondents provided the **COMPLAINANT** [complaint] with a copy of all [responsive] records **RESPONSIVE TO THE THIRD REQUEST** and informed the complainant that they did not maintain any records responsive to the request concerning the mission statement. *See* Ex. F.

Docket #FIC 2025-0254      Timothy J. O'Flynn v. Director, Human Resources Department, Town of Stratford; Human Resources Department, Town of Stratford; and Town of Stratford

Strike everything after the first introductory paragraph of the Hearing Officer's Report and insert the following:

**ON APRIL 20, 2026, THE COMPLAINANT, VIA EMAIL, INFORMED THE COMMISSION THAT HE WISHED TO WITHDRAW HIS COMPLAINT. THE COMMISSION TAKES ADMINISTRATIVE NOTICE OF SUCH WITHDRAWAL.**

**THE FOLLOWING ORDER BY THE COMMISSION IS HEREBY RECOMMENDED ON THE BASIS OF THE RECORD CONCERNING THE ABOVE-CAPTIONED COMPLAINT:**

- 1. BASED UPON THE WITHDRAWAL, THE COMPLAINT IS DISMISSED.**