

TO: Freedom of Information Commission  
FROM: Russell Blair  
RE: Minutes of the Commission's regular meeting of May 27, 2026

A regular meeting of the Freedom of Information Commission was held on May 27, 2026. The Commission's regular meeting of May 27, 2026 was conducted in person. The meeting convened at 2:05 p.m. with the following Commissioners present:

Commissioner Owen P. Eagan, presiding  
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 Danielle L. McGee, Paula S. Pearlman, Valicia D. Harmon, C. Zack Hyde, Mary Kate Smith, 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 May 13, 2026. Commissioner Ganswindt abstained from the vote.

Those in attendance were informed that the May 27, 2026 regular meeting of the Commission was being recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2025-0438](#) Andres Sosa v. Angel Quiros, Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Correction; and State of Connecticut, Department of Correction

Andres Sosa appeared on his own behalf. Attorney Jennifer Lepore appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners voted 6-1 to amend the Hearing Officer's Report, with Commissioner Goldsby Wells opposed. The Commissioners unanimously voted to amend the Hearing Officer's Report a second time. The Commissioners voted 6-1 to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report as amended\*, with Commissioner Goldsby Wells opposed. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2025-0439](#) Ronnie Hinton v. Angel Quiros, Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Correction; and State of Connecticut, Department of Correction

Ronnie Hinton 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 2025-0424](#) Bryant Abbott v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection; and State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection

Attorney Jennifer Miller 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 2025-0428](#) Nancy Griswold v. Land Use Administrator, 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 2025-0430](#) Alexander T. Taubes v. Chief, Police Department, City of New London; Police Department, City of New London; and City of New London

The Commissioners voted 6-0 to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. Commissioner Eagan recused himself from the matter. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2025-0433](#) Andrew Corea v. Wendy Youngblood, Chair, Board of Education, Brookfield Public Schools; Board of Education, Brookfield Public Schools; and Brookfield Public Schools

Andrew Corea appeared on his own behalf. Attorney Sarah Gleason appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2025-0448](#) Tadjwid Wilson v. Executive Director, Livable City Initiative, City of New Haven; Livable City Initiative, 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 2025-0453](#) Russell Oost-Lievense v. Board of Education, Westport Public Schools; and Westport Public Schools

Attorney Daniel Young appeared on behalf of the complainant. Attorney Mark Sommaruga appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2025-0458](#) Ralph Neunteufel v. Zoning Enforcement Officer, Land Use Office, Town of Easton; Land Use Office, 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 2025-0461](#) Ralph Neunteufel v. Land Use Consultant, Land Use Office, Town of Easton; Land Use Office, 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 2025-0464](#) Ralph Neunteufel v. Chair, Planning and Zoning Commission, Town of Easton; Planning and Zoning Commission, 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 2025-0465](#) Ralph Neunteufel v. Zoning Enforcement Officer, Land Use Office, Town of Easton; Land Use Office, 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 2025-0466](#) Ralph Neunteufel v. Zoning Enforcement Officer, Land Use Office, Town of Easton; Land Use Office, 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 2025-0468](#) Ralph Neunteufel v. Zoning Enforcement Officer, Land Use Office, Town of Easton; Land Use Office, Town of Easton; and Town of Easton

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

[Docket #FIC 2025-0478](#) Laura Devlin v. Director, Human Resources Department, Town of Fairfield; Human Resources Department, Town of Fairfield; and Town of Fairfield

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

[Docket #FIC 2025-0483](#) Alex Beilman v. Chief, Police Department, Borough of Naugatuck; Police Department, Borough of Naugatuck; and Borough of Naugatuck

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

[Docket #FIC 2025-0485](#) Michael Katzmark v. Paula Cofrancesco, First Selectman, Town of Bethany; and Town of Bethany

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

[Docket #FIC 2025-0486](#) Michael Katzmark v. Don Shea, Manager, Public Works Department, Town of Bethany; Public Works Department, Town of Bethany; and Town of Bethany

Attorney John Parese appeared on behalf of the complainant. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2025-0544](#) William J. Watson III v. Executive Director, State of Connecticut, Judicial Branch, Court Support Services Division; and State of Connecticut, Judicial Branch, Court Support Services Division

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

[Docket #FIC 2025-0577](#) Christopher Avcollie v. Mayor, 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 2025-0579](#) Adam Hobart v. Chief, Police Department, Town of Vernon; Police Department, Town of Vernon; and Town of Vernon

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

Attorney Marybeth Sullivan reported on the Superior Court decision in C.J. Mozzochi PhD v. F.O.I.C., HHB-CV-24-5036819-S, officially released April 27, 2026. The appeal was dismissed.

Attorney Valicia D. Harmon reported on the Superior Court decision granting the Motion to Dismiss in Mark Wozar v. F.O.I.C., et al., HHB-CV-25-5039727-S, officially released May 1, 2026.

Executive Director and General Counsel Danielle L. McGee introduced Attorney Kerry J. Robair, who had recently been appointed to the Commission.

Executive Director and General Counsel Danielle L. McGee reported that the Connecticut Council on Freedom of Information and the Connecticut Society of Professional Journalists would be hosting its annual a joint awards ceremony in Farmington on June 10 in conjunction with the Connecticut Society of Professional Journalists and that former Executive Director and General Counsel Colleen M. Murphy would be receiving a lifetime achievement award.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

/s/ Russell Blair  
Russell Blair

## AMENDMENTS\*

Docket #FIC 2025-0438      Andres Sosa v. Angel Quiros, Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Correction; and State of Connecticut, Department of Correction

The Hearing Officer's Report is amended as follows:

49. [Given the findings in paragraphs 44 through 47, above, it is therefore concluded that the complainant's right to access public records responsive to his request at issue in Sosa I was denied for a second time by the respondents, who failed to comply with the Commission's orders in Sosa I "without reasonable grounds," within the meaning of §1-206(b)(2), G.S., and a civil penalty is warranted against the respondent Commissioner.] **NOTWITHSTANDING THE FINDINGS IN PARAGRAPHS 44 THROUGH 47, ABOVE, AND THE CONCLUSION IN PARAGRAPH 48, ABOVE, THE COMMISSION, IN ITS DISCRETION, DECLINES TO IMPOSE A CIVIL PENALTY UPON THE RESPONDENTS.<sup>2</sup>**

The following order is hereby recommended on the basis of the record concerning the above-captioned complaint:

[1. The respondent, Commissioner Angel Quiros, as the official directly responsible for the denial herein, shall remit to the Commission, within forty-five (45) days of the date of the Notice of Final Decision in this matter, a civil penalty in the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100.00).]

[2.] **1.** Henceforth, the respondents shall strictly comply with the disclosure provisions of §§1-210(a) and 1-212(a), G.S., as well as the orders of this Commission.

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<sup>2</sup> **THE COMMISSION CAUTIONS THE RESPONDENTS THAT SUBSEQUENT FAILURES TO STRICTLY COMPLY WITH THE COMMISSION'S ORDERS MAY RESULT IN THE IMPOSITION OF A CIVIL PENALTY.**

Docket #FIC 2025-0424      Bryant Abbott v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut,  
Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection; and  
State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Services and  
Public Protection

The Hearing Officer's Report is amended as follows:

To Appendix A:

IC-2025-0424-0095: Lines 11, 12, **16**, [18], 19, 25, **28**, [20], and **35**.  
IC-2025-0424-0096: Lines 7, 11, 15, 19, 23, 37, 31, 35, and **38**.  
IC-2025-0424-0097: Lines 7, 11, **15**, 16, [18,] 20, 24, 28, and **37**.  
IC-2025-0424-0098: Lines 7, 8, 13, 17, 18, 22, 25, 28, **29**, and **34**.  
IC-2025-0424-0099: Lines 7, 8, 13, 17, 18, 20, 23, [25], **26**, [28], and **29**.  
IC-2025-0424-0106: Lines 11, 12, **16**, [18], 19, 23, **26**, [28], 30, **33**, [34], and **37**.  
IC-2025-0424-0107: Lines 7, 11, 15, 19, 23, 27, 31, **34**, [35,] and **37**.  
IC-2025-0424-0108: Lines 8, 12, 13, 17, 21, 25, 29, 33, **38**, and **39**.  
IC-2025-0424-0109: Lines **8**, 12, 13, 17, 20, 24, 29, **32**, 33, and **38**.

**APPENDIX A IS AMENDED TO REFLECT THAT AFTER IC-2025-0424-0669 TO INCLUDE IC-2025-0424-0696 THROUGH IC-2025-0424-1112 AS REFLECTED ON THE IN CAMERA INDEXES WHEREIN NAME OR IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OF A MINOR WITNESS APPEARS.**

**THE PAPER RECORDS CLAIMED UNDER §1-210(B)(3)(A), G.S., ARE FOUND TO BE EXEMPT UNDER §1-210(B)(3)(B), G.S., AND ARE ADDED TO APPENDIX A.**

To Appendix B:

**IC-2025-0424-0680: LINES 14-16.**

To Appendix C:

IC-2025-0424-0285, Line **7** [8].  
IC-2025-0424-0578, Line **6** [7].

To Appendix E:

IC-2025-0424-0539, Lines 14, 16, **19** [18], 22, 25 and 31