

TO: Freedom of Information Commission
FROM: Russell Blair
RE: Minutes of the Commission's regular meeting of June 10, 2026

A regular meeting of the Freedom of Information Commission was held on June 10, 2026. The Commission's regular meeting of June 10, 2026 was conducted in person. The meeting convened at 2:01 p.m. with the following Commissioners present:

Commissioner Owen P. Egan, presiding
Commissioner Kate Farrish
Commissioner Judith Ganswindt (participated via speakerphone)
Commissioner Aigné Goldsby Wells
Commissioner Christopher P. Hankins
Commissioner Thomas A. Hennick
Commissioner Kerry J. Robair
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 Bijoux Amegavi.

Kerry J. Robair was sworn in as a Commissioner of the Freedom of Information Commission.

The Commissioners unanimously voted to approve the Commission's regular meeting minutes of May 27, 2026.

Those in attendance were informed that the June 10, 2026 regular meeting of the Commission was being recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2025-0549](#) Kenneth Roger v. Adjutant General, State of Connecticut, Connecticut Military Department; and State of Connecticut, Connecticut Military Department

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

[Docket #FIC 2025-0556](#) Kenneth Roger v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Motor Vehicles; and State of Connecticut, Department of Motor Vehicles

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

[Docket #FIC 2025-0557](#) Kenneth Roger v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Administrative Services; and State of Connecticut, Department of Administrative Services

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

[Docket #FIC 2025-0562](#) Kenneth Roger v. Secretary, State of Connecticut, Office of Policy and Management; and State of Connecticut, Office of Policy and Management

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

[Docket #FIC 2025-0207](#) Karen Gaston v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Development Services; and State of Connecticut, Department of Development Services

Karen Gaston appeared on her own behalf. Attorney Gerald Gore appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2025-0492](#) Christopher Richards v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Children & Families; and State of Connecticut, Department of Children & Families

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

[Docket #FIC 2025-0495](#) Michael A. Ceppetelli v. First Selectman, Board of Selectmen, Town of East Windsor; Board of Selectmen, Town of East Windsor; and Town of East Windsor

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

[Docket #FIC 2025-0503](#) Caroline Moretti v. Mayor, City of Shelton; and City of Shelton

Attorney Thomas Cotter 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 2025-0506](#) Kristie Farrington v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Correction; and State of Connecticut, Department of Correction

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 2025-0507](#) David Caliri v. Chief Court Administrator, State of Connecticut, Judicial Branch, Office of the Chief Court Administrator; and State of Connecticut, Judicial Branch, Office of the Chief Court Administrator

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

[Docket #FIC 2025-0510](#) Deborah Stevenson v. Child Advocate, State of Connecticut, Office of the Child Advocate; and State of Connecticut, Office of the Child Advocate

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

[Docket #FIC 2025-0511](#) David Bean v. First Selectman, Town of Essex; and Town of Essex

David Bean appeared on his own behalf. Attorney David Royston appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2025-0515](#) John Tartaglia v. First Selectperson, Board of Selectperson, Town of Ridgefield; Board of Selectperson, Town of Ridgefield; and Town of Ridgefield

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

[Docket #FIC 2025-0565](#) Kurt Brace v. Chair, Board of Finance, Town of Windsor Locks; Board of Finance, Town of Windsor Locks; and Town of Windsor Locks

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

[Docket #FIC 2025-0568](#) Jennifer Johnson v. Chairman, Finance Committee, Westport Representative Town Meeting; Finance Committee, Westport Representative Town Meeting; and Town of Westport

Jennifer Johnson appeared on her own behalf. Attorney Nicholas Bamonte 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 2025-0490](#) Sanjay Gupta v. Superintendent of Schools, West Hartford Public Schools; and West Hartford Public Schools

Sanjay Gupta appeared on his own behalf. Attorney Cynthia Lauture appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2025-0491](#) Sanjay Gupta v. Superintendent of Schools, West Hartford Public Schools; and West Hartford Public Schools

Sanjay Gupta appeared on his own behalf. Attorney Cynthia Lauture appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2025-0516](#) Sanjay Gupta v. Superintendent of Schools, West Hartford Public Schools; and West Hartford Public Schools

Sanjay Gupta appeared on his own behalf. Attorney Cynthia Lauture appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2025-0517](#) Sanjay Gupta v. Superintendent of Schools, West Hartford Public Schools; and West Hartford Public Schools

Sanjay Gupta appeared on his own behalf. Attorney Cynthia Lauture appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2025-0518](#) Sanjay Gupta v. Town Clerk, Town of West Hartford; and Town of West Hartford

Sanjay Gupta appeared on his own behalf. Attorney Cynthia Lauture appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2025-0519](#)

Sanjay Gupta v. Town Clerk, Town of West Hartford; and
Town of West Hartford

Sanjay Gupta appeared on his own behalf. Attorney Cynthia Lauture appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

Executive Director and General Counsel Danielle L. McGee gave the following staffing updates:

- Bijoux Amegavi had joined the Commission for the summer as a temporary worker to help with administrative tasks
- Attorney Uswah Khan would be joining the Commission as a Staff Attorney on June 12, 2026
- The Commission is currently recruiting to fill a vacant Staff Attorney position
- Attorney Jonathan McCann would be departing the Commission on June 11, 2026

The Commissioners unanimously voted to add to the agenda consideration of naming Attorney Colleen M. Murphy as Executive Director and General Counsel Emeritus.

The Commissioners unanimously voted to name Attorney Colleen M. Murphy as Executive Director and General Counsel Emeritus.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

/s/ Russell Blair

Russell Blair

AMENDMENTS*

Docket #FIC 2025-0503 Caroline Moretti v. Mayor, City of Shelton; and City of Shelton

The order in the Hearing Officer's Report is amended as follows:

1. Within [thirty (30)] **FORTY-FIVE (45)** days of the date of the Notice of Final Decision in this matter, the respondents shall conduct and complete a diligent and thorough search for all records responsive to the complainant's request, as described in paragraph 2 of the findings, above. Such search shall include, but not be limited to, the following records and locations associated with each of the individuals identified in paragraph 2(f) of the findings, above:

- (a) a search of personal (i.e., non-employer issued) email accounts (e.g., Gmail, Yahoo) and text messages stored on personal electronic devices, performed by each individual who maintains the respective accounts;
- (b) a search of the text messages stored on personal (i.e., non-employment issued) cellular phones, performed by each individual who maintains the respective accounts; and
- (c) a search of each individual's employer-provided email accounts and electronic group chats (e.g., Microsoft Teams, Slack), performed by the respondents' IT director.

Docket #FIC 2025-0506 Kristie Farrington v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut,
Department of Correction; and State of Connecticut,
Department of Correction

Paragraph 12 of the Hearing Officer's Report is amended as follows:

12. The respondents' Director of Training and **EXTERNAL** [Internal] Affairs appeared and testified at the March 16, 2026, and April 30, 2026 hearings on this matter. The Director testified that disclosure of the requested record may reveal vulnerabilities within the correctional facility. It is found that disclosure of such vulnerabilities may result in a safety risk, including risk of injury to guards or inmates within the facility. In support of this claim, the Director testified, and it is found, that disclosing information about the quantity of security cameras in certain areas may inform someone "exactly how much surveillance is happening within any area or in any facility [and one] can determine...what areas, or spots, or parts of the facility would be blind spots..." to carry out assaults on guards and/or inmates.

Docket #FIC 2025-0568 Jennifer Johnson v. Chairman, Finance Committee, Westport
Representative Town Meeting; Finance Committee, Westport
Representative Town Meeting; and Town of Westport

Paragraph 21 of the Hearing Officer's Report is amended as follows:

21. Consequently, it is concluded that the respondents did **NOT** violate §1-231(a),
G.S., as alleged in the complaint