

TO: Freedom of Information Commission

FROM: Thomas A. Hennick

RE: Minutes of the Commission's regular meeting of March 10, 2021

A regular meeting of the Freedom of Information Commission was held on March 10, 2021. Due to public health concerns surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, the Commission meeting of March 10, 2021 was conducted telephonically. The meeting convened at 2:04 p.m. with the following Commissioners present:

Commissioner Owen P. Eagan, presiding
Commissioner Jay Shaw
Commissioner Jonathan J. Einhorn
Commissioner Matthew Streeter
Commissioner Christopher P. Hankins
Commissioner Lenny T. Winkler
Commissioner Ryan P. Barry
Commissioner Stephen Fuzesi Jr.
Commissioner Victoria W. Chavey

Also present were staff members, Mary E. Schwind, Valicia D. Harmon, Kathleen K. Ross, Paula S. Pearlman, Matthew D. Reed, Danielle L. McGee and Thomas A. Hennick.

The Commissioners unanimously voted to approve the Commission's regular meeting minutes of [February 24, 2021](#).

Those in attendance were informed that the March 10, 2021 regular meeting of the Commission was being recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2019-0642](#)

GerJuan Tyus v. James Rovella, 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 recorded digitally.

[Docket #FIC 2020-0068](#)

Russell Peeler v. Chief, Police Department, City of Bridgeport; Police Department, City of Bridgeport; and City of Bridgeport

Russell Peeler appeared on his own behalf. Attorney Dina Scalo appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted twice 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 2020-0159](#)

Shawn Crocker v. Rollin Cook, 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 recorded digitally.

[Docket #FIC 2020-0160](#)

Shawn Crocker v. Rollin Cook, 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 recorded digitally.

[Docket #FIC 2020-0372](#)

Andy Wainwright v. Ann Hughes, State Representative, State of Connecticut, Connecticut General Assembly, House of Representatives; and State of Connecticut, Connecticut General Assembly, House of Representatives

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

Attorney Matthew Reed reported on the Appellate Court decision dated March 2, 2021 in *David Godbout v. Freedom of Information Commission* [AC 43535](#).

Mary E. Schwind reported on pending appeals.

Mary E. Schwind reported that Commission staff is continuing to hold contested case hearings remotely and has begun the process of holding remote video hearings.

Mary E. Schwind reported that the relocation of Commission offices is now scheduled for mid-May 2021 but that the move could be delayed.

Paula S. Pearlman reported on several pieces of proposed legislation of interest to the Commission.

The meeting was adjourned at 3 p.m.

Thomas A. Hennick

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* See attached for amendments

AMENDMENTS

Docket #FIC 2020-0068

Russell Peeler v. Chief, Police Department, City of Bridgeport; Police Department, City of Bridgeport; and City of Bridgeport

The Hearing Officer's Report is amended as follows:

2. It is found that, by letter dated December 9, 2019, the complainant requested a copy of a criminal case file identified as **99D-0038** [#W002398-121319], from the respondents.

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

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

1. Within seven (7) days of the date of the Final Decision in this matter, the respondents shall provide a complete copy of all records responsive to the request, described in paragraph 2 of the findings, above, free of charge, to the complainant at his correctional facility.

[2.] 3. Henceforth, the respondents shall strictly comply with §§1-210(a) and 1-212(a), G.S.

2. IN ADDITION, FORTHWITH, THE RESPONDENTS SHALL CONTACT THE COMMISSION TO ARRANGE FOR TRAINING TO BE CONDUCTED BY COMMISSION STAFF.