

TO: Freedom of Information Commission

FROM: Russell Blair

RE: Minutes of the Commission's regular meeting of January 8, 2025

A regular meeting of the Freedom of Information Commission was held on January 8, 2025. The Commission meeting of January 8, 2025 was conducted in person. The meeting convened at 2:03 p.m. with the following Commissioners present:

Commissioner Owen P. Eagan, presiding
Commissioner Jonathan J. Einhorn
Commissioner Kate Farrish
Commissioner Stephen Fuzesi Jr.
Commissioner Judith Ganswindt
Commissioner Aigné Goldsby Wells
Commissioner Christopher P. Hankins
Commissioner Thomas A. Hennick
Commissioner Matthew Streeter

Also present were staff members Colleen M. Murphy, Danielle L. McGee, Mary-Kate Smith, C. Zack Hyde, Nicholas A. Smarra, Marybeth G. Sullivan, Paul V. Arce, Jennifer Mayo and Russell Blair.

The Commissioners unanimously voted to approve the Commission's regular meeting minutes of December 18, 2024.

Those in attendance were informed that the January 8, 2025 regular meeting of the Commission was being recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2024-0035](#) Samuel Davis v. Angel Quiros, Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Correction; and State of Connecticut, Department of Correction

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

[Docket #FIC 2024-0162](#) Jason Goode v. 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 digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2024-0334](#) Jesse R. Benoit v. Ronnell Higgins, Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Services and Public

Protection, Division of State Police; and State of Connecticut,
Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection,
Division of State Police

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

[Docket #FIC 2024-0019](#) Nancy Griswold v. Zoning Enforcement Officer, Building and Land Use Department, Town of Thomaston; Building and Land Use Department, Town of Thomaston; and Town of Thomaston

Nancy Griswold appeared on her own behalf. Attorney Nicole Byrne appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2024-0027](#) Joan Coe v. Town Manager, Town of Simsbury; Town of Simsbury; Chief, Police Department, Town of Simsbury; and Police Department, Town of Simsbury

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

[Docket #FIC 2024-0031](#) Joao Campos v. Joseph Kobza, Superintendent of Schools, Monroe Public Schools, Town of Monroe; Monroe Public Schools, Town of Monroe; and Town of Monroe

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

[Docket #FIC 2024-0033](#) Anthony Gennaro Sr. v. Chair, Common Council, City of Middletown; Common Council, City of Middletown; and City of Middletown

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

[Docket #FIC 2024-0062](#) Jim Haddadin v. General Manager/Chief Executive Officer, Greater Bridgeport Transit District; and Greater Bridgeport Transit District

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

[Docket #FIC 2024-0241](#)

United Food and Commercial Workers, Local 919 v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Consumer Protection; and State of Connecticut, Department of Consumer Protection

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

[Docket #FIC 2024-0278](#)

Greta Blau v. Chief, Police Department, Town of Hamden; and Police Department, Town of Hamden; and Town of Hamden

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

Attorney Nicholas A. Smarra reported on the Superior Court decision dated December 19, 2024 in Marc Lemcke v. Town of Westport, Docket No. HHB-CV23-6083041-S. The Court upheld the Commission's final decision in Docket #FIC-2022-0530. The Commissioners took no action.

Executive Director Colleen M. Murphy reported that Jonathon McCann would be joining the Commission as a new Staff Attorney on January 24, 2025.

Executive Director Colleen M. Murphy presented the Commission's 2025 legislative package for consideration. The Commissioners unanimously voted to approve the 2025 legislative package.

Director of Education and Communications reported that the Commission had partnered with the Connecticut Council on Freedom of Information to host a Freedom of Information Act briefing for all legislators at the Legislative Office Building on January 13, 2025.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:01 p.m.

/s/ Russell Blair
Russell Blair