

TO: Freedom of Information Commission
FROM: Russell Blair
RE: Minutes of the Commission's regular meeting of February 13, 2025

A regular meeting of the Freedom of Information Commission was held on February 13, 2025. The Commission meeting of February 13, 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 (participated via speakerphone)
Commissioner Stephen Fuzesi Jr. (participated via speakerphone)
Commissioner Judith Ganswindt (participated via speakerphone)
Commissioner Aigné Goldsby Wells
Commissioner Christopher P. Hankins (participated via speakerphone)
Commissioner Thomas A. Hennick

Also present were staff members Paula S. Pearlman, Valicia D. Harmon, Mary-Kate Smith, C. Zack Hyde, Nicholas A. Smarra, Paul V. Arce, J. Max McCann, Jennifer Mayo and Russell Blair.

The Commissioners unanimously voted to approve the Commission's regular meeting minutes of January 22, 2025.

Those in attendance were informed that the February 13, 2025 regular meeting of the Commission was being recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2020-0589](#) Roderick Rogers v. Armando Perez, Chief, Police Department, City of Bridgeport; Police Department, City of Bridgeport; and City of Bridgeport

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

[Docket #FIC 2024-0287](#) 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 2024-0298](#) Curtis Stephens v. President and Chief Executive Officer, Community Renewal Team, Inc.; and Community Renewal Team, Inc.

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

[Docket #FIC 2024-0108](#) Terrence Hastings v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Social Services; and State of Connecticut, Department of Social Services

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

[Docket #FIC 2024-0112](#) Eileen Ego v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Administrative Services; and State of Connecticut, Department of Administrative Services

Eileen Ego appeared on her own behalf. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2024-0125](#) Michael 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 2024-0163](#) Matthew Waggner v. First Selectman, Town of Fairfield; Chief of Staff, Town of Fairfield; and Town of Fairfield

Matthew Waggner appeared on his own behalf. 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 2024-0343](#) Lionel Dudley v. Deputy Chief Clerk, State of Connecticut, Judicial Branch, Superior Court for Juvenile Matters at Waterford; and Judicial Branch, Superior Court for Juvenile Matters at Waterford

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

[Docket #FIC 2024-0423](#) Cambridge Properties v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Housing; and State of Connecticut, Department of Housing

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

[Docket #FIC 2024-0500](#) Thomas Green v. Superintendent of Schools, Windham Public Schools; and Windham Public schools

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

Attorney Mary-Kate Smith reported on the January 15, 2025 decision in Superior Court in Chief, Police Department, City of Bridgeport v. Freedom of Information Commission, Docket No. HHB-CV-23-6081745-S. The Court upheld the Commission's Final Decision in #FIC 2022-0366, *Evan Parzych v. Chief, Police Department, City of Bridgeport et al.*

Managing Director and Associate General Counsel Paula S. Pearlman and Director of Education and Communications Russell Blair updated the Commissioners on the status of various bills under consideration by the General Assembly.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:03 p.m.

/s/ Russell Blair
Russell Blair

AMENDMENTS*

Docket #FIC 2024-0163 Matthew Waggner v. First Selectman, Town of Fairfield; Chief of Staff, Town of Fairfield; and Town of Fairfield

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

1. The complaint is hereby dismissed.

2. THE COMMISSION SUGGESTS THAT THE RESPONDENTS USE THEIR BEST EFFORTS TO NOT USE PERSONAL DEVICES TO CONDUCT PUBLIC BUSINESS, AND, IF THEY DO USE THEIR PERSONAL DEVICES TO CONDUCT SUCH BUSINESS, THAT THEY MAINTAIN SUCH PUBLIC RECORDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE'S PUBLIC RECORDS RETENTION SCHEDULES.