

TO: Freedom of Information Commission
FROM: Russell Blair
RE: Minutes of the Commission's regular meeting of February 28, 2024

A regular meeting of the Freedom of Information Commission was held on February 28, 2024. The Commission meeting of February 28, 2024 was conducted in person. The meeting convened at 2:02 p.m. with the following Commissioners present:

Commissioner Owen P. Eagan, presiding
Commissioner Kate Farrish (participated by speakerphone)
Commissioner Stephen Fuzesi Jr. (participated by speakerphone)
Commissioner Aigné Goldsby
Commissioner Christopher P. Hankins
Commissioner Matthew Streeter

Also present were staff members Colleen M. Murphy, Paula S. Pearlman, Valicia D. Harmon, C. Zack Hyde, Kevin W. Munn, Marybeth Sullivan, Jennifer Mayo, Molly Steffes and Russell Blair.

The Commissioners unanimously voted to approve the Commission's regular meeting minutes of February 14, 2024.

Those in attendance were informed that the February 28, 2024 regular meeting of the Commission was being recorded.

Docket #FIC 2023-0140 Cordaryl Silva v. James C. 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 digitally recorded.

Docket #FIC 2023-0156 Patrick Lexis v. 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 digitally recorded.

Docket #FIC 2023-0409 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 2023-0131 Michael Ceppetelli v. Chair, Planning & Zoning Commission, Town of East Windsor; Planning & Zoning Commission, Town of East Windsor; and Town of East Windsor

Attorney Scott Lingenfelter and Michael Ceppetelli appeared on behalf of the complainant. Attorney Brian McCann and Town Planner Ruthanne Calabrese appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

Docket #FIC 2023-0132 Robert Lee v. Mayor, City of Derby; and City of Derby

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

Docket #FIC 2023-0167 Thomas Goldenberg v. Corporation Counsel, Office of the Corporation Counsel, City of New Haven; Office of the Corporation Counsel, City of New Haven; City of New Haven

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

Docket #FIC 2023-0172 James B. Savoy v. Chair, State of Connecticut, Electrical Work Examining Board, Department of Consumer Protection; State of Connecticut, Electrical Work Examining Board, Department of Consumer Protection; 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.

Attorney Valicia D. Harmon reported on a February 16, 2024, decision in Superior Court in *David Godbout v. Colleen Murphy, Executive Director, State of Connecticut, Freedom of Information Commission, et al.*, HHB-CV22-5032223-S. The Court granted the Commission's cross motion for summary judgment and dismissed the appeal.

Attorney Valicia D. Harmon reported on a February 27, 2024, decision in the Supreme Court in *John Drumm, Chief of Police et al. v. Freedom of Information Commission et al.*, SC 20656. The case was remanded back to the Commission for further proceedings.

Executive Director Colleen M. Murphy introduced Attorney Marybeth Sullivan as the Commission's newest staff attorney.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

/s/ Russell Blair
Russell Blair