

TO: Freedom of Information Commission
FROM: Russell Blair
RE: Minutes of the Commission's regular meeting of March 27, 2024

A regular meeting of the Freedom of Information Commission was held on March 27, 2024. The Commission meeting of March 27, 2024 was conducted in person. The meeting convened at 2 p.m. with the following Commissioners present:

Commissioner Owen P. Eagan, presiding
Commissioner Kate Farrish
Commissioner Stephen Fuzesi Jr.
Commissioner Judith Ganswindt
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, Nicholas Smarra, Danielle L. McGee, Mary-Kate Smith, 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 March 13, 2024.

Those in attendance were informed that the March 27, 2024 regular meeting of the Commission was being recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2020-0660](#) Luis Diaz v. 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 2023-0158](#) Andres Sosa v. Angel Quiros, Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Correction; and State of Connecticut, Department of Correction

Andres Sosa appeared on his own behalf. Attorney Jennifer Lepore appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2020-0604](#) Matthew Hennessy v. Tom Kirk, President, Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority; Laurie Hunt, Director of Legal Services, Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority; and Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority

Attorney Michael Harrington and Matthew Hennessey appeared on behalf of the complainant. Attorney Alan Curto appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2021-0263](#)

Matthew Hennessey v. Tom Kirk, President, Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority; Donald Stein, Chair, Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority; Laurie Hunt, Director of Legal Services, Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority; and Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority

Attorney Michael Harrington and Matthew Hennessey appeared on behalf of the complainant. Attorney Alan Curto appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2023-0142](#)

John DiIorio v. Banking Committee, State of Connecticut, General Assembly

Attorney Eric Herst and John DiIorio appeared on behalf of the complainant. Assistant Attorney General Timothy Holzman appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2023-0211](#)

Adam Osmond v. Public Records Administrator, State of Connecticut, Office of the Public Records Administrator; and State of Connecticut, Office of the Public Records Administrator

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

The Commissioners voted 6-0 to accept the Executive Director's recommendation to supplement the Administrative Record in *Paul Michalski v. Freedom of Information Commission*, HHB-CV-23-6077756-S, pursuant to Plaintiff Michalski's request dated February 26, 2024, as authorized by the Superior Court's order, limited to a video link to the February 24, 2022, special meeting posted on the Darien Board of Education YouTube page. Commissioner Goldsby was not present for the vote.

The Commissioners voted 6-0 to deny John DiIorio's Request for a Declaratory Ruling dated February 5, 2024. Commissioner Goldsby was not present for the vote.

Attorney Danielle L. McGee reported that the appellants in *Town of Avon et al. v. Joseph Sastre et al.*, AC 45885, had filed a Petition for Certification with the Supreme Court to appeal the Appellate Court's March 5, 2024, decision in the matter.

Executive Director Colleen M. Murphy reported that three of the four Commissioners who had recently appeared before the General Assembly's Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee had resolutions adopting their appointments approved by the House or Senate on March 25, 2024.

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 4:19 p.m.

/s/ Russell Blair
Russell Blair