

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION



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Vinny Vella, and the Hartford Courant, Complainant(s) against

Respondent(s)

Notice of Meeting

President, State of Connecticut, University of Connecticut; and State of Connecticut, University of Connecticut

Docket #FIC 2017-0156

September 14, 2017

Transmittal of Proposed Final Decision Dated September 13, 2017

In accordance with Section 4-179 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Freedom of Information Commission hereby transmits to you the proposed finding and decision dated September 13, 2017, prepared by the hearing officer in the above-captioned matter.

This will notify you that the Commission will consider this matter for disposition at its meeting which will be held in the Freedom of Information Commission Hearing Room, 18-20 Trinity Street, Ist floor, Hartford, Connecticut, at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 27, 2017. At that time and place you will be allowed to offer oral argument concerning this proposed finding and order. Oral argument shall be limited to ten (10) minutes. For good cause shown, however, the Commission may increase the period of time for argument. A request for additional time must be made in writing and should be filed with the Commission on or before September 20, 2017. Such request MUST BE (1) copied to all parties, or if the parties are represented, to such representatives, and (2) include a notation indicating such notice to all parties or their representatives.

Although a brief or memorandum of law is not required, if you decide to submit such a document, an <u>original and fourteen (14) copies</u> must be filed *on or before September 20, 2017.* PLEASE NOTE: Any correspondence, brief or memorandum directed to the Commissioners by any party or representative of any party MUST BE (1) copied to all parties, or if the parties are represented, to such representatives, (2) include a notation indicating such notice to all parties or their representatives and (3) be limited to argument. NO NEW EVIDENCE MAY BE SUBMITTED.

If you have already filed a brief or memorandum with the hearing officer and wish to have that document distributed to each member of the Commission, it is requested that <u>fifteen (15)</u> <u>copies</u> be filed *on or before September 20, 2017* and that **notice be given to all parties or if the parties are represented, to their representatives, that such previously filed document is being submitted to the Commissioners for review.**

By Order of the Freedom of Information Commission

Wendy R.B. Paradis

Acting Clerk of the Commission

Notice to: Matthew Kauffman

Nicole Gelston and Paul McCarthy

Michael J. Walsh

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

In the Matter of a Complaint by

Second Report of Hearing Officer

Vinny Vella and the Hartford Courant,

Complainants

against

Docket #FIC 2017-0156

President, State of Connecticut, University of Connecticut; State of Connecticut, University of Connecticut; and Abraham and Shinymol Chemmarappally,

Respondents

September 13, 2017

By motion dated and filed May 9, 2017, Abraham and Shinymol Chemmarappally requested permission to intervene in this matter. On May 11, 2017, the hearing officer granted such motion, and the case caption was amended accordingly. The above-captioned matter was heard as a contested case on May 15, 2017, at which time the complainants, the University of Connecticut respondents, and Abraham and Shinymol Chemmarappally appeared, and presented testimony, exhibits and argument on the complaint.

A Report of Hearing Officer, dated September 1, 2017, was mailed to the parties on that date. By email, dated September 12, 2017, the complainants informed the Commission that they wished to withdraw their complaint in this matter. The Commission takes administrative notice of such withdrawal.

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

1. The complaint is dismissed.

Kathleen K. Ross as Hearing Officer