

Notice of Special Meetings

The Freedom of Information Commission will hold special meetings during the week of November 18, 2019 through November 22, 2019 at the specific dates and times listed below. Each meeting will be held in the Freedom of Information Hearing Room, First Floor, 18-20 Trinity Street, Hartford, Connecticut, for the purpose of conducting a hearing concerning the contested case designated by the corresponding docket number listed below. For further information concerning these hearings, please contact the Commission's administrative office at 18-20 Trinity Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06106: telephone (860) 566-5682.

| Date | Time | Contested Case Docket # | CONTESTED CASE CAPTION |
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| November 18, 2019 | 11:00 AM | <u>FIC 2019-0536</u> | Jon Schoenhorn v. Chief, Police Department, City of Hartford; Police Department, City of Hartford; and City of Hartford |
| | 1:00 PM | <u>FIC 2019-0550</u> | Timothy Guidera v. Fire Chief, Town of Pawcatuck; and Town of Pawcatuck |
| | 2:30 PM | <u>FIC 2019-0469</u> | Theresa Tonina v. Mayor, Town of Berlin; Tax Assessor, Town of Berlin; Tax Collector, Town of Berlin; and Town of Berlin |
| November 19, 2019 | 9:30 AM | <u>FIC 2019-0068</u> | Joshua Smith v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Correction; and State of Connecticut, Department of Correction |
| | 11:00 AM | <u>FIC 2019-0539</u> | Beth Smith v. Mayor, City of Shelton; and City of Shelton |
| | 1:00 PM | <u>FIC 2019-0431</u> | Lindy Urso v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Public Health; and State of Connecticut, Department of Public Health |
| | 2:30 PM | <u>FIC 2019-0540</u> | Brian Leonard v. Mayor, Town of Plymouth; and Town of Plymouth |
| November 20, 2019 | 9:30 AM | <u>FIC 2019-0441</u> | Robert Andrews v. Rollin Cook, Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Correction; and State of Connecticut, Department of Correction |
| | 11:00 AM | <u>FIC 2019-0498</u> | Ben McGorty v. Fire Marshal, City of Shelton; and City of Shelton |
| | 1:00 PM | <u>FIC 2019-0533</u> | Theresa Tonina v. Mayor, Town of Berlin; Tax Collector, Town of Berlin; Assessor, Town of Berlin; and Town of Berlin |
| | 2:30 PM | <u>FIC 2019-0541</u> | Gwen Samuel v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Education; and State of Connecticut, Department of Education |
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| November 21, 2019 | 9:30 AM | <u>FIC 2019-0424</u> | Earl Thompson v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection; and State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection |
| | 11:00 AM | <u>FIC 2019-0542</u> | Mark Graves, Jr. v. Executive Administrator, Town of Windham; and Town of Windham |
| | 1:00 PM | <u>FIC 2019-0407</u> | Bob Welsh and Nancy on Norwalk v. Robert Duff, State of Connecticut, Member, Connecticut State Senate |
| | 2:30 PM | <u>FIC 2019-0562</u> | Robert Cushman v. Chief, Police Department, City of Hartford; Police Department, City of Hartford; and City of Hartford |
| | | <u>FIC 2019-0563</u> | Robert Cushman v. Chief, Police Department, City of Hartford; Police Department, City of Hartford; and City of Hartford |
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| November 22, 2019 | 9:30 AM | <u>FIC 2019-0433</u> | Jeffery Williams v. Chief, Police Department, City of New Haven; and Police Department, City of New Haven |
| | 11:00 AM | <u>FIC 2019-0253</u> | Seth Kershner v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection; and State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection |
| | 1:00 PM | <u>FIC 2019-0474</u> | Joe Wojtas and The Day v. Superintendent of Schools, Stonington Public Schools; and Stonington Public Schools |
| | | <u>FIC 2019-0493</u> | Joe Wojtas, and the New London Day v. Superintendent of Schools, Stonington Public Schools; and Stonington Public Schools |
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| November 18, 2019 | 11:00 AM | FIC 2019-0536 | Jon Schoenhorn v. Chief, Police Department, City of Hartford; Police Department, City of Hartford; and City of Hartford |
| <p>NOTICE: The special meeting scheduled in the following matter for November 18, 2019 at 11:00 AM, was cancelled. The complaint in this matter has been withdrawn.</p> <p>Docket #FIC 2019-0536; Jon Schoenhorn v. Chief, Police Department, City of Hartford; Police Department, City of Hartford; and City of Hartford</p> | | | |
| November 18, 2019 | 1:00 PM | FIC 2019-0550 | Timothy Guidera v. Fire Chief, Town of Pawcatuck; and Town of Pawcatuck |
| <p>NOTICE: The special meeting scheduled in the following matter for November 18, 2019 at 1:00 PM, was cancelled. The complaint in this matter has been withdrawn.</p> <p>Docket #FIC 2019-0550; Timothy Guidera v. Fire Chief, Town of Pawcatuck; and Town of Pawcatuck</p> | | | |
| November 18, 2019 | 2:30 PM | FIC 2019-0469 | Theresa Tonina v. Mayor, Town of Berlin; Tax Assessor, Town of Berlin; Tax Collector, Town of Berlin; and Town of Berlin |
| <p>NOTICE: The special meeting scheduled in the following matter for November 18, 2019 at 2:30 PM, was cancelled. The complaint in this matter has been withdrawn.</p> <p>Docket #FIC 2019-0469; Theresa Tonina v. Mayor, Town of Berlin; Tax Assessor, Town of Berlin; Tax Collector, Town of Berlin; and Town of Berlin</p> | | | |

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| November 19, 2019 | 9:30 AM | FIC 2019-0068 | Joshua Smith v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Correction; and State of Connecticut, Department of Correction |
| <p>An evidentiary hearing of the Freedom of Information Commission in the following matter was held on November 19, 2019 in the Freedom of Information Hearing Room, 18-20 Trinity Street, Hartford, Connecticut.</p> <p>Docket #FIC 2019-0068; Joshua Smith v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Correction; and State of Connecticut, Department of Correction</p> <p>Joshua Smith appeared via speakerphone on his own behalf. Attorney Tracie Brown appeared on behalf of the respondents. No votes were taken. The proceedings were digitally recorded.</p> <p>The hearing convened at 9:30 a.m. with Attorney Mary E. Schwind presiding. The hearing adjourned at 10:43 a.m. Dated: November 19, 2019</p> | | | |
| November 19, 2019 | 11:00 AM | FIC 2019-0539 | Beth Smith v. Mayor, City of Shelton; and City of Shelton |
| <p>An evidentiary hearing of the Freedom of Information Commission in the following matter was held on November 19, 2019 in the Freedom of Information Hearing Room, 18-20 Trinity Street, Hartford, Connecticut.</p> <p>Docket #FIC 2019-0539; Beth Smith v. Mayor, City of Shelton; and City of Shelton</p> <p>Beth Smith appeared on her own behalf. Attorney Francis A. Teodosio appeared on behalf of the respondents. No votes were taken. The proceedings were digitally recorded.</p> <p>The hearing convened at 11:03 a.m. with Attorney Valicia D. Harmon presiding. The hearing adjourned at 12:38 p.m. Dated: November 19, 2019</p> | | | |
| November 19, 2019 | 1:00 PM | FIC 2019-0431 | Lindy Urso v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Public Health; and State of Connecticut, Department of Public Health |
| <p>NOTICE: The special meeting scheduled in the following matter for November 19, 2019 at 1:00 PM, was cancelled. The complaint in this matter has been withdrawn.</p> <p>Docket #FIC 2019-0431; Lindy Urso v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Public Health; and State of Connecticut, Department of Public Health</p> | | | |

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| November 19, 2019 | 2:30 PM | FIC 2019-0540 | Brian Leonard v. Mayor, Town of Plymouth; and Town of Plymouth |
| <p>An evidentiary hearing of the Freedom of Information Commission in the following matter was held on November 19, 2019 in the Freedom of Information Hearing Room, 18-20 Trinity Street, Hartford, Connecticut.</p> <p>Docket #FIC 2019-0540; Brian Leonard v. Mayor, Town of Plymouth; and Town of Plymouth</p> <p>Brian Leonard appeared on his own behalf. Attorney William Hamzy appeared on behalf of the respondents. No votes were taken. The proceedings were digitally recorded.</p> <p>The hearing convened at 2:31 p.m. with Commissioner Christopher P. Hankins presiding. The hearing adjourned at 2:55 p.m. Dated: November 19, 2019</p> | | | |

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| November 20, 2019 | 9:30 AM | FIC 2019-0441 | Robert Andrews v. Rollin Cook, Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Correction; and State of Connecticut, Department of Correction |
| <p>NOTICE: The special meeting scheduled in the following matter for November 20, 2019 at 9:30 AM, was postponed.</p> <p>Docket #FIC 2019-0441; Robert Andrews v. Rollin Cook, Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Correction; and State of Connecticut, Department of Correction</p> | | | |
| November 20, 2019 | 11:00 AM | FIC 2019-0498 | Ben McGorty v. Fire Marshal, City of Shelton; and City of Shelton |
| <p>NOTICE: The special meeting scheduled in the following matter for November 20, 2019 at 11:00 AM, was cancelled. The complaint in this matter has been withdrawn.</p> <p>Docket #FIC 2019-0498; Ben McGorty v. Fire Marshal, City of Shelton; and City of Shelton</p> | | | |
| November 20, 2019 | 1:00 PM | FIC 2019-0533 | Theresa Tonina v. Mayor, Town of Berlin; Tax Collector, Town of Berlin; Assessor, Town of Berlin; and Town of Berlin |
| <p>NOTICE: The special meeting scheduled in the following matter for November 20, 2019 at 1:00 PM, was postponed.</p> <p>Docket #FIC 2019-0533; Theresa Tonina v. Mayor, Town of Berlin; Tax Collector, Town of Berlin; Assessor, Town of Berlin; and Town of Berlin</p> | | | |

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| November 20, 2019 | 2:30 PM | FIC 2019-0541 | Gwen Samuel v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Education; and State of Connecticut, Department of Education |
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NOTICE: The special meeting scheduled in the following matter for November 20, 2019 at 2:30 PM, was postponed.

Docket #FIC 2019-0541;

Gwen Samuel v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Education; and State of Connecticut, Department of Education

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| November 21, 2019 | 9:30 AM | FIC 2019-0424 | Earl Thompson v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection; and State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection |

An evidentiary hearing of the Freedom of Information Commission in the following matter was held on November 21, 2019 in the Freedom of Information Hearing Room, 18-20 Trinity Street, Hartford, Connecticut.

Docket #FIC 2019-0424;

Earl Thompson v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection; and State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection

Earl Thompson appeared via speakerphone on his own behalf. Attorney Cynthia Isales appeared on behalf of the respondents. No votes were taken. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

The hearing convened at 9:36 a.m. with Attorney Paula S. Pearlman presiding.

The hearing adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

Dated: November 25, 2019

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| November 21, 2019 | 11:00 AM | FIC 2019-0542 | Mark Graves, Jr. v. Executive Administrator, Town of Windham; and Town of Windham |
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NOTICE: The special meeting scheduled in the following matter for November 21, 2019 at 11:00 AM, was cancelled. The complaint in this matter has been withdrawn.

Docket #FIC 2019-0542;

Mark Graves, Jr. v. Executive Administrator, Town of Windham; and Town of Windham

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| November 21, 2019 | 1:00 PM | FIC 2019-0407 | Bob Welsh and Nancy on Norwalk v. Robert Duff, State of Connecticut, Member, Connecticut State Senate |
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NOTICE: The special meeting scheduled in the following matter for November 21, 2019 at 1:00 PM, was cancelled. The complaint in this matter has been withdrawn.

Docket #FIC 2019-0407;

Bob Welsh and Nancy on Norwalk v. Robert Duff, State of Connecticut, Member, Connecticut State Senate

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| November 21, 2019 | 2:30 PM | FIC 2019-0562 | Robert Cushman v. Chief, Police Department, City of Hartford; Police Department, City of Hartford; and City of Hartford |
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NOTICE: The special meeting scheduled in the following consolidated matter for November 21, 2019 at 2:30 PM, was postponed.

Docket #FIC 2019-0562;

Robert Cushman v. Chief, Police Department, City of Hartford; Police Department, City of Hartford; and City of Hartford

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| November 21, 2019 | 2:30 PM | FIC 2019-0563 | Robert Cushman v. Chief, Police Department, City of Hartford; Police Department, City of Hartford; and City of Hartford |
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NOTICE: The special meeting scheduled in the following consolidated matter for November 21, 2019 at 2:30 PM, was postponed.

Docket #FIC 2019-0563;

Robert Cushman v. Chief, Police Department, City of Hartford; Police Department, City of Hartford; and City of Hartford

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| November 22, 2019 | 9:30 AM | FIC 2019-0433 | Jeffery Williams v. Chief, Police Department, City of New Haven; and Police Department, City of New Haven |
| <p>NOTICE: The special meeting scheduled in the following matter for November 22, 2019 at 9:30 AM, was postponed.</p> <p>Docket #FIC 2019-0433; Jeffery Williams v. Chief, Police Department, City of New Haven; and Police Department, City of New Haven</p> | | | |
| November 22, 2019 | 11:00 AM | FIC 2019-0253 | Seth Kershner v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection; and State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection |
| <p>An evidentiary hearing of the Freedom of Information Commission in the following matter was held on November 22, 2019 in the Freedom of Information Hearing Room, 18-20 Trinity Street, Hartford, Connecticut.</p> <p>Docket #FIC 2019-0253; Seth Kershner v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection; and State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection</p> <p>The complainant failed to appear. Trooper Douglas S. Sauve appeared on behalf of the respondents. No votes were taken. The proceedings were digitally recorded.</p> <p>The hearing convened at 11:21 a.m. with Attorney Valicia D. Harmon presiding. The hearing adjourned at 11:32 a.m. Dated: November 25, 2019</p> | | | |
| November 22, 2019 | 1:00 PM | FIC 2019-0474 | Joe Wojtas and The Day v. Superintendent of Schools, Stonington Public Schools; and Stonington Public Schools |
| <p>An evidentiary hearing of the Freedom of Information Commission in the following consolidated matters was held on November 22, 2019 in the Freedom of Information Hearing Room, 18-20 Trinity Street, Hartford, Connecticut.</p> <p>Docket #FIC 2019-0474; Joe Wojtas and The Day v. Superintendent of Schools, Stonington Public Schools; and Stonington Public Schools</p> <p>Joe Wojtas appeared on behalf of the complainants. Attorney Kyle McClain appeared on behalf of the respondents. No votes were taken. The proceedings were digitally recorded.</p> <p>The hearing convened at 1:00 p.m. with Attorney Matthew Reed presiding. The hearing adjourned at 3:47 p.m. Dated: November 25, 2019</p> | | | |

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| November 22, 2019 | 1:00 PM | FIC 2019-0493 | Joe Wojtas, and the New London Day v. Superintendent of Schools, Stonington Public Schools; and Stonington Public Schools |
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An evidentiary hearing of the Freedom of Information Commission in the following consolidated matters was held on November 22, 2019 in the Freedom of Information Hearing Room, 18-20 Trinity Street, Hartford, Connecticut.

Docket #FIC 2019-0493;

Joe Wojtas, and the New London Day v. Superintendent of Schools, Stonington Public Schools; and Stonington Public Schools

Joe Wojtas appeared on behalf of the complainants. Attorney Kyle McClain appeared on behalf of the respondents. No votes were taken. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

The hearing convened at 1:00 p.m. with Attorney Matthew Reed presiding.

The hearing adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

Dated: November 25, 2019

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