## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

In the Matter of a Complaint by Neal Botting,

FINAL DECISION

Complainant

against

Docket #FIC 2017-0397

Director, Human Resources, State of Connecticut, Middlesex Community College; and State of Connecticut, Middlesex Community College,

Respondents

October 25, 2017

The above-captioned matter was scheduled to be heard as a contested case on September 14, 2017 at 1:00 p.m., at which time the respondents appeared, but the complainant did not appear to prosecute the case.

The hearing officer notes that Assistant Attorney General Mary K. Lenehan, counsel for the respondents, appeared at the hearing with Attorney Gregory Daniels and Director of Strategic Initiatives Michael Kozlowski, both from Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, and with Human Resources Director Anastasia Pych from Middlesex Community College. Attorney Lenehan represented that she had spent approximately six hours reviewing the requested records, meeting with her witnesses and generally preparing for the hearing. Attorney Lenehan further represented that Attorney Daniels, Mr. Kozlowski and Ms. Pych, as well as other staff members at Middlesex Community College, had spent considerable time working with the complainant, and searching for and reviewing the requested records. The hearing officer further notes that Attorney Lenehan, Attorney Daniels, Mr. Kozlowski and Ms. Pych all arrived on time, only to have a three minute hearing and then travel back to their respective jobs.

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

- 1. The complaint is hereby dismissed.
- 2. The complainant is admonished for his failure to appear at the hearing in this matter, which failure resulted in a waste of scarce state resources.

Approved by Order of the Freedom of Information Commission at its regular meeting of October 25, 2017.

Cynthia A. Cannata

Acting Clerk of the Commission

PURSUANT TO SECTION 4-180(c), G.S., THE FOLLOWING ARE THE NAMES OF EACH PARTY AND THE MOST RECENT MAILING ADDRESS, PROVIDED TO THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION, OF THE PARTIES OR THEIR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE.

THE PARTIES TO THIS CONTESTED CASE ARE:

NEAL BOTTING, 199 Woodbury Circle, Middletown, CT 06457

DIRECTOR, HUMAN RESOURCES, STATE OF CONNECTICUT, MIDDLESEX COMMUNITY COLLEGE; AND STATE OF CONNECTICUT, MIDDLESEX COMMUNITY COLLEGE, c/o Assistant Attorney General Mary K. Lenehan, Office of the Attorney General, 55 Elm Street, PO Box 120, Hartford, CT 06141-0120

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