

TO: Freedom of Information Commission
FROM: Thomas A. Hennick
RE: Minutes of the Commission's regular meeting of August 14, 2019

A regular meeting of the Freedom of Information Commission was held on August 14, 2019, in the Freedom of Information Hearing Room, 18-20 Trinity Street, Hartford, Connecticut. The meeting convened at 2:12 p.m. with the following Commissioners present:

Commissioner Owen P. Eagan, presiding
Commissioner Jay Shaw (participated via speakerphone)
Commissioner Christopher P. Hankins
Commissioner Lenny T. Winkler

Also present were staff members, Mary E. Schwind, Victor R. Perpetua, Kathleen K. Ross, Valicia D. Harmon, Paula S. Pearlman, Matthew D. Reed, Danielle L. McGee, Cindy Cannata, and Thomas A. Hennick.

The Commissioners unanimously voted to approve the Commission's regular meeting minutes of July 24, 2019.

Those in attendance were informed that the Commission does not ordinarily record the remarks made at its meetings, but will do so on request.

[Docket #FIC 2018-0499](#) Andres Sosa v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Public Health; State of Connecticut, Department of Public Health; Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Correction; and State of Connecticut, Department of Correction

Andres Sosa participated via speakerphone. Attorney Jennifer Lepore appeared on behalf of the respondent Department of Correction. Assistant Attorney General Laura Thurston appeared on behalf of the respondent Department of Public Health. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were recorded digitally.

[Docket #FIC 2019-0130](#) Jason Goode v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Correction; and State of Connecticut, Department of Correction

The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report.

[Docket #FIC 2019-0184](#)

Jason Goode v. Attorney General, State of Connecticut,
Office of the Attorney General; and State of Connecticut,
Office of the Attorney General

The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report.

Docket #FIC 2019-0231

Noah Snyder v. Rollin Cook, Commissioner, State of
Connecticut, Department of Correction; and State of
Connecticut, Department of Correction

The matter was removed from the agenda.

[Docket #FIC 2015-127](#)

Michael Aronow v. Freedom of Information Officer, State of
Connecticut, University of Connecticut Health Center; and
State of Connecticut, University of Connecticut Health
Center

Assistant Attorney General Jeffrey Blumenthal appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to grant intervenor status to Attorney Natalia Millan on behalf of Dr. Jay Lieberman for the purpose of presenting legal argument. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report.

[Docket #FIC 2018-0515](#)

James Torlai v. Joseph McNeil, Chief, Police Department,
Town of Stratford; Police Department, Town of Stratford;
and Town of Stratford

The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report.

[Docket #FIC 2018-0560](#)

Ethan Book v. Christopher Rosario, Member, Connecticut
General Assembly; and Connecticut General Assembly

Ethan Book appeared on his own behalf. Assistant Attorney General Alma Rose Nunley appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were recorded digitally.

[Docket #FIC 2018-0649](#)

Ethan Book v. Mayor, City of Shelton; and City of Shelton

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

[Docket #FIC 2018-0584](#)

Cristina Orsi-Lirot v. First Selectman, Town of Darien;
and Town of Darien

The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report.

[Docket #FIC 2018-0599](#)

Daniel Oliverio v. Director of Administrative Services,
Town of Stonington; and Town of Stonington

Attorney Kristi Kelly appeared on behalf of the complainant. Attorney Brian Estep appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were recorded digitally.

[Docket #FIC 2018-0646](#)

Katherine Camara v. Town Manager, Town of
Watertown; and Town of Watertown

Katherine Camara appeared on her own behalf. Attorney Paul Jessup appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were recorded digitally.

[Docket #FIC 2018-0655](#)

James Barrett and Blue Bird Prestige, Inc. v.
Chairman, Inland Wetlands Commission, Town of
Stratford; Inland Wetlands Commission, Town of
Stratford; and Town of Stratford

The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report.

[Docket #FIC 2018-0656](#)

Joseph Regensburger v. Chairman, Inland Wetlands
Commission, Town of Stratford; Inland Wetlands
Commission, Town of Stratford; and Town of
Stratford

The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report.

[Docket #FIC 2019-0186](#)

Joel Skilton v. Chairman, Pension Commission,
Town of Morris; and Pension Commission, Town of
Morris

The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report.

The Commissioners unanimously voted to affirm the Decision Not to Schedule in *Joseph Sastre v. Chief, Armando Perez, Police Department, City of Bridgeport; and Police Department, City of Bridgeport*, Docket # FIC 2018-0474. The proceedings were recorded digitally.

The Commissioners unanimously voted to affirm the Decision Not to Schedule in *Joan Zygmunt v. George C. Jepsen, Attorney General, State of Connecticut, Office of the Attorney General; and State of Connecticut, Office of the Attorney General*, Docket # FIC 2018-0548. The proceedings were recorded digitally.

The Commissioners unanimously voted to affirm the Decision Not to Schedule in *Joan Zygmunt v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Consumer Protection; and State of Connecticut, Department of Consumer Protection*, Docket # FIC 2018-0559. The proceedings were recorded digitally.

The Commissioners unanimously voted to affirm the Decision Not to Schedule in *James Torlai v. Attorney General, State of Connecticut, Office of the Attorney General; and State of Connecticut, Office of the Attorney General*, Docket # FIC 2019-0204. The proceedings were recorded digitally.

The Commissioners unanimously voted to deny a Motion to Reconsider the final decision dated July 16, 2019 and received by the Commission on July 18, 2019, filed by complainant in *Nicholas Sheppard v. Dean of Student Affairs, State of Connecticut, Manchester Community College; and State of Connecticut, Manchester Community College*, Docket #FIC 2018-0590.

Attorney Valicia D.Harmon reported on the Appellate Court decision in *City of Meriden et al. v. Freedom of Information Commission et al.*, AC 41441, officially released August 6, 2019. The Commissioners unanimously voted to authorize the FOI staff to seek certification from the Connecticut Supreme Court to appeal the Appellate Court decision.

Mary E. Schwind reported that paralegal Maryann Stratton was leaving the agency and that the search for a replacement would begin immediately.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:19 p.m.