

TO: Freedom of Information Commission
FROM: Thomas A. Hennick
RE: Minutes of the Commission's special meeting of December 11, 2019

A special meeting of the Freedom of Information Commission was held on December 11, 2019, in the Freedom of Information Hearing Room, 18-20 Trinity Street, Hartford, Connecticut. The meeting convened at 2:13 p.m. with the following Commissioners present:

Commissioner Owen P. Eagan, presiding
Commissioner Jay Shaw (participated via speakerphone)
Commissioner Matthew Streeter
Commissioner Christopher P. Hankins
Commissioner Ryan P. Barry
Commissioner Stephen J. Fuzesi Jr.
Commissioner Victoria W. Chavey

Commissioner Victoria W. Chavey was introduced and sworn in as a Commissioner by Executive Director Colleen M. Murphy.

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

The Commissioners voted, 6-0, to approve the Commission's regular meeting minutes of November 13, 2019. Commissioner Hankins abstained.

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 2019-0025](#)

Corey Turner v. Chief, Police Department, City of Hartford; and Police Department, City of Hartford

Corey Turner participated via speakerphone. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were recorded digitally.

[Docket #FIC 2019-0097](#)

Lashawn Cecil v. Patrick J. Daley, Chief, Police Department, City of Norwich; Police Department, City of Norwich; and City of Norwich

Lashawn Cecil participated via speakerphone. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were recorded digitally.

[Docket #FIC 2019-0157](#)

Daniel Wine v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut,
Department of Correction; and State of Connecticut,
Department of Correction

Daniel Wine participated via speakerphone. Tracie Brown appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners voted, 6-1, to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. Commissioner Chavey voted against adoption. The proceedings were recorded digitally.

[Docket #FIC 2017-0039](#)

James Torlai v. Chief, Police Department, Town of
Darien; and Police Department, Town of Darien

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

[Docket #FIC 2017-0065](#)

James Torlai v. Chief, Police Department, Town of
Darien; Police Department, Town of Darien; and Town of
Darien

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

[Docket #FIC 2019-0013](#)

Jay Walshon v. First Selectman, Town of Westport;
Parks and Recreation Director, Town of Westport; and
Town of Westport

Jay Walshon appeared on his own behalf. Attorney Nicholas Bamonte appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to amend the Hearing Officer's Report. The Commissioners voted, 6-0, to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report as amended.* Commissioner Barry recused himself from this matter. The proceedings were recorded digitally.

[Docket #FIC 2019-0041](#)

Maria Pereira v. Chairman, Board of Education, City of
Bridgeport; and Board of Education, City of Bridgeport

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

[Docket #FIC 2019-0070](#)

Len Besthoff and NBC Connecticut v. Rollin Cook, Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Correction; State of Connecticut, Department of Correction; Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services; and State of Connecticut, Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services

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

[Docket #FIC 2019-0081](#)

Rosemary Scott v. President, Board of Directors, Knollcrest Tax District; and Board of Directors, Knollcrest Tax District

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

[Docket #FIC 2019-0085](#)

Richard Cotton v. Chief, Police Department, City of Bridgeport; Police Department, City of Bridgeport; and City of Bridgeport

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

[Docket #FIC 2019-0165](#)

Anne Howard v. Chief, Police Department, City of Stamford; Police Department, City of Stamford; and City of Stamford

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

[Docket #FIC 2019-0185](#)

Lizz Milardo, First Selectman, Town of Haddam v. Melissa Schlag, as Selectman, Town of Haddam; and Town of Haddam

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

[Docket #FIC 2019-0375](#)

Nancy Rossi v. Chairman, Ethics Commission, City of West Haven; Ethics Commission, City of West Haven; and City of West Haven

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

[Docket #FIC 2019-0500](#)

Seth Wolfe v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection; and State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection

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

The Commissioners unanimously voted to deny the *Complainant's Motion for Reconsideration* dated October 29, 2019 and received by the Commission on October 29, 2019, filed by complainant in *Nancy Burton v. Director, Radiation Bureau, State of Connecticut, Department of Energy and Environmental Protection; and State of Connecticut, Department of Energy and Environmental Protection*, Docket #FIC 2018-0669.

Valicia D. Harmon reported on pending appeals.

Colleen M. Murphy welcomed and introduced to commissioners new paralegal Jennifer Muth.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

Thomas A. Hennick

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AMENDMENTS

[Docket #FIC 2019-0013](#)

Jay Walshon v. First Selectman, Town of Westport;
Parks and Recreation Director, Town of Westport; and
Town of Westport

The Hearing Officer's Report is amended as follows:

Paragraph 18 of the Hearing Officer's Report is amended as follows:

18. It is found that, on or around November 15, 2017, the Parks and Recreation Commission, having reviewed the proposals that were submitted in response to the Requests for Proposals, approved an actual design for construction of the rest room project. It is found that the selected design [included two separate buildings—one housing the women's restrooms and the other housing the men's restrooms. It is further found that the selected design did not include a family changing area.] **WAS ONE BUILDING CONTAINING THREE UNISEX BATHROOMS.**