



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

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Notice of Special Meetings

The Freedom of Information Commission will hold in person special meetings during the week of May 12, 2025, through May 16, 2025, at the specific dates and times listed below. The purpose of each special meeting is to conduct a contested case hearing concerning the matters listed below. Real-time access to each meeting is available to the public by dialing the number and code noted below the case caption. At times, contested cases may be cancelled or postponed shortly before the scheduled time of the hearing. Members of the public may contact the Commission at (860) 566-5682 to check on hearing status.

Date	Time	Contested Case Docket #	CONTESTED CASE CAPTION
May 12, 2025	9:30 AM	FIC 2025-0004	Esteban Hernaiz v. Chief, Police Department, City of Hartford; Police Department, City of Hartford; and City of Hartford Dial-in Number: 860-840-2075 Conference Code: 124 533 504#

An evidentiary hearing of the Freedom of Information Commission in the following matter was held on May 12, 2025, in the Freedom of Information Commission's Hearing Room, Conference Room H, located on the ground floor at 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Docket #FIC 2025-0004; Esteban Hernaiz v. Chief, Police Department, City of Hartford; Police Department, City of Hartford; and City of Hartford

Esteban Hernaiz appeared via speakerphone on his own behalf. Attorney Nathalie Feola-Guerrieri appeared on behalf of the respondents. No votes were taken. The proceedings were digitally recorded and available here: [Audio1](#) [Audio2](#)

The hearing convened at 9:37 AM with Attorney Marybeth G. Sullivan presiding.
 The hearing adjourned at 10:35 AM.

Dated: May 14, 2025

	11:00 AM	FIC 2025-0032	Shipman & Goodwin LLP v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Social Services; and State of Connecticut, Department of Social Services Dial-in Number: 860-840-2075 Conference Code: 505 113 278#
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NOTICE: The special meeting scheduled in the following matter for May 12, 2025, at 11:00 AM, was cancelled. The complaint in this matter has been withdrawn.

Docket #FIC 2025-0032; Shipman & Goodwin LLP v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Social Services; and State of Connecticut, Department of Social Services

	1:00 PM	FIC 2025-0043	Linda T. Wihbey v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Social Services; and State of Connecticut, Department of Social Services Dial-in Number: 860-840-2075 Conference Code: 966 287 254#
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An evidentiary hearing of the Freedom of Information Commission in the following matter was held on May 12, 2025, in the Freedom of Information Commission’s Hearing Room, Conference Room H, located on the ground floor at 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Docket #FIC 2025-0043; Linda T. Wihbey v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Social Services; and State of Connecticut, Department of Social Services

Attorney Linda T. Wihbey appeared on her own behalf. Attorney Adam Prizio appeared on behalf of the respondents. No votes were taken. The proceedings were digitally recorded and available here: [Audio1](#) [Audio2](#)

The hearing convened at 1:13 PM with Attorney Valicia D. Harmon presiding.
The hearing adjourned at 2:29 PM.

Dated: May 14, 2025

	2:30 PM	FIC 2024-0425	Marc N. Needelman v. Town Clerk, Town of Bloomfield; and Town of Bloomfield Dial-in Number: 860-840-2075 Conference Code: 332 584 112#
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Docket #FIC 2024-0425; Marc N. Needelman v. Town Clerk, Town of Bloomfield; and Town of Bloomfield

Marc N. Needelman appeared on his own behalf. Attorney Joseph B. Burns appeared on behalf of the respondents. No votes were taken. The proceedings were digitally recorded and available here: [Audio](#)

The hearing convened at 2:32 PM with Attorney Marybeth G. Sullivan presiding.
The hearing adjourned at 4:05 PM.

Dated: May 19, 2025

May 13, 2025	1:00 PM	FIC 2025-0009	American Federation of School Administrators Local 61 v. Executive Director, State of Connecticut, Connecticut Technical Education and Career System; and State of Connecticut, Connecticut Technical Education and Career System Dial-in Number: 860-840-2075 Conference Code: 367 459 624#
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NOTICE: The special meeting scheduled in the following matter for May 13, 2025, at 1:00 PM, was postponed.

Docket #FIC 2025-0009; American Federation of School Administrators Local 61 v. Executive Director, State of Connecticut, Connecticut Technical Education and Career System; and State of Connecticut, Connecticut Technical Education and Career System

May 14, 2025	9:30 AM	FIC 2025-0003	Shannon Carter v. Director, Department of Public Works, City of New Haven; Department of Public Works, City of New Haven; and City of New Haven
		FIC 2025-0005	Shannon Carter v. Community Services Administrator, Community Services Administration, City of New Haven; Community Services Administration, City of New Haven; and City of New Haven Dial-in Number: 860-840-2075 Conference Code: 145 869 799#

An evidentiary hearing of the Freedom of Information Commission in the following matter was held on May 14, 2025, in the Freedom of Information Commission's Hearing Room, Conference Room H, located on the ground floor at 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Docket #FIC 2025-0003; Shannon Carter v. Director, Department of Public Works, City of New Haven; Department of Public Works, City of New Haven; and City of New Haven

Shannon Carter appeared on her own behalf. Attorney Catherine LaMarr appeared on behalf of the respondents. No votes were taken. The proceedings were digitally recorded and available here: [Audio1](#) [Audio2](#) [Audio3](#)

The hearing convened at 9:35 AM with Attorney C. Zack Hyde presiding.
The hearing adjourned at 10:11 AM.

Dated: May 14, 2025

An evidentiary hearing of the Freedom of Information Commission in the following matter was held on May 14, 2025, in the Freedom of Information Commission's Hearing Room, Conference Room H, located on the ground floor at 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Docket #FIC 2025-0005; Shannon Carter v. Community Services Administrator, Community Services Administration, City of New Haven; Community Services Administration, City of New Haven; and City of New Haven

Shannon Carter appeared on her own behalf. Attorney Catherine LaMarr appeared on behalf of the respondents. No votes were taken. The proceedings were digitally recorded and available here: [Audio](#)

The hearing convened at 10:14 AM with Attorney C. Zack Hyde presiding.
The hearing adjourned at 10:24 AM.

Dated: May 14, 2025

	11:00 AM	FIC 2025-0070	Anthony Bongiorno v. Treasurer, State of Connecticut, The Office of the State Treasurer; and State of Connecticut, The Office of the State Treasurer Dial-in Number: 860-840-2075 Conference Code: 158 730 926#
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NOTICE: The special meeting scheduled in the following matter for May 14, 2025, at 11:00 AM, was cancelled. The complaint in this matter has been withdrawn.

Docket #FIC 2025-0070; Anthony Bongiorno v. Treasurer, State of Connecticut, The Office of the State Treasurer; and State of Connecticut, The Office of the State Treasurer

May 15, 2025	9:30 AM	FIC 2025-0010	Sergio Correa v. Angel Quiros, Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Correction; and State of Connecticut, Department of Correction Dial-in Number: 860-840-2075 Conference Code: 521 415 592#
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NOTICE: The special meeting scheduled in the following matter for May 15, 2025, at 9:30 AM, was cancelled. The complaint in this matter has been withdrawn.

Docket #FIC 2025-0010; Sergio Correa v. Angel Quiros, Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Correction; and State of Connecticut, Department of Correction

	11:00 AM	FIC 2024-0532	Lucy von Brachel v. Chairperson, First Selectman's RFP Evaluation Committee, Town of Greenwich; First Selectman's RFP Evaluation Committee, Town of Greenwich; and Town of Greenwich Dial-in Number: 860-840-2075 Conference Code: 166 620 284#
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An evidentiary hearing of the Freedom of Information Commission in the following matter was held on May 15, 2025, in the Freedom of Information Commission's Hearing Room, Conference Room H, located on the ground floor at 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Docket #FIC 2024-0532; Lucy von Brachel v. Chairperson, First Selectman's RFP Evaluation Committee, Town of Greenwich; First Selectman's RFP Evaluation Committee, Town of Greenwich; and Town of Greenwich

Lucy von Brachel appeared on her own behalf. Attorney Andrew P. McPherson appeared on behalf of the respondents. No votes were taken. The proceedings were digitally recorded and available here: [Audio](#)

The hearing convened at 11:02 AM with Attorney Nicholas A. Smarra presiding.
The hearing adjourned at 12:25 PM.

Dated: May 20, 2025

May 15, 2025 Continued	1:00 PM	FIC 2025-0015	Paul Manocchio v. First Selectman, Board of Selectmen, Town of Canterbury; Board of Selectmen, Town of Canterbury; and Town of Canterbury Dial-in Number: 860-840-2075 Conference Code: 981 939 225#
<p>An evidentiary hearing of the Freedom of Information Commission in the following matter was held on May 15, 2025, in the Freedom of Information Commission’s Hearing Room, Conference Room H, located on the ground floor at 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Docket #FIC 2025-0015; Paul Manocchio v. First Selectman, Board of Selectmen, Town of Canterbury; Board of Selectmen, Town of Canterbury; and Town of Canterbury</p> <p>Paul Manocchio appeared on his own behalf. Attorney Marjorie Richardson appeared on behalf of the respondents. No votes were taken. The proceedings were digitally recorded and available here: Audio1 Audio2 Audio3</p> <p>The hearing convened at 1:02 PM with Attorney Paula S. Pearlman presiding. The hearing adjourned at 2:18 PM.</p> <p>Dated: May 19, 2025</p>			
	2:30 PM	FIC 2024-0542	Kailani Carlson v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection; and State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection Dial-in Number: 860-840-2075 Conference Code: 252 109 56#
<p>An evidentiary hearing of the Freedom of Information Commission in the following matter was held on May 15, 2025, in the Freedom of Information Commission’s Hearing Room, Conference Room H, located on the ground floor at 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Docket #FIC 2024-0542; Kailani Carlson 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>Kailani Carlson appeared on her own behalf. Attorney T. Evan Eosten Fisher appeared on behalf of the respondents. No votes were taken. The proceedings were digitally recorded and available here: Audio1 Audio2</p> <p>The hearing convened at 2:35 PM with Attorney C. Zack Hyde presiding. The hearing adjourned at 4:40 PM.</p> <p>Dated: May 20, 2025</p>			
May 16, 2025	9:30 AM	FIC 2024-0594	Robert A. Cushman v. Ronnell Higgins, Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection; and State of Connecticut,

Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection

Dial-in Number: 860-840-2075
Conference Code: 655 372 635#

An evidentiary hearing of the Freedom of Information Commission in the following matter was held on May 16, 2025, in the Freedom of Information Commission's Hearing Room, Conference Room H, located on the ground floor at 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Docket #FIC 2024-0594; Robert A. Cushman v. Ronnell Higgins, Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection; and State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection

Robert A. Cushman appeared on his own behalf. Attorney Gwaina Wauldon appeared on behalf of the respondents. No votes were taken. The proceedings were digitally recorded and available here: [Audio1](#) [Audio2](#)

The hearing convened at 9:31 AM with Attorney Marybeth G. Sullivan presiding.
The hearing adjourned at 11:01 AM.

Dated: May 20, 2025

11:00 AM

FIC 2024-0680

Robert Kornberg v. Superintendent of Schools, Milford Public Schools; and Milford Public Schools

Dial-in Number: 860-840-2075
Conference Code: 937 843 809#

An evidentiary hearing of the Freedom of Information Commission in the following matter was held on May 16, 2025, in the Freedom of Information Commission's Hearing Room, Conference Room H, located on the ground floor at 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Docket #FIC 2024-0680; Robert Kornberg v. Superintendent of Schools, Milford Public Schools; and Milford Public Schools

Robert Kornberg appeared on his own behalf. Attorney Bryan L. LeClerc and Attorney Herbert Z. Rosen appeared on behalf of the respondents. No votes were taken. The proceedings were digitally recorded and available here: [Audio1](#) [Audio2](#)

The hearing convened at 11:06 AM with Attorney Nicholas A. Smarra presiding.
The hearing adjourned at 12:25 PM.

Dated: May 20, 2025

1:00 PM

FIC 2020-0309

Meredith Braxton v. Chief, Police Department, Town of Greenwich; Police Department, Town of Greenwich; and Town of Greenwich

Dial-in Number: 860-840-2075
Conference Code: 802 735 392#

An evidentiary hearing of the Freedom of Information Commission in the following matter was held on May 16, 2025, in the Freedom of Information Commission's Hearing Room, Conference Room H, located on the ground floor at 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Docket #FIC 2020-0309; Meredith Braxton v. Chief, Police Department, Town of Greenwich; Police Department, Town of Greenwich; and Town of Greenwich

Attorney Mark J. Sommaruga appeared on behalf of the complainant. Attorney Abby Wadler appeared on behalf of the respondents. No votes were taken. The proceedings were digitally recorded and available here: [Audio1](#) [Audio2](#) [Audio3](#)

The hearing convened at 1:09 PM with Commissioner Aigne Goldsby Wells presiding.
The hearing adjourned at 2:28 PM.

Dated: May 20, 2025