

TO: Freedom of Information Commission  
FROM: Russell Blair  
RE: Minutes of the Commission's regular meeting of April 23, 2025

A regular meeting of the Freedom of Information Commission was held on April 23, 2025. The Commission meeting of April 23, 2025 was conducted in person. The meeting convened at 2:03 p.m. with the following Commissioners present:

Commissioner Owen P. Eagan, presiding  
Commissioner Kate Farrish  
Commissioner Stephen Fuzesi Jr. (participated via speakerphone)  
Commissioner Judith Ganswindt (participated via speakerphone)  
Commissioner Aigné Goldsby Wells  
Commissioner Christopher P. Hankins  
Commissioner Thomas A. Hennick  
Commissioner Matthew Streeter

Also present were staff members Colleen M. Murphy, Paula S. Pearlman, Valicia D. Harmon, Danielle L. McGee, C. Zack Hyde, Mary-Kate Smith, Nicholas A. Smarra, Marybeth G. Sullivan, Paul V. Arce, J. Max McCann, Molly Steffes and Russell Blair.

The Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the Commission's regular meeting minutes of April 9, 2025.

Those in attendance were informed that the April 23, 2025 regular meeting of the Commission was being recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2024-0236](#) Richard Quint v. Angel Quiros, Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Correction; and State of Connecticut, Department of Correction

The complainant did not appear. Attorney Jennifer Lepore appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2024-0263](#) Dwayne Sayles v. Karl Jacobson, Chief, Police Department, City of New Haven; Police Department, City of New Haven; and City of New Haven

The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2024-0264](#) James Mitchell 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. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2024-0238](#) Jim Haddadin and Connecticut Public v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Economic and Community Development; and State of Connecticut, Department of Economic and Community Development

The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2024-0242](#) Maria Pereira v. Chief Executive Officer, Housing Authority of the City of Bridgeport; Housing Authority of the City of Bridgeport; Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection; and State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection

The complainant did not appear. Attorney Jay Lawlor appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2024-0254](#) Lisa Coggins v. Chair, Board of Finance, Town of Canton; Board of Finance, Town of Canton; and Town of Canton

The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2023-0259](#) Jean Farricielli v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Energy and Environmental Protection; and Department of Energy and Environmental Protection

The Commissioners unanimously voted to amend the Proposed Final Decision Upon Remand. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Proposed Final Decision Upon Remand as amended.\* The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2024-0268](#) Deborah Weiss; and Deborah Boles v. Aidee Nieves, President, City Council, City of Bridgeport; City Council, City of Bridgeport; and City of Bridgeport

The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

[Docket #FIC 2024-0271](#) Joseph Sastre v. Town Manager, Town of Avon; and Town of Avon

The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

Docket #FIC 2024-0277 Allison Quirion v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut, Department of Education; and State of Connecticut, Department of Education

The Commissioners took no action. The matter was marked off prior to the meeting.

[Docket #FIC 2024-0301](#) Nina Pirrotti v. Town Attorney, Office of the Town Attorney, Town of East Haven; Office of the Town Attorney, Town of East Haven; Town Clerk, Office of the Town Clerk, Town of East Haven; Office of the Town Clerk, Town of East Haven; Chief, Fire Department, Town of East Haven; Fire Department, Town of East Haven; Chair, Civil Service Commission, Town of East Haven; Civil Service Commission, Town of East Haven; Town of East Haven

Attorney Betsy Ingraham appeared on behalf of the complainant. Attorney David Ryan appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to amend the Hearing Officer's Report. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report as amended.\* The proceedings were digitally recorded.

The Commissioners unanimously voted to appoint Mikia Grey, Molly Steffes and Stephanie Tessmer as Acting Clerks of the Commission.

The Commissioners unanimously voted to approve and move forward with the submission of the Draft Revisions to the Commission Regulations.

Executive Director Colleen M. Murphy and Commissioner Kate Farrish reported that the Connecticut Foundation for Open Government Walter Cronkite Anniversary and Freedom of Information 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary gala was held on April 14, 2025, at the Mark Twain House and Museum in Hartford. Journalist and Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Maria Ressa was honored with the Walter Cronkite Freedom of Information Award at the gala.

Executive Director Colleen M. Murphy reported on the proposed budget for the Commission under consideration by the General Assembly.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

/s/ Russell Blair  
Russell Blair

## AMENDMENTS\*

Docket #FIC 2023-0259      Jean Farricielli v. Commissioner, State of Connecticut,  
Department of Energy and Environmental Protection; and  
Department of Energy and Environmental Protection

Paragraph 1 of the order in the Proposed Final Decision upon Remand is amended as follows:

1. Based on the complainant's March 5, 2025 withdrawal, the Commission's April 24[9], 2025 Final Decision is rescinded, and the complaint is hereby dismissed.

Docket #FIC 2024-0301      Nina Pirrotti v. Town Attorney, Office of the Town Attorney,  
Town of East Haven; Office of the Town Attorney, Town of  
East Haven; Town Clerk, Office of the Town Clerk, Town of  
East Haven; Office of the Town Clerk, Town of East Haven;  
Chief, Fire Department, Town of East Haven; Fire Department,  
Town of East Haven; Chair, Civil Service Commission, Town  
of East Haven; Civil Service Commission, Town of East Haven;  
Town of East Haven

Paragraph 3 of the order in the Hearing Officer's Report is amended as follows:

3. Respondent Town Attorney Michael J. Luzzi, as the official directly responsible for the denials herein, shall remit to the Commission, within forty-five (45) days of the Notice of Final Decision in this matter, a civil penalty in the amount of **FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000) DOLLARS** [two thousand, five hundred dollars (\$2,500)].