

TO: Freedom of Information Commission
FROM: Danielle McGee
DATE: February 27, 2020
RE: Minutes of the Commission's regular meeting of February 26, 2020

A regular meeting of the Freedom of Information Commission was held on February 26, 2020, in the Freedom of Information Hearing Room, 18-20 Trinity Street, Hartford, Connecticut. The meeting convened at 2:14 p.m. with the following Commissioners present:

Commissioner Owen P. Eagan, presiding
Commissioner Jay Shaw (participated via speakerphone)
Commissioner Jonathan J. Einhorn
Commissioner Matthew Streeter
Commissioner Christopher P. Hankins
Commissioner Victoria W. Chavey

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 unanimously voted to approve the Commission's regular meeting minutes of February 13, 2020.

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 2019-0473](#) Samuel Lopez v. Vernon Riddick, Jr., Chief, Police Department, Town of West Hartford; Police Department, Town of West Hartford; and Town of West Hartford

Samuel Lopez participated via speakerphone. Attorney Garmon Newsom appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report.

[Docket #FIC 2019-0141](#) Charles Wright v. Mayor, Town of Hamden; and Town of Hamden

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

[Docket #FIC 2019-0161](#) Rachel de Leon v. Chief, Police Department, City of Bridgeport; Police Department, City of Bridgeport; and City of Bridgeport

Attorney Alexa Millinger appeared on behalf of the complainant. Attorney Dina Scalo appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to table the matter until the next Commission meeting. The proceedings were recorded digitally.

[Docket #FIC 2019-0245](#)

Sheri Speer v. Director, MIS Department, City of Norwich;
and MIS Department, City of Norwich

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

[Docket #FIC 2019-0271](#)

Kristen Festa v. Executive Director, State of Connecticut, Office of Legislative Management; and State of Connecticut, Office of Legislative Management

Attorney Brian Festa appeared on behalf of the complainant. Caroline Beitman and Beth Waters appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to amend the Hearing Officer's Report.* The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the amended Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were recorded digitally.

[Docket #FIC 2019-0356](#)

Robert Cushman v. Chief, Southbury Police Department, Town of Southbury; Southbury Police Department, Town of Southbury; and Town of Southbury

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

[Docket #FIC 2019-0480](#)

Matthew Olson v. Director of 911 Communications, Police Department, City of Stamford; Police Department, City of Stamford; and City of Stamford

Matthew Olson appeared on his own behalf. Attorney Michael Toma appeared on behalf of the respondents. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report. The proceedings were recorded digitally.

[Docket #FIC 2019-0531](#)

Matthew Olson v. Office of Legal Affairs, City of Stamford; and City of Stamford

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

[Docket #FIC 2019-0576](#)

Dick Goduti v. Robert Murphy, Chair, Harbor Management Commission, Town of Old Saybrook; and Paul Connolly, Secretary, Harbor Management Commission, Town of Old Saybrook

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

[Docket #FIC 2019-0675](#)

Maria Naughton v. Superintendent of Schools, New Canaan Public Schools; and New Canaan Public Schools

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

PRVR #1

Town of East Lyme; and East Lyme Board of Education
v. David Godbout

Attorney Mark S. Zamarka appeared on behalf of the petitioners. David Godbout appeared on his own behalf. The Commissioners voted unanimously to deny the respondent's motion to dismiss. The Commissioners voted, 5-0, to deny the respondent's motion to postpone the Commission's consideration of PRVR # 1. The Commissioners voted, 5-0, to adopt the Proposed Final Decision. Commissioner Shaw did not participate in these two votes. The proceedings were digitally recorded.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

Danielle L. McGee
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* See attached for amendments

AMENDMENTS

[Docket #FIC 2019-0271](#)

Kristen Festa v. Executive Director, State of Connecticut, Office of Legislative Management; and State of Connecticut, Office of Legislative Management

Paragraph 6.a. of the Hearing Officer's Report is amended as follows:

6. It is found that, by email dated May 4, 2019, the complainant sent the respondents the following request for records:

- a. **IN ADDITION TO MY TWO PRIOR FOI REQUESTS**, I am requesting all emails between Rep. Matt Ritter and Attorney General Tong, Governor Lamont, Dorit Rubenstein Reiss, Paul Offit, and California State Senator Richard Pan from 2015 to present;
- b. Also all emails between Rep. Elliott and Dorit Rubenstein Reiss, Paul Offit, and California State Senator Richard Pan from 2015 to present.

(Referred to as the "Third Request").