TO: Freedom of Information Commission

FROM: Thomas A. Hennick

RE: Minutes of the Commission’s regular meeting of February 28, 2018

A regular meeting of the Freedom of Information Commission was held on February 28, 2018, in the Freedom of Information Hearing Room, 18-20 Trinity Street, Hartford, Connecticut. The meeting convened at 2:04 p.m. with the following Commissioners present:

Commissioner Owen P. Eagan, presiding
Commissioner Jonathan J. Einhorn
Commissioner Matthew Streeter
Commissioner Christopher Hankins
Commissioner Sean K. McElligott

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

The Commissioners unanimously voted to approve the Commission’s regular meeting minutes of February 14, 2018.

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 2017-0229 Chad Petitpas v. Chief, Police Department, Town of Cheshire; and Police Department, Town of Cheshire

Chad Petitpas participated via speakerphone. The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer’s Report.

Docket #FIC 2017-0241 David Tuttle 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 2017-0372 Marwan Chankar v. Patrick J. Daley, Chief, Police Department, City of Norwich; Police Department, City of Norwich; City of Norwich; 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 2017-0449  Jack Bardales v. Gail Johnson, Interim Executive Director, State of Connecticut, University of Connecticut Health Center, Correctional Managed Health Care; State of Connecticut, University of Connecticut Health Center, Correctional Managed Health Care; 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 2017-0231  Jay Hardison v. Superintendent of Schools, Darien Public Schools; and Darien Public Schools

The Commissioners voted, 4-0, to amend the Hearing Officer’s Report. The Commissioners voted, 4-0, to adopt the Hearing Officer’s Report as amended.* The proceedings were recorded digitally. Commissioner Einhorn did not vote in this matter.


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

Docket #FIC 2017-0279  John Barney and Marek Kement v. Chairman, Board of Assessment Appeals, Town of East Windsor; Board of Assessment Appeals, Town of East Windsor; and Town of East Windsor

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

Docket #FIC 2017-0428  Albert Marrero v. Chief, Police Department, Town of Enfield; Police Department, Town of Enfield; and Town of Enfield

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

Docket #FIC 2017-0483  Sandra Cady v. Executive Director, Connecticut Lottery Corporation; and Connecticut Lottery Corporation

The Commissioners removed the matter from the agenda.
Docket #FIC 2017-0513  Darnell Goldson v. President, Board of Education, City of New Haven; and Board of Education, City of New Haven

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

Docket #FIC 2017-0562  Marc Criscio v. Director, Public Works Department, City of New Haven; Public Works Department, City of New Haven; and City of New Haven

Marc Criscio appeared on his own behalf. The Commissioners voted, 4-0, to remand the matter to the Hearing Officer for the purpose of reopening the hearing. Commissioner Einhorn recused himself from the matter.

Docket #FIC 2017-0579  Elaine Pilon 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 2017-0582  Kitsia Ferguson v. Chair, Board of Education, Hartford Public Schools; and Board of Education, Hartford Public Schools

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

Docket #FIC 2017-0607  Joseph Sastre v. Armando Perez, Chief, Police Department, City of Bridgeport; Police Department, City of Bridgeport; and City of Bridgeport

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

Docket #FIC 2017-0639  Atiya Sample v. Superintendent of Schools, Waterbury Public Schools; and Waterbury Public Schools

The Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt the Hearing Officer’s Report.
Mary E. Schwind reported on pending appeals.

Mary E. Schwind reported on legislation.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:49 p.m.

*SEE ATTACHED FOR AMENDMENTS*
The Hearing Officer’s report is amended as follows:

28. In contrast, it is found that in camera records 26 and 27, with the exception of a parent’s email address in the first line of the first page of record [26] 27, do not contain any significant personally identifiable student information. It is found that the drafts of the press releases in records 26 and 27 are not significantly different from the draft press releases provided to the complainant.

The following order by the Commission is hereby recommended on the basis of the record concerning the above-captioned complaint:

1. The respondents shall forthwith provide to the complainant copies of in camera records 1, 2, 3, 26 and 27 (with the exception of the parent’s email address AND ANY OTHER PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION RELATING TO PARENTS OR STUDENTS).