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Ethan Book,
Complainant(s)
against

Notice of Meeting

Docket #FIC 2014-088

Finance Director, Finance Department, City of
Bridgeport; Finance Department, City of
Bridgeport; and City of Bridgeport,
Respondent(s)

September 24, 2014

Transmittal of Proposed Final Decision

In accordance with Section 4-179 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Freedom of Information Commission hereby transmits to you the proposed finding and decision prepared by the hearing officer in the above-captioned matter.

This will notify you that the Commission will consider this matter for disposition at its meeting which will be held in the Freedom of Information Commission Hearing Room, 18-20 Trinity Street, 1st floor, Hartford, Connecticut, at **2 p.m. on Wednesday, October 8, 2014**. At that time and place you will be allowed to offer oral argument concerning this proposed finding and order. Oral argument shall be limited to ten (10) minutes. For good cause shown, however, the Commission may increase the period of time for argument. A request for additional time must be made in writing and should be filed with the Commission **ON OR BEFORE October 1, 2014**. Such request **MUST BE (1) copied to all parties, or if the parties are represented, to such representatives, and (2) include a notation indicating such notice to all parties or their representatives.**

Although a brief or memorandum of law is not required, if you decide to submit such a document, an **original and fourteen (14) copies** must be filed **ON OR BEFORE October 1, 2014**. PLEASE NOTE: Any correspondence, brief or memorandum directed to the Commissioners by any party or representative of any party **MUST BE (1) copied to all parties, or if the parties are represented, to such representatives, (2) include a notation indicating such notice to all parties or their representatives and (3) be limited to argument. NO NEW EVIDENCE MAY BE SUBMITTED.**

If you have already filed a brief or memorandum with the hearing officer and wish to have that document distributed to each member of the Commission, it is requested that **fourteen (14) copies** be filed **ON OR BEFORE October 1, 2014**, and that **notice be given to all parties or if the parties are represented, to their representatives, that such previously filed document is being submitted to the Commissioners for review.**

By Order of the Freedom of
Information Commission

W. Paradis

Acting Clerk of the Commission

Notice to: Ethan Book
Gregory M. Conte, Esq.

2014-09-24/FIC# 2014-088/Trans/wrbp/LFS//TCB

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

In the Matter of a Complaint by

Report of Hearing Officer

Ethan Book,

Complainant

against

Docket #FIC 2014-088

Finance Director, Finance Department,
City of Bridgeport; Finance Department,
City of Bridgeport; and City of Bridgeport,

Respondents

September 23, 2014

The above-captioned matter was consolidated for hearing with Docket #FIC 2014-199; Ethan Book v. Finance Director, City of Bridgeport; and City of Bridgeport, and Docket #FIC 2014-304, Ethan Book v. Finance Director, City of Bridgeport; and City of Bridgeport.

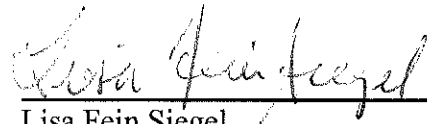
On August 11, 2014, the complainant filed by email a request for continuance in this matter, "for reasons of an accumulation of various matters of importance including the operation of my small business, various other legal matters and the pendency of my candidacy for state office." The Commission takes administrative notice of such email. The hearing officer denied the complainant's request on August 11, 2014, and the complainant was notified of such denial.

The consolidated matters were scheduled to be heard as a contested case on August 14, 2014, at 11:00 a.m., at which time the respondents were present but the complainant failed to appear. The Commission takes administrative notice of the complainant's notice of appeal, which alleges that the respondents failed to comply with a request for records. Upon the complainant's failure to appear, the respondents filed an oral motion to dismiss, which the hearing officer granted.

On August 15, 2014, the complainant filed a motion to reopen the hearing. The Commission takes administrative notice of such motion, in which the complainant explained his absence due to error about the time that the hearing was scheduled to begin. The complainant stated that he believed the hearing was scheduled for 2:00, and that he arrived at the Commission offices at about that time. The hearing officer took no action on the complainant's motion to reopen.

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

1. The complaint is hereby dismissed.



Lisa Fein Siegel
as Hearing Officer

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