

**CITY OF NORWALK
CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES JUNE 23, 2026
COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND VIA ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING**

ATTENDANCE: Mayor Barbara C. Smyth, Anne Wennerstrand, James Frayer, Richard Dellinger, Jalin T. Sead Sr. (Majority Leader), Brian Bailey, Jan Degenshein, Nicole Eaddy, Joshua Goldstein, Colin Hosten, Joshua Goldstein (Council President), Jesse Buccolo, Johan Lopez,

OTHERS: Russell Blair, Connecticut Freedom of Information Commission

CALL TO ORDER

Council Majority Leader Jalin T. Sead Sr. called the Special Meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. for the purpose of conducting Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) training.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT TRAINING

Russell Blair from the Connecticut Freedom of Information Commission presented comprehensive training on the Freedom of Information Act. Topics included:

- History and purpose of the FOI Act
- Definition of a public meeting and quorum requirements
- Types of meetings (regular, special, and emergency)
- Email and electronic communications among Council members
- Executive session procedures and permitted topics
- Meeting minutes requirements and filing timelines
- Public records requests, response timelines, and exemptions
- Remote and hybrid meeting rules
- Vexatious requester procedures

Council members asked questions throughout the training, particularly regarding site visits, caucuses, email communications, and individual Council member responsibilities for responding to records requests.

ADJOURNMENT

The Special Meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Courtney Baldwin
Recording Secretary