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In a ruling issued on February 7, 2024, a panel of the Washington State Supreme Court voted unanimously to deny Mr. Jeffrey Brittig's petition for review of his public records lawsuit filed in 2019. This upholds the ruling of the Washington Court of Appeals that held the District was not in violation of the Public Records Act and reversed an award of penalties and attorney's fees imposed by the Mason County Superior Court in May 2022.

In an opinion issued on August 8, 2023, the Court of Appeals rejected Brittig's claims that the District had supplied a false record of its minutes in response to his records requests, finding that the District acted properly. The Court also ruled that Brittig's claims that the District failed to supply all records responsive to his request were barred by the statute of limitations, as the District contended.

Mason County Fire District # 6 has maintained it did not violate the Public Records Act throughout this long legal process and is satisfied that the claims made against our fire district have been proven to be without merit. This ruling puts an end to Mr. Brittig's claims against the District.