

**Representative Policy Board
South Central Connecticut Regional Water District**

Minutes of July 25, 2024 Meeting

A regular meeting of the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District took place on Thursday, July 25, 2024, at 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven, Connecticut and via remote access. Chair Harvey presided.

PRESENT

RPB

Ansonia	Thomas P. Clifford III(R)
Beacon Falls	Peter Betkoski(R)
Bethany	Brian Eitzer(R)
Cheshire	Timothy Slocum
East Haven	Michelle Verderame(R)
Guilford	Charles Havrda(R)
Hamden	Stephen Mongillo
Killingworth	Jamie Mowat Young(R)
Madison	Joseph A. Oslander
North Branford	Peter DeSantis(R)
New Haven	Naomi Campbell
North Haven	Anthony Rescigno(R)
Orange	Jasper J. Jaser
Prospect	Robert E. Harvey, Jr.
Seymour	Michael H. Horbal
Woodbridge	Mark Levine(R)
Governor’s Rep	Vincent M. Marino(R)

Regional Water Authority

David Borowy
Catherine LaMarr
Mario Ricozzi
Suzanne Sack(R)

Management

Larry L. Bingaman(R)
Rochelle Kowalski
Elizabeth Calo(R)
Jim Hill
Sunny Lakshminarayanan
Premjith Lakshman Singh(R)

Counsel

Bruce McDermott, Murtha Cullina(R)

Absent

Branford	Vacant
Derby	Frank Pepe
Milford	Richard Smith
West Haven	T. Gregory Malloy

Office of Consumer Affairs

Jeffrey M. Donofrio

Staff

Jennifer Slubowski

Call to Order

Chair Harvey called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Safety Moment

Chair Harvey reviewed the Safety Moment distributed to members.

Public Comment

Chair Harvey offered the opportunity for members of the public to comment. There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

Minutes

On motion made by Mr. Jaser, seconded by Ms. Young, the RPB approved the minutes of its June 27, 2024 meeting as distributed, with 71 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

Ansonia (3)	Aye	Guilford (4)	Aye	No. Haven (5)	Aye
Beacon Falls (0)	Aye	Hamden (10)	Aye	Orange (3)	Aye
Bethany (5)	Aye	Killingworth (2)	Aye	Prospect (1)	Aye
Branford (6)	Vacant	Madison (6)	Aye	Seymour (1)	Aye
Cheshire (4)	Absent	Milford (10)	Absent	West Haven (8)	Absent
Derby (2)	Absent	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Aye	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

Communications

Chair Harvey:

- Reported on the process for the appointment of Authority member. Anyone wishing to volunteer for the Nominating Committee for Authority member should contact the board office.
- Stated that statutory committee assignments for 2024-2025 are established and a list was distributed. RPB statutory committee chair assignments have also been made.
- Noted that a copy of the Quarterly RPB Dashboard was included in member meeting packets.

At 6:34 p.m., Mr. Slocum entered the meeting.

Item for Consideration and Action

On motion made by Mr. Clifford, seconded by Mr. Marino, and unanimously carried, the RPB approved its 2024-second quarter RPB member compensation, substantially in the form submitted to the meeting, with 75 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

Ansonia (3)	Aye	Guilford (4)	Aye	No. Haven (5)	Aye
Beacon Falls (0)	Aye	Hamden (10)	Aye	Orange (3)	Aye
Bethany (5)	Aye	Killingworth (2)	Aye	Prospect (1)	Aye
Branford (6)	Vacant	Madison (6)	Aye	Seymour (1)	Aye
Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (10)	Absent	West Haven (8)	Absent
Derby (2)	Absent	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Aye	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

Reports

Finance Committee – Mr. Marino, Chair of the RPB Finance Committee, reported on the committee meeting earlier in the month and received the FY 2024 year-end financial report from management. The committee also reviewed the quarterly dashboard metrics for the fourth quarter of 2024.

Mr. Marino stated he was also elected chair for the upcoming year and thanked committee members for their confidence. The next meeting is on Monday, August 12, 2024 at 5:00 pm.

Land Use Committee – Mr. Betkoski, former Chair of the RPB Land Use Committee, reported that the meeting was held at Prospect dam. The committee received an update on the dam from management and received updates on RWA owned land and invasive species. Mr. Levine was elected as chair for the upcoming year. The meeting was also attended by Prospect Mayor Chatfield.

The committee's next meeting is on August 14, 2024 at 5:30 pm.

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Consumer Affairs Committee – Mr. Levine, former Chair of the RPB Consumer Affairs Committee, reported that the committee met earlier in the week. The committee received the results of the Customer Satisfaction and Brand Image surveys done by Great Blue. The Office of Consumer Affairs, Atty. Donofrio, provided an update on the condominium association settlement status, and Ms. Campbell was elected as committee chair for the upcoming year.

The committee’s next meeting is on August 19, 2024 at 5:30 pm.

Executive Committee – Mr. Harvey, Chair of the RPB Executive Committee, reported on the committee meeting earlier in the month. He stated that the committee met in executive session to discuss upcoming matters.

Authority/Management – Mr. Borowy, Chair of the Authority, reported on the Authority Meeting earlier in the day. He stated that the Authority met as the Pension & Benefit Committee.

Ms. LaMarr, Chair of the Pension & Benefit Committee, reported that at the Committee meeting earlier in the day. The committee met with Morgan Stanley and received updates on the quarterly investment performance and the annual 401K report.

Mr. Borowy also reported that at the Authority meeting earlier in the day, the Authority also voted to recommend the RWA’s Rate Application and the Blue Drop Acquisition Application to the RPB. The Blue Drop Application process will be expedited.

Mr. Bingaman, the RWA’s President and CEO, reviewed revenues, operating and maintenance expenses for the month ended June 30, 2024 and stated the projected maintenance test for FY 2024 is 117%, with no shortfall. The projections were positively impacted by the May 2024 bond refunding, lowering of debt service, the July Home Safety Valve acquisition, and increasing commercial net revenues.

He also reported that as of July 15, 2024 raw water storage was at 93%, compared to the long-term average of 85% for the same period last year.

Mr. Marino, chair of the RPB Finance Committee, also reported that the committee will hold a special meeting on Wednesday, July 31, 2024 to review the Blue Drop Acquisition application for completeness, mode, and date of public hearing.

Chair Harvey reported that Mr. Slocum would act as Presiding member at the public hearing if the Finance Committee deems the application complete.

Chair Harvey acknowledged Atty. Donofrio, OCA, who commented that tonight would be Mr. Rescigno’s last meeting as the RPB’s North Haven Representative. He has served on the RPB for 20 years.

Chair Harvey thanked Mr. Rescigno for his service.

Mr. Rescigno thanked members of the board and stated his pleasure in watching the organization grow and become successful.

Chair Harvey noted that RPB members interested in the Authority member position effective January 1, 2025, should notify him, or the board office, no later than August 1, 2024.

At 6:53 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Clifford, seconded by Mr. Eitzer, and unanimously adopted with 75 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative, the meeting adjourned.

Ansonia (3) Aye Guilford (4) Aye No. Haven (5) Aye

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Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Mowat Young, Secretary

(R) – Attended remotely.