

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

**Minutes of October 24, 2024 Meeting**

The regular meeting of the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District took place on Thursday, October 24, 2024, at the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority, 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven, Connecticut, and via remote access. Chair Harvey presided.

**PRESENT**

**RPB**

Ansonia	Thomas P. Clifford III
Beacon Falls	Peter Betkoski(R)
Bethany	Brian Eitzer(R)
Cheshire	Timothy Slocum
Guilford	Charles Havrda
Hamden	Stephen Mongillo(R)
Killingworth	Jamie Mowat Young
Madison	Joseph A. Oslander
New Haven	Naomi Campbell(R)
Orange	Jasper J. Jaser
Prospect	Robert E. Harvey, Jr.
Seymour	Michael H. Horbal(R)
West Haven	T. Gregory Malloy
Woodbridge	Mark Levine
Governor’s Rep	Vincent M. Marino(R)

**Regional Water Authority**

David Borowy  
Kevin Curseaden(R)  
Catherine LaMarr  
Mario Ricozzi  
Suzanne Sack

**Management**

Larry L. Bingaman(R)  
Rochelle Kowalski  
Victor Benni  
Elizabeth Calo(R)  
Charles DelVecchio  
Jim Hill  
Sunny Lakshminarayanan  
Victor Benni

**Absent**

Branford	Vacant
Derby	Frank Pepe
East Haven	Michelle Verderame
Milford	Richard Smith
North Branford	Peter DeSantis
North Haven	James X. DiCarlo

**Office of Consumer Affairs**

Jeffrey M. Donofrio, Esq.

**Staff**

Jennifer Slubowski

**Call to Order**

Chair Harvey called the meeting to order at 6:30 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. No members of the public were present at the meeting.

Mr. Lakshminarayanan, the RWA's Vice President of Engineering & Environmental Services, introduced Mr. Benni, the RWA's Director of Engineering, who provided a brief background of his work experience.

**Minutes**

On motion made by Mr. Malloy, seconded by Ms. Young, the RPB approved the minutes of its September 26, 2024 meeting as distributed, with 64 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

Ansonia (3)	Aye	Guilford (4)	Aye	No. Haven (5)	Absent
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 (11)	Absent	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Absent	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Absent	No. Branford (8)	Absent	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

**Communications**

Chair Harvey stated that the presentation of the 10-Year Model would take place at the Finance Committee on November 4, 2024 at 5:00 pm and the Consumer Affairs Committee meeting on November 18, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. All members are invited to attend either or both meetings.

Chair Harvey reported that the Quarterly Dashboard Report was distributed to members.

Mr. Clifford moved for adoption of the following resolution:

**RESOLVED**, that Suzanne C. Sack be, and hereby is, reappointed as a member of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority, effective January 1, 2025, with her term to extend until January 1, 2030 and until her successor is appointed and has qualified.

Mr. Clifford reported on the Nominating Committee process. He stated that the Committee met and gathered input from the Authority Chair and Chief Executive Officer of the RWA, as well as Attorney Donofrio, Office of Consumer Affairs, to refine the selection criteria for the position. The Committee updated the criteria to include trends such as artificial intelligence, the importance of non-core revenue amidst declining water consumption, and consideration of the incumbent. After careful consideration, the Nominating Committee unanimously voted to recommend Ms. Sack for reappointment for another five-year term.

Mr. Jaser seconded the motion. After discussion, the Chair called for the vote and the RPB adopted the motion with 64 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

Ansonia (3)	Aye	Guilford (4)	Aye	No. Haven (5)	Absent
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 (11)	Absent	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Absent	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Absent	No. Branford (8)	Absent	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

Ms. Sack, director of the Authority, thanked RPB members for their support.

Ms. Young moved for adoption of the following resolution:

**RESOLVED**, that the proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Final Decision of the Representative Policy Board, with respect to the South Central Connecticut Regional

Water Authority’s Application for the 2025 Rate Application, dated July 29, 2024, which copy is attached hereto, be and hereby is, approved in the form submitted to the meeting.

Mr. Slocum seconded the motion. After discussion, the Chair called for the vote and the RPB adopted the motion with 61 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

Ansonia (3)	Nay	Guilford (4)	Aye	No. Haven (5)	Absent
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 (11)	Absent	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Absent	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Absent	No. Branford (8)	Absent	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

Ms. Young moved for adoption of the following resolutions:

#1: Resolution Approving Water Rates and Charges

**RESOLVED**, that the Representative Policy Board of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District (the “RPB”) hereby approves the water rates and related charges set forth in the 2025 issuance test rate application (the “2025 Rate Application”), filed by the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority (the “Authority”) with the RPB on July 2024, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the water rates and related charges set forth in the 2025 Rate Application and attached hereto shall become effective upon the delivery of all or a portion of the Authority’s Water System Revenue Bonds, a portion of which may be issued as Project Loan Obligations delivered to the State of Connecticut (the “Bonds”). The Bonds are currently expected to be delivered on or about January 2025. The water rates and related charges affected by this resolution will be adjusted at the time of the sale of the Bonds in accordance with the table on page 29 of the 2025 Rate Application to reflect the interest rate on the Bonds and resulting debt service, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the water and related charges established by the Authority, and approved herein, are hereby found to be just and equitable rates and charges which, together with other available funds, will provide the Authority with funds in amounts sufficient for the purposes set forth in Section 14 of the Authority’s enabling legislation, Special Act 77-98, as amended, but not in excess of such amounts.

#2: Resolution Approving the Issuance of Bonds

**WHEREAS**, the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority (the “Authority”) proposes to issue its Bonds which may be issued as Project Loan Obligations delivered to the State of Connecticut (the “Bonds”) in accordance with Special Act 77-98, as amended, of the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut (the “Act”) and the Water System Revenue Bond Resolution, General Bond Resolution, adopted by the Authority and approved by the Representative Policy Board of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District (the “RPB”) on July 31, 1980, as amended and supplemented (the “General Bond Resolution”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Act authorizes the Authority to issue its bonds from time to time but subject to the approval of the RPB.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. The RPB hereby approves the issuance of the Authority’s Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed Forty-five Million Dollars (\$45,000,000).
2. The Bonds may be issued as obligations in one or more series pursuant to the General Bond Resolution and a supplemental resolution to be adopted by the Authority for each series of Bonds, each of which shall specify the amount of the Bonds, the purposes for which the Bonds are to be issued, the date or dates, maturities, sinking fund installments if any, interest rates, series, denominations, form, redemption prices, security provisions and such other details of the Bonds as the Authority shall determine in accordance with the limits established by the General Bond Resolution and hereby.
3. The purposes of the Bonds shall be to finance or refinance the cost of certain capital improvements to the water system of the Authority (the “Projects”) from approximately January, 2025 through June, 2026 in accordance with a certain capital improvement plan (the “Plan”) adopted by the Authority on June 27, 2024, as may be amended from time to time, or in accordance with resolutions approved by the Authority for additional water system projects, (the “Resolutions”), to provide funds for deposit to the Capital Contingency Fund, Debt Reserve Fund, and Operating Reserve Fund, as necessary pursuant to the General Bond Resolution and as permitted by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended and to pay costs of issuance.
4. The Bonds may be sold by a competitive bid or by negotiation as serial or term bonds with stated maturities and may be sold in a private or direct placement to a bank or the State of Connecticut.

Mr. Jaser seconded the motion. After discussion, the Chair called for the vote and the RPB adopted the motion with 50 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

Ansonia (3)	Nay	Guilford (4)	Aye	No. Haven (5)	Absent
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 (11)	Absent	West Haven (8)	Nay
Derby (2)	Absent	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Abstain
East Haven (6)	Absent	No. Branford (8)	Absent	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

On motion made by Mr. Clifford and seconded by Mr. Betkoski, and unanimously carried, the RPB approved its third quarter 2024 member compensation, substantially in the form submitted to the meeting, with 64 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

Ansonia (3)	Aye	Guilford (4)	Aye	No. Haven (5)	Absent
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)	Aye
Derby (2)	Absent	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Absent	No. Branford (8)	Absent	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

**Reports**

**Finance Committee** – Mr. Marino, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported on the Committee meeting earlier in the month. The Committee met on October 7<sup>th</sup> and received a clean audit report for FY 2024 and reviewed the dashboard report from management.

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The next meeting is on November 4, 2024 and will be hybrid.

**Land Use Committee** – Mr. Levine, Chair of the Land Use Committee, reported on the Committee meeting earlier in the month. He stated that the Committee met at Lake Saltonstall in Branford for its annual pizza party. The committee met with the new police staff and received updates on RWA recreation areas.

**Consumer Affairs Committee** – Ms. Campbell, Chair of the Consumer Affairs Committee, reported on the Committee meeting that took place earlier in the week. The Committee met on October 21, 2024 and received a presentation from management on the RWA’s hybrid work model. The OCA reported no consumer complaints.

The next meeting is on Monday, November 18, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

**Nominating Committee** – Mr. Clifford had nothing further to report.

**Executive Committee** – Mr. Harvey, Chair of the Executive Committee, reported on the Committee meeting earlier in the month. The Committee met with management to review the upcoming application schedule for 2025, approved the committee’s regular meeting schedule for 2025 and met in executive session to receive a Blue Drop acquisition update.

**Authority/Management** – Mr. Borowy, Chair of the Authority, thanked RPB members for Ms. Sack’s reappointment. He 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 the Committee met earlier in the day with representatives from Morgan Stanley to review the RWA’s quarterly investment performance for the pension plans and Voluntary Employees’ Beneficiary Association (VEBA) plan, the Investment Policy Statement for these plans, and the market environment.

Mr. Borowy reported that at the Authority meeting earlier in the day, the Authority also met with management to review the 10-Year Model and various scenarios, which will be presented to the RPB Finance Committee and Consumer Affairs Committee at the November meetings. He also noted that the Authority approved a disposition Application that would be forwarded to the RPB in the upcoming days.

Ms. Kowalski, RWA’s Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, reviewed revenues, and operating and maintenance expenses for the month ended September 30, 2024, and stated that the projected maintenance test for FY 2025 is 117%, with no draw from the Rate Stabilization Fund. The increase is primarily attributed to the May 2024 refinancing, higher other revenues and interest income, and lower Payment in Lieu of Taxes, partially offset by lower water revenues.

She reported that as of October 16, 2024 storage levels are at 76%, compared to the long-term average of 67%. Rainfall is 17.54 inches, .28” higher than the long-term average of 17.26 inches.

Mr. Borowy thanked RPB members for their support of the Nominating Committee’s recommendation to reappoint Ms. Sack for another five years to the Authority and approval of the rate application.

Mr. Harvey reminded RPB members that the meetings in November and December would be moved up one week due to the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. The meetings will be held on Thursday, November 21, 2024, and December 19, 2024.

He also reminded members that donations are being collected for the RWA’s Teacup Auction to raise money for the United Way. Donations are being accepted until November 8<sup>th</sup>.

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Chair Harvey acknowledged Atty. Donofrio, OCA, who had nothing to report.

At 7:16 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Eitzer and seconded by Ms. Campbell, the RPB voted to adjourn the meeting, with 64 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 (11)	Aye	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Absent	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Aye	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

Respectfully submitted,

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Jamie Mowat Young, Secretary

Attachment:

1. Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Final Decision for the 2025 Rate Application

(R) = Attended remotely.