

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

**Minutes of November 21, 2024 Meeting**

The regular meeting of the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District took place on Thursday, November 21, 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
East Haven	Michelle Verderame(R)
Guilford	Charles Havrda
Hamden	Stephen Mongillo(R)
Killingworth	Jamie Mowat Young
Madison	Joseph A. Oslander(R)
New Haven	Naomi Campbell
North Branford	Peter DeSantis(R)
North Haven	James X. DiCarlo(R)
Prospect	Robert E. Harvey, Jr.
Seymour	Michael H. Horbal
West Haven	T. Gregory Malloy
Woodbridge	Mark Levine(R)
Governor’s Rep	Vincent M. Marino(R)

**Absent**

Branford	Vacant
Derby	Frank Pepe
Milford	Richard Smith
Orange	Jay Jaser

**Regional Water Authority**

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

**Management**

Rochelle Kowalski  
Elizabeth Calo  
Jim Hill  
Sunny Lakshminarayanan  
Prem Singh  
Kevin Watsey

**Counsel**

Raquel Herrera-Soto

**Office of Consumer Affairs**

Jeffrey M. Donofrio, Esq.

**Staff**

Jennifer Slubowski

**Call to Order**

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

**Moment of Silence**

He called for a moment of silence for the recent loss of the President & Chief Executive Officer, Larry L. Bingaman.

**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. Three members of the public were present at the meeting but did not offer comment.

**Minutes**

On motion made by Mr. Clifford and seconded by Mr. Horbal, the RPB approved the minutes of its October 24, 2024 meeting as distributed, with 80 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)	Absent
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)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Aye	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

**Communications**

Chair Harvey noted that Ethics and Gift/Profit Disclosure Reports for the period ended November 30, 2024 were distributed to members.

**Items for Consideration and Action**

Mr. Levine moved for approval of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority, on October 28, 2024, filed an Application with the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) for the disposition of 4.98 acres of unimproved Class III lands, located at 56 Squantuck Road, Seymour, Connecticut that is part of Land Unit SE 5; and

**WHEREAS**, the Land Use Committee of the Representative Policy Board reviewed the Application and recommended that the Application be accepted by the RPB as complete; and

**WHEREAS**, the Land Use Committee recommended that the public hearing be conducted by a Presiding Member; and

**WHEREAS**, the Land Use Committee proposed a public hearing date of January 23, 2025 at 7:00 pm., in accordance with Special Act 77-98, as amended, and the RPB Bylaws and Rules of Practice.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the RPB accepts the Land Use Committee’s recommendation to consider the Authority’s Application and determined to hold a public hearing, to be conducted by a Presiding Member, on January 23, 2025 at 7:00 p.m., in accordance with Special Act 77-98, as amended, and the RPB Bylaws and Rules of Practice; and

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Chairperson is hereby directed to give notice of said hearing in accordance with Section 11 of the Rules of Practice, as amended.

Mr. Malloy seconded the motion. After discussion, the Chair called for the vote and the RPB adopted the motion with 80 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

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East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Aye	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

Chair Harvey stated that the public hearing would be taking place in Seymour, members of the RPB will be notified of the venue when confirmed.

On motion made by Mr. Eitzer and seconded by Mr. Horbal, the RPB voted to adopt the proposed 2025 calendar year meeting dates, as presented, with 80 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

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Branford (6)	Vacant	Madison (6)	Aye	Seymour (1)	Aye
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## Reports

**Finance Committee** – Mr. Marino, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported on the Committee meeting earlier in the month. The Committee met in executive session to review the Ten Year Model with management. The Committee also adopted its 2025 meeting calendar. The next meeting will be held on Monday, December 9, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

**Land Use Committee** – Mr. Levine, Chair of the Land Use Committee, reported on the Committee meeting earlier in the month. The Committee met with management and received an update on RWA’s lead service line inventory program.

**Consumer Affairs Committee** – Ms. Campbell, Chair of the Consumer Affairs Committee, reported on the Committee meeting earlier in the week. The Committee met in executive session to review the Ten Year Model with management. The Committee also adopted its 2025 meeting calendar.

**Authority/Management** – Mr. Borowy, Chair of the Authority, reported on the board meeting earlier in the day. He stated that the Authority also met as the Environmental, Health & Safety Committee and the Strategic Planning Committee.

Mr. Ricozzi, Chair of the Environmental, Health & Safety Committee, reported on the meeting earlier in the day. The Committee received an update on HazWaste Central, Lake Whitney Dam design project, and a briefing on the lead service line inventory project.

Ms. Sack, Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee, reported on the meeting earlier in the day. The Committee met with management and received an outline of the FY 2026 strategic planning process.

Ms. Kowalski, the RWA’s Vice President & Chief Financial Officer, reviewed revenues, and operating and maintenance expenses for the month ended October 31, 2024, and stated that the projected maintenance test for FY 2025 is 117%, with no draw from the Rate Stabilization Fund. The key factors contributing to higher coverage are last fiscal year’s refinancing, HSV revenues, higher interest rates, and a small variance in PILOT. The projections do not include the recent rate application.

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She reported that storage levels as of November 18, 2024 are 69%, compared to the long-term average of 66%. Rainfall for the fiscal year totaled 17.90 inches, which is 3.43 inches lower than the average of 21.33 inches.

Chair Harvey recognized Atty. Donofrio who had nothing new to report.

Chair Harvey stated that the next meeting of the RPB is on Thursday, December 19, 2024, moved up one week earlier due to the Christmas holiday. He also reminded members that the Code of Ethics form is due by December 6, 2024.

Chair Harvey stated that the United Way is still accepting donations.

RPB members offered comments regarding Mr. Bingaman and his transformative leadership and contributions to the water industry.

At 7:05 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Malloy and seconded by Ms. Campbell, the RPB voted to adjourn the meeting, with 80 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Jamie Mowat Young, Secretary

(R) = Attended remotely.