

Representative Policy Board
South Central Connecticut Regional Water District
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AGENDA

Regular Meeting of Thursday, September 26, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

- I Safety Moment
 - II Public Comment: The time limit granted to each speaker shall be three (3) minutes. Residents and customers may address the Board.
 - III Approval of Minutes – August 22, 2024 meeting and September 5, 2024 special meeting
 - IV Communications
 - A. Nominating Committee’s recommendation regarding Criteria to be Utilized in Recommending Appointment of a Candidate to the Five Member Authority for the Term Beginning January 1, 2025
 - V Items for Consideration and Action
 - A. Finance Committee’s recommendation for approval of the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Resolution – Lead Service Lines
 - VI Reports
 - A. Finance Committee
 - B. Land Use Committee
 - C. Consumer Affairs Committee
 - D. Nominating Committee
 - E. Authority/Management
 - VII Adjourn
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7:00 p.m. – Public Hearing regarding the 2025 Rate Application.

<p>**Members of the public may attend the meeting in person or via conference call. For information on attending the meeting and to view meeting documents, please visit http://tinyurl.com/yyxk7xcs. For questions, contact the board office at 203-401-2515 or by email at jslubowski@rwater.com.</p>

SAFETY MOMENT

AVOIDING LISTERIA

Listeria is a foodborne bacterial illness that can be very serious for pregnant women, people older than 65, and people with weakened immune systems. It is most commonly caused by eating improperly processed deli meats and unpasteurized milk products. Listeria can also survive refrigeration and even freezing. Symptoms can appear a few days or up to 30 days or more and include:

- Fever
- Chills
- Muscle aches
- Nausea
- Diarrhea
- Headache
- Stiff neck
- Confusion or changes in alertness
- Loss of balance
- Convulsions

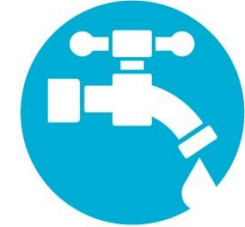
PREVENTION:

- Keep hands and kitchen utensils and areas clean
- Scrub raw vegetables
- Cook food thoroughly
- Stay away from soft cheeses, hot dogs, deli meats, meat spreads, smoked seafood, and raw or lightly cooked sprouts

Service – Teamwork – Accountability – Respect – Safety

Safety is a core company value at the Regional Water Authority .
It is our goal to reduce workplace injuries to zero.

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Safety



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

Minutes of August 22, 2024 Meeting

A regular meeting of the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District took place on Thursday, August 22, 2024, at 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)
Cheshire	Timothy Slocum
Guilford	Charles Havrda
Hamden	Stephen Mongillo
Killingworth	Jamie Mowat Young
Madison	Joseph A. Oslander
Milford	Richard Smith(R)
North Branford	Peter DeSantis(R)
New Haven	Naomi Campbell
North Haven	James X. DiCarlo
Orange	Jasper J. Jaser
Prospect	Robert E. Harvey, Jr.
Seymour	Michael H. Horbal
West Haven	Mark Levine(R)
Woodbridge	T. Gregory Malloy
Governor’s Rep	Vincent M. Marino(R)

Regional Water Authority

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

Management

Larry L. Bingaman
Rochelle Kowalski
Tara Augur
Nicoletta Blevins
Elizabeth Calo
Jim Hill
Sunny Lakshminarayanan
Orville Kelly
Andrew Marotti
Premjith Lakshman Singh
Philip Vece

Counsel

Bruce McDermott, Murtha Cullina(R)

Berchem Moses PC

Bryan L. LeClerc

Office of Consumer Affairs

Jeffrey M. Donofrio

Absent

Bethany	Brian Eitzer
Branford	Vacant
Derby	Frank Pepe
East Haven	Michelle Verderame

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. There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

Minutes

On motion made by Mr. Horbal, seconded by Ms. Young, the RPB approved the minutes of its July 25, 2024 meeting as distributed, with 74 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)	Absent	Killingworth (2)	Aye	Prospect (1)	Aye
Branford (6)	Vacant	Madison (6)	Aye	Seymour (1)	Aye
Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (10)	Aye	West Haven (8)	Abstain
Derby (2)	Absent	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Absent	No. Branford (8)	Aye	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

Communications

Chair Harvey:

- Reported that the RPB Nominating Committee for Authority member has been formed and is scheduled to meet at the end of the month.
- Noted that immediately following the RPB will be a public hearing for the Authority's Application for the acquisition of Aquarion Water Company. There are two additional hearings scheduled: Tuesday, August 27, 2024 at 10 a.m. and Tuesday, August 27, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.
- Stated that there would be a special RPB meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 5, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Item for Consideration and Action

Ms. Young moved for approval of the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, on July 29, 2024, the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority filed the 2025 Rate Application ("Application") for approval to the Representative Policy Board (the "RPB"); and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee of the RPB reviewed the Application and recommended that the Application be accepted by the RPB; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee of the RPB recommended that a public hearing be scheduled on Thursday, September 26, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee also recommended that the public hearing be conducted by a presiding member; and

WHEREAS, the RPB accepted said Application as complete and scheduled said Application for a public hearing 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 Authority's Application and determined to hold a public hearing, to be conducted by a Presiding Member, on September 26, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, 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. Slocum seconded the motion. The chair called for the vote and the RPB approved the resolutions, with 82 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)	Absent	Killingworth (2)	Aye	Prospect (1)	Aye
Branford (6)	Vacant	Madison (6)	Aye	Seymour (1)	Aye
Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (10)	Aye	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Absent	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Absent	No. Branford (8)	Aye	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

Reports

Finance Committee – Mr. Marino, Chair of the RPB Finance Committee, reported on the committee’s special meeting last month to discuss the completeness, mode, and date of public hearing for the Application for the Acquisition of Aquarion Water Company.

He also reported on the committee meeting earlier in the month. The committee met to discuss the completeness, mode, and date of public hearing for the 2025 Rate Application.

The next meeting is on Monday, September 9, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

Land Use Committee – Mr. Levine, Chair of the RPB Land Use Committee, reported that the meeting was held at the Seymour Wellfield. The committee received an update from management on the replacement of the generator, demolition, and construction of an existing building.

Next month, the Committee will meet at Furnace Pond in Branford.

Consumer Affairs Committee – Ms. Campbell, Chair of the RPB Consumer Affairs Committee, reported that the committee met earlier in the week. The committee received a cyber security update. As the discussion was held in executive session, she did not provide further detail.

Authority/Management – Mr. Borowy, Chair of the Authority, reported on the Authority Meeting earlier in the day. He stated that the first order of business was to meet as the sole member of the Claire C. Bennett Watershed Fund. Four member terms were up and three were reappointed: Mr. Clifford, Ms. Moore, and Mr. Stone. One member whose term was up chose to retire, so there is a vacancy on the board.

He also reported that the Authority also met as the Environmental, Health & Safety Committee.

Mr. Ricozzi, Chair of the Environmental, Health & Safety Committee, reported that at the Committee meeting earlier in the day, the committee met with management to receive an update and revisions to the Lead & Copper Rule.

Mr. Borowy also reported that at the Authority earlier in the day, the Authority also met as the Compensation Committee. In Mr. Curseaden’s absence, Mr. Borowy reported that the committee reviewed the FY 2024 Chief Executive Officer’s (“CEO”) accomplishments and discussed the CEO’s performance.

The committee also reviewed eight strategic priorities for FY 2024, approved the CEO’s FY 2025 personal priorities, and discussed performance and compensation for other executive team members.

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Mr. Bingaman, the RWA’s President and CEO, reviewed revenues, operating and maintenance expenses for the month ended July 31, 2024 and stated the projected maintenance test for FY 2025 is 117%, with no shortfall.

He also reported that as of August 19, 2024 raw water storage was at 89%, compared to the long-term average of 78% for the same period last year.

Chair Harvey noted procedures to be utilized at the public hearing.

He also reminded members about the RPB’s special meeting on Thursday, September 5, 2024. Members should contact the board office to confirm attendance.

Chair Harvey also reported on the RPB Nominating Committee for Authority member for the term ending December 31, 2024. RPB members serving on the Committee include Messrs. Clifford (Chair), Eitzer, Jaser, Levine, and Ms. Young. He also noted that there was no interest from RPB members for consideration as a candidate.

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

As there was no further discussion, at 6:53 p.m., the RPB voted to adjourn the meeting with 82 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative, the meeting adjourned.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Mowat Young, Secretary

(R) – Attended remotely.

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

Minutes of September 5, 2024 Special Meeting

A special meeting of the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District took place on Thursday, September 5, 2024, at 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)
Cheshire	Timothy Slocum
Guilford	Charles Havrda
Hamden	Stephen Mongillo(R)
Killingworth	Jamie Mowat Young
Madison	Joseph A. Oslander
Milford	Richard Smith(R)
New Haven	Naomi Campbell
North Branford	Peter DeSantis
North Haven	James X. DiCarlo
Orange	Jasper J. Jaser
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

Bethany	Brian Eitzer
Branford	Vacant
Derby	Frank Pepe
East Haven	Michelle Verderame

Regional Water Authority

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

Management

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

Counsel

Bruce McDermott

Office of Consumer Affairs

Jeffrey Donofrio(R)

Berchem Moses

Bryan LeClerc

Staff

Jennifer Slubowski

Call to Order

Chair Harvey called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Safety Moment

He reviewed the Safety Moment handout distributed to members.

Public Comment

Chair Harvey offered the opportunity for members of the public to comment. Members of the public were present and were offered the opportunity to comment but declined.

Items for Consideration and Action

Mr. Slocum moved for approval of the following resolution for reasons discussed in executive session:

RESOLVED, that the proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Final Decision of the Representative Policy Board, acting as itself and on behalf of the Aquarion Water District Representative Policy Board, with respect to the Application for approval to submit a bid and, if accepted, the Acquisition of the Aquarion Water Company and conversion to a not-for profit authority, dated July 26, 2024, which copy is attached hereto, be and hereby is, approved in the form submitted to the meeting.

Mr. Jaser seconded the motion.

RPB members commented on proposed management structure, rates, taxation, pending projects, stability, opportunities, infrastructure maintenance, and customer benefits.

After discussion, the Chair called for the vote and the resolution was adopted, with 69 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

Ansonia (3)	Aye	Guilford (4)	Aye	No. Haven (5)	Aye
Beacon Falls (0)	Aye	Hamden (10)	Nay	Orange (3)	Aye
Bethany (5)	Absent	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)	Abstain
East Haven (6)	Absent	No. Branford (8)	Aye	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

Mr. Slocum moved for approval of the following resolutions for reasons discussed in executive session:

WHEREAS, the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority, acting on behalf of itself and the Aquarion Water Authority, (hereinafter referred to as the “Authority”) filed an Application with the Representative Policy Board, acting on behalf of itself and the Aquarion Water District, (hereinafter referred to as the “RPB”) for approval for the Acquisition of the Aquarion Water Company (the “Application”); and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee of the RPB reviewed the Application and recommended that the Application be accepted by the RPB Chairman, on behalf of the RPB, under the expedited process; and

WHEREAS, the RPB held public hearings with respect to the Application on August 22, 2024 at 7:00p.m., August 27, 2024 at 10:00a.m. and August 27, 2024 at 6:30p.m.; and

WHEREAS, the Authority proposes to issue its bonds, notes or other obligations (the “Bonds”) permitted under the General Statutes of Connecticut (the “General Statutes”) and any other law thereto enabling to finance such acquisition in accordance with the Application; and

WHEREAS, the General Statutes authorize the Authority to acquire the Aquarion Water Company and to issue its Bonds from time to time but each of which are subject to the approval of the RPB.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Final Decision of the RPB, attached hereto, with respect to the Application be and hereby is approved in the form submitted to this meeting.
2. The issuance of the Bonds in an aggregate principal amount that shall not exceed the amount as set forth in the Application is hereby approved.
 - A. The Bonds may be issued as obligations in one or more series on parity or subordinate to each other pursuant to a 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, whether bonds are taxable or tax exempt, 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 Application.
 - B. The purposes of the Bonds shall be to finance or refinance the cost of the acquisition of the Aquarion Water Company in accordance with resolutions approved by the Authority (the “Resolutions”), to provide funds for deposit to reserve funds, as necessary and as permitted by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended and to pay costs of issuance (the “Project”).
 - C. 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.

Mr. Malloy seconded the motion. The Chair called for the vote and the resolution was adopted, with 69 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

Ansonia (3)	Aye	Guilford (4)	Aye	No. Haven (5)	Aye
Beacon Falls (0)	Aye	Hamden (10)	Nay	Orange (3)	Aye
Bethany (5)	Absent	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)	Abstain
East Haven (6)	Absent	No. Branford (8)	Aye	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

At 7:03 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Clifford and seconded by Mr. Mongillo, the RPB voted to adjourn the meeting, with 82 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)	Absent	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)	Absent	No. Branford (8)	Aye	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

Jamie Mowat Young, Secretary

Attachment:

1. Final Decision, Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law of the Representative Policy Board for the Application for approval to submit a bid and, if approved, the Acquisition of the Aquarion Water Company.

(R) = Attended Remotely.

UNAPPROVED

RPB NOMINATING COMMITTEE

CRITERIA TO BE UTILIZED IN RECOMMENDING APPOINTMENT OF A CANDIDATE TO THE FIVE-MEMBER AUTHORITY

In developing the criteria or guidelines by which the qualifications of candidates for appointment to the Five Member Authority will be evaluated, consideration will be given to the Authority's current and future challenges and the organizations commitment to diversity. The successful candidate must be a dedicated and focused individual who will take a highly professional approach to the responsibilities of the position. It is expected that the candidate be a person of the highest personal integrity. It will be made clear to applicants that this is a twelve-month a year position that anticipates physical presence at meetings so that effective interaction between colleagues can take place. The following criteria are submitted for your review and comments.

Behavior/Characteristics Required

1. Ability to dissect and understand complex, multifaceted problems.
2. Ability to sense the "bigger picture" and maintain a strategic overview in addressing problems and planning solutions.
3. Ability to communicate ideas in a convincing and influential manner.
4. Ability to interact comfortably and effectively with a wide variety of people.
5. Ability and willingness to make timely and effective decisions.
6. Ability to function as a collaborative team member and modify plans and behavior when necessary to meet organizational goals.

Educational Background

1. Bachelor's degree or higher from a college or university, or equivalent experience.

Work and Organization Background

1. Applicants must have board or advisory board experience in either a for-profit or not-for-profit environment.
2. Applicants should have significant credentials in two or more of the following areas, with priority given to j, k, and l:
 - a. Private and/or public sector experience at the senior management level.
 - b. Direct responsibility for or significant involvement with large capital projects, programs, stakeholder engagement, regulatory compliance, and capital and operating budgets.
 - c. Senior level public utility experience.
 - d. Political, legislative, or utility regulatory agency involvement.
 - e. Environment and/or conservation land use experience or involvement.
 - f. Corporate finance and/or significant budget experience.
 - g. Substantial relevant legal experience with utility regulatory agency.
 - h. Possess good communication skills in both in-person and remote working environments.
 - i. Have a working knowledge of technical and engineering/operational processes.
 - j. Direct responsibility for or significant involvement with Mergers and Acquisitions, preferably in utilities.
 - k. Direct and demonstrable experience with post-merger integration.
 - l. Substantial and relevant responsibility for Information Technology or Artificial Intelligence, with direct and demonstrable experience in strategic guidance, impacts on utility, and opportunities and risk identification or resolution.

**REPRESENTATIVE POLICY BOARD
OF THE
SOUTH CENTRAL CONNECTICUT REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT**

RESOLUTION

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 Bonds shall not exceed Eight Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$8,500,000) in aggregate principal amount or so much as may be necessary after deducting grants or other sources of funds available for the Project (as hereinafter defined). It is expected that the Authority will receive grant funding in the amount of 75% of the contract cost but not exceeding \$5,000,000.

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 (I) to finance or refinance the cost of planning and efforts associated with inventory development for certain capital improvements to the water system of the Authority related to the Lead Service Line-Planning Project; (II) to provide funds for deposit to the Capital Contingency Fund and the Debt Reserve Fund, as necessary pursuant to the General Bond Resolution and as permitted by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended and (III) to pay costs of issuance (the "Project").

4. The Bonds may be sold 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.