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#### **AGENDA**

Special Meeting of Tuesday, July 29, 2025 at 12:30 p.m.

- 1. Call to order
  - 1.1 Safety Moment
- Public Comment: The time limit granted to each speaker shall be three (3) minutes. Residents and customers may address the Board.
- 3. Meet as Pension & Benefit Committee (Special Meeting): C. LaMarr
  - 3.1 Approve Minutes April 24, 2025 meeting
  - 3.2 Quarterly Investment Performance Review: S. Kelliher and J. McLaughlin
  - 3.3 401k Annual Update: S. Kelliher and J. McLaughlin
- 4. Act on matters arising from Committee meeting
- 5. Consent Agenda
  - 5.1 Approve Minutes June 26, 2025 meeting
  - 5.2 Capital Budget Authorization August 2025
  - 5.3 Monthly Financial Report June 2025
  - 5.4 Accounts Receivable Update June 2025
  - 5.5 Interim CEO FY 2026 Strategic Priorities
  - 5.6 RWAY/CIS Update
- 6. RPB Committee meeting reports
- 7. Business Updates: S. Lakshminarayanan
  - 7.1 Monthly Business Highlights: S. Lakshminaryanan
  - 7.2 \*AWA Update: S. Lakshminarayanan and R. Kowalski Upon 2/3 vote, convene in executive session pursuant to C.G.S. Section 1-200(6)(E), to discuss matters covered by Section 1-210(b)(5)(A)(B), pertaining to trade secrets and commercial and financial information.
- 8. Application North Branford Tank: V. Benni & O. Kelly *Upon 2/3 vote, convene in possible executive session pursuant to C.G.S. Section 1-200(6)(E) for matters covered by Section 1-210(b)(19)(i)(ii), pertaining to security risk.* 
  - 8.1 Review and discuss Application
  - 8.2 Affidavit regarding confidential information within said Application
  - 8.3 Motion for Protective Order for confidential information within said Application
  - 8.4 Protective Order concerning confidential information within said Application for submission to the Representative Policy Board (RPB)
  - 8.5 Possible recommendation to submit Application to the RPB
- 9. Review Criteria for Strategic Planning Consultant

RPB Member (S. Mongillo) will be excused at item 7.2

\*\* Members of the public may attend the meeting in person or by conference call. To view meeting documents please visit <a href="https://tinyurl.com/4b4mukzy">https://tinyurl.com/4b4mukzy</a>. For questions, contact the board office at 203-401-2515 or by email at <a href="jslubowski@rwater.com">jslubowski@rwater.com</a>.

#### South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority Pension & Benefit Committee Minutes of the April 24, 2025 Meeting

The regular meeting of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority ("RWA") Pension & Benefit Committee took place on Thursday, April 24, 2025, at 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven, Connecticut and via remote access. Chair LaMarr presided.

Present: Committee – Mss. LaMarr and Sack, and Messrs. Borowy, Curseaden, and Ricozzi

Management – Mss. Kowalski and Calo(R), and Messrs. Lakshminarayanan and Hill(R)

RPB – Mr. Marino(R)

Angell Pension Group, Inc. – Messrs. Bauer and Liter Morgan Stanley – Messrs. Kelliher, McLaughlin, and Pulli

Staff - Mrs. Slubowski

#### 3. MEET AS PENSON & BENEFIT COMMITTEE

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:31 p.m.

#### 3.1 APPROVE MINUTES

On motion made by Mr. Ricozzi and seconded by Mr. Borowy, the Committee voted to approve the minutes of its January 23, 2025 regular meeting.

Borowy	Aye					
Curseaden	Aye					
LaMarr	Aye					
Ricozzi	Aye					
Sack	Aye				',	

#### 3.2 REVIEW 1/1/2025 ACTUARY REPORTS AND ASSUMPTIONS FOR PENSION AND VEBA

Messrs. Bauer and Liter of Angell Pension Group, Inc., the RWA's pension actuary, presented summaries of the January 2025 salaried, union and Voluntary Employees Benefit Association ("VEBA") valuation reports, inclusive of key assumptions and prior year comparison.

After discussion, Mr. Curseaden moved for approval of the following resolutions for recommendation to the Authority:

#### 1. Salaried

**RESOLVED**, that the Authority approves a contribution of \$2,350,784 to the South-Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority's Salaried Employees' Retirement Plan, effective for the actuarial valuation of January 1, 2025; and

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Authority approves the continued use of the PubG-2010 Above Median Employee and Annuitant with Scale MP-2021 generational improvements (M/F), effective for the actuarial valuation of January 1, 2025.

#### 2. Union

**RESOLVED**, that the Authority approves a contribution of \$871,325 to the South-Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority's Union Employees' Retirement Plan, effective for the actuarial valuation of January 1, 2025; and

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**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Authority approves the continued use of the PubG-2010 Total Employee and Annuitant with Scale MP-2021 generational improvements (M/F), effective for the actuarial valuation of January 1, 2025.

Ms. Sack noted that based on the information provided from the actuary the contributions are prudent.

Mr. Ricozzi seconded the motion. The Chair called for the vote and the resolutions were unanimously approved for recommendation to the Authority.

Borowy Aye Curseaden Aye LaMarr Aye Ricozzi Aye Sack Aye

Ms. Sack moved for approval of the following resolutions for recommendation to the Authority:

**RESOLVED**, that the Authority approves a contribution of \$1,570,423 to the South-Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority's Retired Employees' Contributory Welfare Trust, effective for the actuarial valuation of January 1, 2025; and

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Authority approves the continued use of the mortality table for the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority's Retired Employees' Contributory Welfare Trust, the PubG.H.-2010 Employee, Healthy Annuitant, and Contingent Survivor with Scale MP-2021 generational improvements (M/F), effective as of the actuarial valuation of January 1, 2025.

Mr. Ricozzi seconded the motion. The Chair called for the vote and the resolutions were unanimously approved for recommendation to the Authority.

Borowy Aye Curseaden Aye LaMarr Aye Ricozzi Aye Sack Aye

#### 3.3 OUARTERLY INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE REVIEW

Mr. Kelliher, of Morgan Stanley, the RWA's pension investment advisor, reported on the Authority's Quarterly Investment Performance for its salaried and union pension plans, and the VEBA plan, for the period ended March 31, 2025, which included:

- Market commentary
- Asset allocations and investment matrices
- Investment results

At 1:35 p.m., Messrs. Bauer, Liter, Kelliher, McLaughlin, and Pulli withdrew from the meeting.

#### 3.4 REVIEW FY 2026 COMMITTEE WORK PLAN

The Committee reviewed its proposed FY 2026 Work Plan. After discussion, Chair LaMarr stated that the discussions regarding investment management services was deferred until January to prioritize ongoing critical matters and allow time to prepare for potential pension obligations.

At 1:41 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Curseaden and seconded by Mr. Ricozzi, the Committee voted to adjourn the meeting.

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> Borowy Aye Curseaden Aye LaMarr Aye Ricozzi Aye Sack Aye

> > Catherine LaMarr, Chairperson

(R) = Attended remotely.

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# **Discussion Outline & Agenda**

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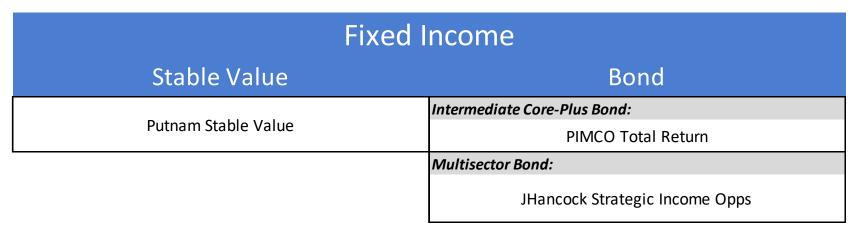


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# **Investment Menu Structure & Assets**

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Total Fixed Income: \$8,901,701.16

## **Target Date**

Great Gray Trust: American Funds (2010 - 2065)

Total Target Date: \$14,725,538.59

## Risk Based

MFS Risk Based Allocation

Conservative, Moderate, Growth

Total Risk Based: \$5,033,979.89

# Investment Menu Structure & Assets

	Equity Funds				
	Value	Core/Blend	Growth		
Large	Putnam Large Cap Value	Vanguard 500 Index (Passive)	American Funds Growth Funds of Amer		
La		MFS Massachusetts Investors Tr (Active)	MFS Massachusetts Inv Gr Stk		
Mid	MFS Mid Cap Value	Vanguard Mid Cap Index	Principal Midcap		
Σ	ivii 3 iviid Cap vaide	varigaara iviia cap macx	Janus Henderson Enterprise		
Small	Macquarie Small Cap Value	Vanguard Small Cap Index	JPMorgan Small Cap Growth		

Total US Equity: \$35,168,475.33

Int'l	Developed	American Funds Eupac				
	EM	American Funds New World				

Total International Equity: \$3,218,403.79

Total 401(k) Plan Assets: \$67,048,098.76

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# **401(k) Plan Initiatives**

# Committee Mission for your 401(k) – an ongoing process, supported by your Advisors

## Fiduciary Governance

#### Build a Reliable and Repeatable Process Around All Critical Plan Components

Fiduciary Audit File to document procedural process

Initial and Ongoing Training of Plan Committee Members

Legislative and Regulatory Updates

## **Employee Engagement**

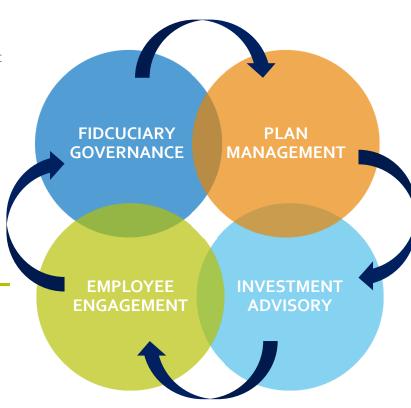
#### **Drive Employee Engagement**

- Analyze plan demographics, to formulate short and long term education goals and objectives
- Develop and deliver customized education programs tailored to your specific objectives

#### **Ongoing Employee Education**

#### **Improve Retirement Readiness**

 Risk-based and Target Date Custom Model Portfolios



## Plan Management

#### **Strategic Planning**

 Consulting, Administrative and Operational Support

#### **Plan Design Consulting & Support**

#### **Plan Benchmarking**

- Evaluate and understand plan services and costs
- Assess reasonableness of plan costs relative to services received

#### **Vendor Search Services**

• Complete project management

## Investment Advisory

#### **Investment Oversight**

- Conduct needs analysis
- Investment Policy Statement (IPS)
- Asset class analysis including the creation of Custom Model Portfolios

# Provide Ongoing Fund Selection & Monitoring

• Performance reporting & analytics

# ERISA 3(21) and/or 3(38) Fiduciary Services Available

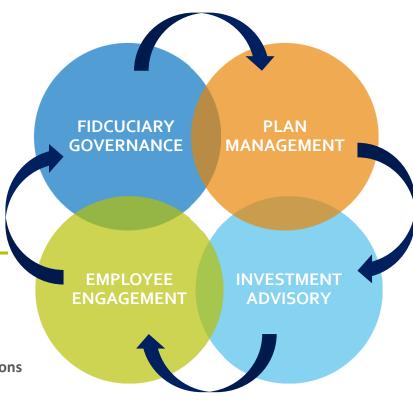
# Committee Mission for your 401(k) – an ongoing process, supported by your Advisors

## Fiduciary Governance

- Fiduciary Training
- SECURE 2.0

## **Employee Engagement**

- Monthly Webinars
- On-site and Virtual:
  - Retirement Readiness
  - One-on-one consultations



## Plan Management

- Plan Benchmarking:
  - Comprehensive plan costs benchmarking via RFI to 7 401(k) recordkeepers
  - Empower Recordkeeping lowered from 0.12% to 0.065%
  - Investment Expenses reduced from 0.61% (\$394,876) to 0.57% (\$374,168)

## Investment Advisory

- Provide Ongoing Investment Monitoring
  - Performance reporting & analytics
- ERISA 3(21) Services
- Investment Changes (2025)
  - Invesco Developing Markets → American Funds New World
  - JPMorgan SmartRetirement TDF → GG Trust AF TDF
  - Vanguard Mid & Small Index added

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# Retirement Plan Consultation & Retirement Readiness Webinar

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# Regional Water Authority

Tapping the Possibilities™



## **Schedule Your Retirement Plan Consultation**

Included in the services provided to the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority 401(k) Plan is the opportunity for you to schedule a one-on-one consultation with our retirement plan advisor, The Kelliher Corbett Group at Morgan Stanley. These sessions are an ideal forum to get answers to any of your personal retirement plan related questions. We encourage you to take advantage of this benefit.

### **Common Topics Of Discussion:**

- Your goals and objectives
- Reviewing your investment mix and savings rate
- Coordinating other retirement plan accounts with your 401(k)
- Assistance with enrolling in the SCCRWA 401(k) Plan

## Click here or scan QR code to schedule your consultation



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# **Agenda**

**Retirement Basics** 

Retirement Account Deep Dives: 401(k) Plans and IRAs

Final Thoughts



FINANCIAL PLANNING FOR RETIREMENT 5



Please contact us with any questions, or to schedule your 1-on-1 consultation:

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# **401(k) Plan Metrics**

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	As of June 30, 2025	YoY Change
Plan Participants (with a Balance)	387	0.00%
Employed (with a Balance)	315	0.00%
Terminated (with a Balance)	<b>72</b>	0.00%

Participation Rate – Salary Deferral 88.3% (287 contributing) +2.8% (277)

Average Contribution Rate 8.8% -0.20%

## 401(k) Plan Metrics

	2024 Calendar Year	2025 Calendar YTD
Unique Webinar Participants	25 (31 Total Attended)	17 (11 Total Attended)
Webinar Topics	5	3
Webinars Offered	8	5

Onsite Retirement Readiness (Offered)\* TBD
One-on-One Consultations\*\* 8
Average Annual Calls/Emails 12-15

<sup>\*</sup>Onsite Retirement Readiness offered but decision to stick with on-demand 1-1s for now. Nothing planned at this point in time

<sup>\*\*</sup>One-on-One Consultations all after promotion flyer was sent in June

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