

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

Minutes of June 27, 2024 Meeting

A regular meeting of the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District took place on Thursday, June 27, 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)
Bethany	Brian Eitzer(R)
Guilford	Charles Havrda
Hamden	Stephen Mongillo
Killingworth	Jamie Mowat Young(R)
Madison	Joseph A. Oslander
Milford	Richard Smith(R)
New Haven	Naomi Campbell
North Branford	Peter DeSantis(R)
North Haven	Anthony Rescigno(R)
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 Marino(R)

Absent

Branford	Vacant
Cheshire	Timothy Slocum
Derby	Frank Pepe
East Haven	Michelle Verderame

Regional Water Authority

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

Management

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

Counsel

Raquel Herrera-Soto

Office of Consumer Affairs

Jeffrey Donofrio

Staff

Jennifer Slubowski

Call to Order

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

Minutes

On motion made by Mr. Malloy and seconded by Mr. Horbal, the RPB approved the minutes of its May 23, 2024 regular meeting and its June 11, 2024 special meeting, with 71 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

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Ansonia (3)	Aye	Guilford (4)	Aye	No. Haven (5)	Aye
Beacon Falls (0)	Aye	Hamden (10)	Absent	Orange (3)	Aye
Bethany (5)	Aye	Killingworth (2)	Absent	Prospect (1)	Aye
Branford (6)	Vacant	Madison (6)	Aye	Seymour (1)	Aye
Cheshire (4)	Absent	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

Communications

Chair Harvey reported that the FY 2024 RPB Weighted Vote Computation was distributed to members. There are no changes.

He stated that members should submit their committee choice to the board office. Committees will be formed prior to the July meetings.

Chair Harvey noted that there are still four outstanding reappointments for Messrs. DeSantis, Rescigno, Marino, and a vacancy in Branford. Members will continue to serve until reappointed or a new appointment is made.

Reports

Finance Committee – Mr. Marino, Chair of the RPB Finance Committee, reported that the Committee met earlier in the month and received an update from management on RPB approved projects.

The next meeting is on Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at 5:00 p.m., hybrid.

At 6:35 p.m., Ms. Mowat Young entered the meeting.

Land Use Committee – Mr. Betkoski, Chair of the Land Use Committee, reported on the meeting earlier in the month. The Committee met at Lake Glen in Woodbridge and received a historical perspective of the area from management. The Committee also received updates on RWA owned properties and invasive species.

The next meeting is on Wednesday, July 10, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

At 6:36 p.m., Mr. Mongillo entered the meeting.

Consumer Affairs Committee – Mr. Levine, Chair of the Consumer Affairs Committee, reported on the Committee meeting earlier in the month. The Committee met in executive session with management to receive an update on the Customer Information System project. He stated that two members of the public attended the meeting to comment on a past due water bill.

Authority/Management - Mr. Borowy, Chair of the Authority, stated that at the meeting earlier in the day, the Authority met as the Strategic Planning Committee.

Ms. Sack, Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee, reported on the meeting earlier in the day. The Committee received a presentation from management on the RWA's FY 2024 strategic initiatives and global metrics and the FY 2025 strategic action initiatives and global metrics.

Mr. Borowy reported that at the Authority meeting earlier in the day, the board also met as the Commercial Business Committee.

Mr. Curseaden, Chair of the Commercial Business Committee, reported on the Committee meeting earlier in the day. He stated that the Committee met with management to receive a commercial business update, which included strategy, highlights, goals, and key achievements.

Ms. Kowalski, the RWA's Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, reviewed revenues, operating and maintenance expenses for the month ended May 31, 2024, and stated the projected maintenance test for FY 2024 is 133%, with no shortfall. Contributing to the higher coverage were strong May billing and cash receipts, lower accounts receivables, favorable interest rates, and the timing of DWSRF financing. Also mentioned was favorable PILOT as well as operating and maintenance expense.

She also reported that raw water storage levels through June 17, 2024 are at 96%, compared to a long-term average of 91%. The fiscal year ended with 98% storage, versus the long-term average of 93% and rainfall was higher by 17 inches.

Mr. Borowy stated that the RPB would be receiving a commercial information update.

At 6:49 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Havrda and seconded by Mr. Clifford, the RPB voted to convene in executive session, pursuant to C.G.S. Section 1-200(6)(E), to discuss matters covered by Section 1-201(b)(5)(B), pertaining to commercial and financial information with 83 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

Present in executive session were RPB members, Authority members, Messrs. Bingaman, Cosma, Donofrio, Hill, Lakshminarayanan, Singh, and Mss. Kowalski, Calo, Herrera-Soto, and Slubowski.

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Bethany (5)	Aye	Killingworth (2)	Aye	Prospect (1)	Aye
Branford (6)	Vacant	Madison (6)	Aye	Seymour (1)	Aye
Cheshire (4)	Absent	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

At 7:24 p.m., the RPB came out of executive session. No votes were taken in, or as a result of executive session.

Chair Harvey acknowledged Atty. Donofrio, Office of Consumer Affairs, who reported that the billing matter with a New Haven condominium association is nearing a resolution but waiting on bankruptcy court approval.

Chair Harvey reminded members to submit committee preferences to the board office as quickly as possible and prior to the July committee meetings.

At 7:26 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

Jamie Mowat Young, Secretary

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(R) = Attended remotely.