

**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 Hotel Marcel, 500 Sargent Drive, New Haven, Connecticut and via remote access. Chair Harvey presided.

PRESENT

RPB

Ansonia
Beacon Falls
Cheshire
Guilford
Hamden
Killingworth
Madison
Milford
North Branford
New Haven
North Haven
Orange
Prospect
Seymour
West Haven
Woodbridge
Governor’s Rep

Thomas P. Clifford III
Peter Betkoski(R)
Timothy Slocum
Charles Havrda
Stephen Mongillo
Jamie Mowat Young
Joseph A. Oslander
Richard Smith(R)
Peter DeSantis(R)
Naomi Campbell
James X. DiCarlo
Jasper J. Jaser
Robert E. Harvey, Jr.
Michael H. Horbal
Mark Levine(R)
T. Gregory Malloy
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
Branford
Derby
East Haven

Brian Eitzer
Vacant
Frank Pepe
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. Ricoszi, 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.