

**South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority
Minutes of the March 27, 2025 Meeting**

A regular meeting of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority (“RWA” or “Authority”) took place on Thursday, March 27, 2025, at 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven, Connecticut and via remote access. Chair Borowy presided.

Present: Authority Members Present – Messrs. Borowy, Ricozzi(R), and Mss. LaMarr and Sack
Authority Members Absent – Mr. Curseaden
Management and Staff – Mss. Kowalski and Calo (R), and Messrs. Lakshminarayanan, Hill (R), Singh, and Capt. Ruggiero(R)
RPB – Mr. Slocum
Aquarion Water Company – Ms. Teixeira(R)
Staff – Mrs. Slubowski

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Borowy called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

1.1 Safety Moment

Chair Borowy reviewed the Safety Moment distributed to members.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Borowy offered the opportunity for members of the public to comment. There were two members of the public present at the meeting, Mss. Cahn, and Kaminski, of the New Haven Environmental Advisory Council, who discussed concerns related to pesticides, PFAS, and other human health hazards that affect the water supply. They reviewed current bills and asked for RWA support.

At 12:37 p.m., Mr. Ricozzi entered the meeting.

At 12:39 p.m., Mss. Cahn and Kaminski thanked Authority members for the opportunity to speak and withdrew from the meeting.

3. MEET AS ENVIRONMENTAL, HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

At 12:40 p.m., on motion made by Ms. LaMarr and seconded by Mr. Borowy, the Authority voted to recess the regular meeting to meet as the Environmental, Health & Safety Committee.

Borowy	Aye
Curseaden	Absent
LaMarr	Aye
Ricozzi	Aye
Sack	Aye

At 12:56 p.m., the Authority reconvened and Mr. Ricozzi and Capt. Ruggiero withdrew from the meeting.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

On motion made by Ms. Sack and seconded by Ms. LaMarr, the Authority voted to approve, adopt, or receive, as appropriate the following items in the Consent Agenda, as presented:

4.1 Minutes of the February 27, 2025 meeting.

4.2 Capital Budget Authorization for April 2025.

RESOLVED, the Senior Vice-President, Chief Financial Officer & Head of Corporate Development, is authorized to submit to the Trustee one or more requisitions in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$8,250,000 for the month of April 2025 for transfer from the Construction Fund for capital expenditures. Each such requisition shall contain or be accompanied by a certificate identifying such requisition and stating that the amount to be withdrawn pursuant to such requisition is a proper charge to the Construction Fund. Such requisitions are approved notwithstanding the fact that amounts to be withdrawn for a particular project may exceed the amount indicated for such month and year in the current Capital Improvement Budget but will not cause the aggregate amount budgeted for fiscal year 2025 for all Capital Improvement Projects to be exceeded. In the absence of the Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer & Head of Corporate Development, the Controller is authorized to sign in her place.

4.3 Capital Budget Transfer Notifications – April 2025.

4.4 Accounts Receivable Update – February 2025.

4.5 Key Performance Indicators.

4.6 RPB Quarterly Dashboard Report.

Borowy	Aye
Curseaden	Absent
LaMarr	Aye
Ricozzi	Absent
Sack	Aye

5. FINANCE

5.1 Quarterly Financial Update

Ms. Kowalski, the RWA's Senior Vice-President, Chief Financial Officer & Head of Corporate Development, reviewed the quarterly financial report for the 3rd quarter of FY 2025, which included:

- Balance Sheet
- Revenues, expenses, and changes in net position
- Operating and maintenance expenses and key variances
- FY 2025 capital expenditures and projections
- Investment earnings

At 1:23 p.m., Ms. Teixeira entered the meeting.

6. RPB COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS AND REPORTS ON RPB COMMITTEE MEETINGS

7. BUSINESS UPDATES

7.1 RWAY/CIS Update

Mr. Singh, the RWA's Chief Information Digital Officer & Vice President of Customer Care, provided an update on the RWAY/CIS project. Mr. Singh's update indicated that the project is on track for its Go-Live date of April 2, 2025, the migration has been successfully completed, and the go-live cut-over plan

is running ahead of schedule. Tasks are being finalized related to communication, monitoring, testing, and training. A discussion was held regarding timelines, risks, and execution.

7.2 Monthly Business Highlights

Mr. Lakshminarayanan, the RWA's Interim Chief Executive Officer:

- Reported and he and Ms. Kowalski have met with town leaders in the Aquarion service territory, legislators, and other officials to discuss the newly created Aquarion Water Authority (AWA) and to address questions and concerns. There are more meetings scheduled in the upcoming weeks. They are also getting ready for the regulatory filings in Connecticut, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire.
- Provided an update on the progress of a potential acquisition of an environmental services lab. The acquisition may be ready for presentation to the board in upcoming months.
- Noted that the Thirty-Eighth Series Tender Refunding Bond was successful and has yielded approximately \$4.1 million in present value savings, equating to annualized savings of about \$326,000 for RWA customers in the maximum debt year.
- Highlighted a published article to commemorate World Water Day on March 22. He also sent an email to RWA employees expressing gratitude for their dedication as water professionals.
- Commented on the RWA's Corporate Social Responsiveness Report, which is published on the RWA website.
- Reported on a recent meeting with the President and CEO of the Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce to discuss ongoing economic development and business retention efforts on behalf of the RWA.
- Noted that Ms. Calo, the RWA's General Manager & Head of Human Resources, and her team participated in discussions with high school students related to career opportunities within water utilities. Over the past year, engagements have reached 14 high schools and over 2,000 students focused on career paths in manufacturing, bioscience, and healthcare.

At 2:02 p.m., Ms. Teixeira and Mr. Slocum withdrew from the meeting.

7.3 Blue Drop Update

At 2:02 p.m., on motion made by Ms. Sack, and seconded by Ms. LaMarr, the Authority voted to go into executive session pursuant to C.G.S. Section 1-200(6)(E), to discuss matters covered by Section 1-210(b)(5)(A)(B), concerning trade secrets and commercial or financial information. Present in executive session were the Authority members, Messrs. Lakshminarayanan, Hill, Singh, and Mss. Kowalski, Calo, and Slubowski.

Borowy	Aye
Curseaden	Absent
LaMarr	Aye
Ricozzi	Absent
Sack	Aye

At 2:46 p.m., the Authority came out of executive session. No votes were taken in, or as a result of executive session.

7.4 Consider and act on General Bond Resolution

No action was taken.

8. MEET AS COMMERCIAL BUSINESS COMMITTEE

At 2:47 p.m., on motion made by Ms. Sack and seconded by Ms. LaMarr, the Authority voted to recess the regular meeting to meet as the Commercial Business Committee.

Borowy	Aye
Curseaden	Absent
LaMarr	Aye
Ricozzi	Absent
Sack	Aye

At 2:48 p.m., the Authority reconvened.

9. ACT ON MATTERS ARISING FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS

There were no actions as a result of committee meetings.

At 2:48 p.m., on motion made by Ms. LaMarr and seconded by Ms. Sack, the Authority voted to adjourn the meeting.

Borowy	Aye
Curseaden	Absent
LaMarr	Aye
Ricozzi	Absent
Sack	Aye

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine E. LaMarr, Secretary

(R) = Attended remotely.