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**South Central Connecticut Regional Water District**  
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**AGENDA**

**Regular Meeting of Thursday, August 22, 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 – July 25, 2024 meeting
  - IV Communications
    - A. Nominating Committee for Authority Member
    - B. Upcoming Public Hearings:
      - a. Thursday, August 22, 2024 at 7 pm
      - b. Tuesday, August 27, 2024 at 10 am
      - c. Tuesday, August 27, 2024 at 6:30 pm
    - C. Special RPB Meeting on Thursday, September 5, 2024
  - V Items for Consideration and Action
    - A. Finance Committee’s possible recommendation regarding Completeness, Mode and Date of Public Hearing for the Authority’s Issuance Test Rate Application dated July 25, 2024
  - VI Reports
    - A. Finance Committee
    - B. Land Use Committee
    - C. Consumer Affairs Committee
    - D. Authority/Management
  - VII Adjourn
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**7:00 p.m.** – Public Hearing regarding the Authority’s Application for the approval of bid submission and, if successful, the acquisition of the Aquarion Water Company.

**\*\*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 <https://tinyurl.com/mu6vxn53>. For questions, contact the board office at 203-401-2515 or by email at [jslubowski@rwater.com](mailto:jslubowski@rwater.com).**

# Safety Moment

August 2024

## Title: School Bus Safety

It's that time of year when street and pedestrian traffic are increased, which means the risk of accidents is also higher. Other risk factors include slowdowns caused by bus pick-ups/drop-offs, increased bicycle riding, and excited kids not paying attention to where they're walking.

According to research by the National Safety Council, most of the children who lose their lives in bus-related incidents are 4 to 7 years old. They are hit by a bus or a motorist illegally passing a stopped bus. A few precautions go a long way toward keeping children safe:

- Don't block the crosswalk when stopped at a red light or waiting to make a turn, forcing pedestrians to go around you; this could put them in the path of moving traffic.
- In a school zone when flashers are blinking, stop and yield to pedestrians crossing the crosswalk or intersection.
- Always stop for a school patrol officer or crossing guard holding up a stop sign.
- Take extra care to look out for children in school zones, near playgrounds and parks, and in all residential areas.
- Never pass a vehicle stopped for pedestrians.
- Never pass a bus from behind.
- If the yellow or red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended, traffic must stop.
- The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children; stop far enough back to allow them space to enter and exit the bus safely.
- Be alert; children often are unpredictable; they tend to ignore hazards and take risks.



Regional Water Authority

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**Minutes of July 25, 2024 Meeting**

A regular meeting of the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District took place on Thursday, July 25, 2024, at 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven, Connecticut and via remote access. Chair Harvey presided.

**PRESENT**

**RPB**

Ansonia	Thomas P. Clifford III(R)
Beacon Falls	Peter Betkoski(R)
Bethany	Brian Eitzer(R)
Cheshire	Timothy Slocum
East Haven	Michelle Verderame(R)
Guilford	Charles Havrda(R)
Hamden	Stephen Mongillo
Killingworth	Jamie Mowat Young(R)
Madison	Joseph A. Oslander
North Branford	Peter DeSantis(R)
New Haven	Naomi Campbell
North Haven	Anthony Rescigno(R)
Orange	Jasper J. Jaser
Prospect	Robert E. Harvey, Jr.
Seymour	Michael H. Horbal
Woodbridge	Mark Levine(R)
Governor’s Rep	Vincent M. Marino(R)

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David Borowy  
Catherine LaMarr  
Mario Ricozzi  
Suzanne Sack(R)

**Management**

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

**Counsel**

Bruce McDermott, Murtha Cullina(R)

**Absent**

Branford	Vacant
Derby	Frank Pepe
Milford	Richard Smith
West Haven	T. Gregory Malloy

**Office of Consumer Affairs**

Jeffrey M. Donofrio

**Staff**

Jennifer Slubowski

**Call to Order**

Chair Harvey called the meeting to order at 6:32 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. Jaser, seconded by Ms. Young, the RPB approved the minutes of its June 27, 2024 meeting as distributed, with 71 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)	Aye	Killingworth (2)	Aye	Prospect (1)	Aye
Branford (6)	Vacant	Madison (6)	Aye	Seymour (1)	Aye
Cheshire (4)	Absent	Milford (10)	Absent	West Haven (8)	Absent
Derby (2)	Absent	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Aye	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

### Communications

Chair Harvey:

- Reported on the process for the appointment of Authority member. Anyone wishing to volunteer for the Nominating Committee for Authority member should contact the board office.
- Stated that statutory committee assignments for 2024-2025 are established and a list was distributed. RPB statutory committee chair assignments have also been made.
- Noted that a copy of the Quarterly RPB Dashboard was included in member meeting packets.

At 6:34 p.m., Mr. Slocum entered the meeting.

### Item for Consideration and Action

On motion made by Mr. Clifford, seconded by Mr. Marino, and unanimously carried, the RPB approved its 2024-second quarter RPB member compensation, substantially in the form submitted to the meeting, with 75 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)	Aye	Killingworth (2)	Aye	Prospect (1)	Aye
Branford (6)	Vacant	Madison (6)	Aye	Seymour (1)	Aye
Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (10)	Absent	West Haven (8)	Absent
Derby (2)	Absent	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Aye	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

### Reports

**Finance Committee** – Mr. Marino, Chair of the RPB Finance Committee, reported on the committee meeting earlier in the month and received the FY 2024 year-end financial report from management. The committee also reviewed the quarterly dashboard metrics for the fourth quarter of 2024.

Mr. Marino stated he was also elected chair for the upcoming year and thanked committee members for their confidence. The next meeting is on Monday, August 12, 2024 at 5:00 pm.

**Land Use Committee** – Mr. Betkoski, former Chair of the RPB Land Use Committee, reported that the meeting was held at Prospect dam. The committee received an update on the dam from management and received updates on RWA owned land and invasive species. Mr. Levine was elected as chair for the upcoming year. The meeting was also attended by Prospect Mayor Chatfield.

The committee's next meeting is on August 14, 2024 at 5:30 pm.

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**Consumer Affairs Committee** – Mr. Levine, former Chair of the RPB Consumer Affairs Committee, reported that the committee met earlier in the week. The committee received the results of the Customer Satisfaction and Brand Image surveys done by Great Blue. The Office of Consumer Affairs, Atty. Donofrio, provided an update on the condominium association settlement status, and Ms. Campbell was elected as committee chair for the upcoming year.

The committee’s next meeting is on August 19, 2024 at 5:30 pm.

**Executive Committee** – Mr. Harvey, Chair of the RPB Executive Committee, reported on the committee meeting earlier in the month. He stated that the committee met in executive session to discuss upcoming matters.

**Authority/Management** – Mr. Borowy, Chair of the Authority, reported on the Authority Meeting earlier in the day. He stated that the Authority met as the Pension & Benefit Committee.

Ms. LaMarr, Chair of the Pension & Benefit Committee, reported that at the Committee meeting earlier in the day. The committee met with Morgan Stanley and received updates on the quarterly investment performance and the annual 401K report.

Mr. Borowy also reported that at the Authority meeting earlier in the day, the Authority also voted to recommend the RWA’s Rate Application and the Blue Drop Acquisition Application to the RPB. The Blue Drop Application process will be expedited.

Mr. Bingaman, the RWA’s President and CEO, reviewed revenues, operating and maintenance expenses for the month ended June 30, 2024 and stated the projected maintenance test for FY 2024 is 117%, with no shortfall. The projections were positively impacted by the May 2024 bond refunding, lowering of debt service, the July Home Safety Valve acquisition, and increasing commercial net revenues.

He also reported that as of July 15, 2024 raw water storage was at 93%, compared to the long-term average of 85% for the same period last year.

Mr. Marino, chair of the RPB Finance Committee, also reported that the committee will hold a special meeting on Wednesday, July 31, 2024 to review the Blue Drop Acquisition application for completeness, mode, and date of public hearing.

Chair Harvey reported that Mr. Slocum would act as Presiding member at the public hearing if the Finance Committee deems the application complete.

Chair Harvey acknowledged Atty. Donofrio, OCA, who commented that tonight would be Mr. Rescigno’s last meeting as the RPB’s North Haven Representative. He has served on the RPB for 20 years.

Chair Harvey thanked Mr. Rescigno for his service.

Mr. Rescigno thanked members of the board and stated his pleasure in watching the organization grow and become successful.

Chair Harvey noted that RPB members interested in the Authority member position effective January 1, 2025, should notify him, or the board office, no later than August 1, 2024.

At 6:53 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Clifford, seconded by Mr. Eitzer, and unanimously adopted with 75 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative, the meeting adjourned.

Ansonia (3)      Aye                      Guilford (4)      Aye                      No. Haven (5)      Aye

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Jamie Mowat Young, Secretary

(R) – Attended remotely.

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## REPRESENTATIVE POLICY BOARD

### Proposed Resolutions

August 22, 2024

*(Finance Committee's recommendation to RPB re Authority's Application for approval of the 2025 Rate Application)*

**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.