

**Representative Policy Board
South Central Connecticut Regional Water District
Minutes of January 25, 2024 Meeting**

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

PRESENT

RPB

Ansonia	Thomas P. Clifford III (R)
Bethany	Brian Eitzer (R)
Branford	Vacant
Cheshire	Timothy Slocum
East Haven	Michelle Verderame (R)
Guilford	Charles Havrda
Hamden	Stephen Mongillo (R)
Killingworth	Jamie Mowat Young
Madison	Joseph A. Oslander
Milford	Richard Smith (R)
New Haven	Naomi Campbell
North Branford	Peter DeSantis (R)
North Haven	Anthony P. Rescigno (R)
Orange	Jasper J. Jaser
Prospect	Robert E. Harvey, Jr.
Seymour	Mike Horbal (R)
West Haven	T. Gregory Malloy
Woodbridge	Mark Levine
Governor’s Rep	Vincent M. Marino (R)

Absent

Beacon Falls	Peter Betkoski
Derby	Frank Pepe

Regional Water Authority

David Borowy
Catherine LaMarr
Mario Ricozzi

Management

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

Murtha Cullina LLP

Raquel Herrera-Soto (R)

Office of Consumer Affairs

Jeffrey Donofrio (R)

Staff

Jennifer Slubowski

Call to Order

Chair Harvey called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. 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 Ms. Young, seconded by Mr. Jaser, the RPB approved the minutes of its December 21, 2023 meeting as distributed, with 79 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

Ansonia (3)	Aye	Guilford (4)	Aye	No. Haven (5)	Aye
Beacon Falls (0)	Absent	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 (11)	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 RPB members received the IRS standard mileage rate for the calendar year 2024, FY 2024 second quarter dashboard report and mileage forms in the meeting packages.

Items for Consideration and Action

On motion made Mr. Slocum, seconded by Mr. Jaser, and unanimously carried, the RPB approved its 2024 fourth quarter RPB member compensation, substantially in the form submitted to the meeting, with 87 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

Ansonia (3)	Aye	Guilford (4)	Aye	No. Haven (5)	Aye
Beacon Falls (0)	Absent	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 (11)	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 Finance Committee, reported on the committee meeting earlier in the month. The Committee met and received an update on the Lake Whitney Dam design project, including challenges and risks, the FY 2024 second quarter financials, and the dashboard metrics. The next meeting is on Monday, February 12, 2024 at 5:00 p.m., via hybrid.

Land Use Committee – In Mr. Betkoski’s absence, Mr. Malloy reported on the Committee meeting earlier in the month. The Committee met and to view and discuss a video from 1950 called “*Protecting Water Supply*.”

Consumer Affairs Committee – Mr. Levine, Chair of the RPB Consumer Affairs Committee, reported that the Committee meeting earlier in the week. The Committee met in executive session to receive an Accounts Receivable update from management. The Office of Consumer Affairs reported on two issues being handled by the RWA.

Executive Committee – Mr. Harvey, Chair of the Executive Committee reported, that the Committee met earlier in the month to meet in executive session to review and update on the RWA’s Commercial Business.

Committee members commented on the importance of the update and thanked management. RPB members discussed the need for the presentation to the full board. After discussion, it was determined that management would provide an update to the RPB committees at upcoming meetings.

At 6:41 p.m., Ms. Verderame entered the meeting.

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

Ms. LaMarr, Chair of the RWA’s Pension & Benefit Committee, reported that the Committee met earlier in the day in executive session to discuss the fiduciary responsibility, the current investment advisor model, and the strategy. The Committee also met with Morgan Stanley for a quarterly update of the RWA’s pension & VEBA plans. The Committee also discussed the revisions to its Investment Policy Statement. Revisions will be further discussed at its next meeting.

Mr. Borowy also stated that at the Authority meeting earlier in the day, the Authority held a discussion in executive session with a consultant regarding the pending 3M PFAS litigation and approved an application for the Lake Whitney Chemical Improvements Project, which would be forwarded to the RPB in the upcoming week.

In Mr. Curseaden’s absence, Mr. Borowy reported that earlier in the day, the Authority also met as the Compensation Committee to review the CEO’s mid-year strategic priorities.

Mr. Bingaman, the RWA’s President and Chief Executive Office, reviewed revenues, operating and maintenance expenses for the month ended December 31, 2023, and stated the projected maintenance test for FY 2024 is 117%, with no shortfall. While water revenues are expected to be under budget, contributing to the higher coverage is an increase in interest income, the reduction in discretionary spending, lower than budgeted PILOT, and lower debt service expense due to the timing of DWSRF financing. The RWA continues to monitor the overall economic environment and customers’ ability to pay.

He also reported that raw water storage levels as of January 22, 2024, were 97%, compared to the long-term average of 75%.

The RPB viewed a short video presented by management, which delivered key highlights for 2023.

RPB members discussed the unaccounted for water dashboard target and associated results and upcoming tabletop exercises.

Chair Harvey acknowledged Atty. Donofrio, Office of Consumer Affairs, who had nothing to report.

At 7:15 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Levine, and seconded by Mr. Malloy, the RPB voted to adjourn, with 93 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

Ansonia (3)	Aye	Guilford (4)	Aye	No. Haven (5)	Aye
Beacon Falls (0)	Absent	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 (11)	Aye	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Absent	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Aye	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

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Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Mowat Young, Secretary

(R) = Attended meeting remotely.