

**Representative Policy Board  
South Central Connecticut Regional Water District  
Minutes of January 26, 2023 Meeting**

The regular meeting of the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District took place on Thursday, January 26, 2023, via remote access. Chair Ricozzi presided.

**PRESENT**

**RPB**

Ansonia  
Beacon Falls  
Bethany  
Branford  
Cheshire  
East Haven  
Guilford  
Hamden  
Killingworth  
Madison  
Milford  
New Haven  
North Branford  
North Haven  
Orange  
Prospect  
Seymour  
West Haven  
Woodbridge

Thomas P. Clifford III  
Peter Betkoski  
Brian Eitzer  
Mario Ricozzi  
Timothy Slocum  
Michelle Verderame  
Charles Havrda  
Stephen Mongillo  
Jamie Mowat Young  
Joseph A. Oslander  
Richard Smith  
Naomi Campbell  
Peter DeSantis  
Anthony P. Rescigno  
Jasper J. Jaser  
Robert E. Harvey, Jr.  
Mike Horbal  
T. Gregory Malloy  
Mark Levine

**Regional Water Authority**

David Borowy  
Kevin Curseaden  
Catherine LaMarr  
Suzanne Sack

**Management**

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

**Absent**

Derby  
Governor’s Rep

Frank Pepe  
Vincent M. Marino

**Murtha Cullina LLP**

Raquel Herrera-Soto

**Office of Consumer Affairs**

Jeffrey Donofrio

**Staff**

Jennifer Slubowski

**Call to Order**

Chair Ricozzi called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

**Safety Moment**

Chair Ricozzi reviewed the Safety Moment handout distributed to members.

**Public Comment**

Chair Ricozzi 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. Clifford, seconded by Mr. Malloy, the RPB approved the minutes of its December 15, 2022 meeting as distributed, with 80 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

Ansonia (3)	Aye	Guilford (4)	Aye	No. Haven (5)	Absent
Beacon Falls (0)	Aye	Hamden (10)	Aye	Orange (3)	Aye
Bethany (5)	Aye	Killingworth (2)	Aye	Prospect (1)	Aye
Branford (6)	Aye	Madison (6)	Aye	Seymour (1)	Aye
Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (11)	Aye	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Absent	New Haven (13)	Absent	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Aye	Gov. Rep. (1)	Absent

## Communications

Chair Ricozzi reported on the IRS standard mileage rate for the calendar year 2023; effective January 1, 2023, the new mileage rate is 65.5 cents per mile, up three cents from the mid-year increase. .

He stated that the FY 2022, second quarter RPB Dashboard Report Update, was reviewed by the Finance Committee and was distributed to members. Questions should be directed to members of the Finance Committee.

At 6:40 p.m., Mr. Clifford withdrew from the meeting.

Chair Ricozzi noted that mileage forms for the second quarter of 2022 were included in the meeting package. The forms should be completed and submitted to the board office by the end of the week. A copy of the RWA's organizational chart was also included in the meeting package. However, inquiries should be directed to the board office.

Chair Ricozzi reported that the Executive Committee met earlier in the month to discuss hybrid meetings. It was the consensus of the Committee to hold hybrid meetings starting in February with the RPB meeting. Members of the public and RPB members will have the option of attending the meeting in person or remotely. RPB committees will be meeting remotely in February to discuss logistics and will report to the RPB next month.

Mr. Slocum moved for approval of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority on December 27, 2022 filed an Issuance Test Rate Application to the Representative Policy Board ("RPB"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Finance Committee of the Representative Policy Board reviewed the Application and recommends that it be accepted by the RPB as complete; and

**WHEREAS**, the Finance Committee recommends that the public hearing be conducted by a presiding member; and

**WHEREAS**, the Representative Policy Board is desirous of accepting said Application as complete and scheduling said Application for a public hearing in accordance with Special Act 77-98, as amended, RPB Bylaws, and the RPB Description of Organization, Rules of Practice and Procedures for Consumer Complaints.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the RPB hereby accepts the Authority's Issuance Test Rate Application, as a completed application, substantially in the form submitted to this

meeting, and determines to hold a public hearing on the Application conducted by a Presiding Member, on February 23, 2023 at 7:00 p.m., via a hybrid meeting; 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

Ms. Young seconded the motion.

Mr. Slocum, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported that the committee met earlier in the month to review the 2023 Rate Application for completeness and recommendation to move forward with a public hearing. The public hearing will take place next month on February 23, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. After discussion, the RPB approved the resolution, with 77 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

Ansonia (3)	Absent	Guilford (4)	Aye	No. Haven (5)	Absent
Beacon Falls (0)	Aye	Hamden (10)	Aye	Orange (3)	Aye
Bethany (5)	Aye	Killingworth (2)	Aye	Prospect (1)	Aye
Branford (6)	Aye	Madison (6)	Aye	Seymour (1)	Aye
Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (11)	Aye	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Absent	New Haven (13)	Absent	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Aye	Gov. Rep. (1)	Absent

At 6:42 p.m., Ms. Campbell entered the meeting.

Mr. Mongillo, Chair of the Consumer Affairs Committee, reported that the Committee met earlier in the week to review updates to the RWA's *Rules and Regulations for Water Service and its Rules, Regulations and Rates Governing the Extension of Water Mains*. The Committee voted to approve and recommend the changes to the RPB. He moved for approval of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority submitted proposed revisions to its *Rules and Regulations for Water Service and its Rules, Regulations and Rates Governing the Extension of Water Mains* (Rules and Regulations) to the Representative Policy Board ("RPB") for its consideration and approval; and

**WHEREAS**, the Representative Policy Board Consumer Affairs Committee reviewed the proposed revisions at its January 23, 2023 meeting and recommended the changes to the RPB for approval.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the proposed revisions to the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority's Rules and Regulations for Water Service and its Rules, Regulations and Rates Governing the Extension of Water Mains, be and hereby are approved substantially in the form submitted to the meeting.

Mr. Slocum seconded the motion and the RPB approved the resolution, with 90 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

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

Mr. Slocum moved for approval of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, on December 12, 2022 and January 9, 2023 management reviewed updates to the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) Dashboard Report (“Report”) with the RPB Finance Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, after review, it was the consensus of the RPB Finance Committee to accept the updated Report made by management and recommends the updated Report to the RPB.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the RPB hereby adopts the updated Report, as presented.

Mr. Jaser seconded the motion.

Mr. Slocum stated that the RPB Dashboard Report was revised to include areas of concern discussed between management and the RPB Finance Committee. The final version was adopted and recommended to the RPB for approval.

After discussion, the RPB approved the resolution, with 90 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

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

On motion made by Mr. Mongillo, seconded by Mr. Malloy, and unanimously carried, the RPB approved its 2022 fourth quarter RPB member compensation, substantially in the form submitted to the meeting, with 90 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

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

## Reports

**Finance Committee** – Mr. Slocum, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported on the committee meeting earlier in the month. The Committee met to review and recommend the 2023 Rate Application and updated RPB Dashboard Report to the RPB. Management provided a quarterly financial report for the second quarter of FY 2023 and assignments were made for committee member to attend Authority meetings. The next regular meeting is on February 13, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

**Land Use Committee** – Mr. Betkoski, Chair of the Land Use Committee, reported on the Committee meeting earlier in the month. The Committee met with management and received an update on the RWA’s Environmental Education Program. The Committee received an update on invasive species procedures and property rentals. The next regular meeting is on February 8, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

RPB members discussed the Hamden rental property, reservoir levels, and rainfall to date.

Mr. Bingaman, the RWA's President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO), reported that through January 15, 2023, the total rainfall is 25.25 inches, which is 3.57 inches lower than the long-term average of 28.82 inches.

At 6:54 p.m., Mr. Rescigno entered the meeting.

**Consumer Affairs Committee** – Mr. Mongillo, Chair of the RPB Consumer Affairs Committee, reported that the Committee held a joint meeting with the Finance Committee last month to receive an accounts receivable update from management. The discussion was held in executive session.

The Committee also met earlier in the week and held an executive session with management to discuss security on RWA owned properties. The Committee also met with management to review changes to the RWA's Rules and Regulations, review the OCA's budget for FY 2024, and discussed logistics for future meetings. The next regular meeting is on February 27, 2023 at 5:30 p.m., and will include a discussion of the OCA's rate.

**Executive Committee** – Mr. Ricozzi, Chair of the Executive Committee reported, that the Committee met earlier in the month to discuss future meeting logistics. The Committee also reviewed the RWA's organizational chart. The next regular meeting is scheduled on April 20, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

**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. Sack, Chair of the RWA's Pension & Benefit Committee, reported that the Committee met earlier in the day with Morgan Stanley to review the quarterly performance for RWA's pension and Voluntary Employees Beneficiary Association plans.

In Mr. DiSalvo's absence, Mr. Borowy reported that the Committee met earlier in the day to review an updated CEO evaluation form and review CEO personal priorities.

Ms. Calo, RWA's Sr. Director of Employee Relations & HR Operations, provided an update on the status of COVID at the RWA. There have been three new cases since the last update for a total of 127 since the start of COVID.

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 2023 is 124%, with no shortfall. Contributing to the higher coverage is a higher interest earnings and water revenues. Also contributing is lower than budgeted PILOT and debt service expense related to DWSRF timing. 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 17, 2023, were 84%, compared to the long-term average of 75%.

Discussion took place regarding CEO priorities and ongoing meetings with municipalities.

Chair Ricozzi reminded members that the February 23, 2023 RPB meeting would be hybrid. Members may attend in-person or remotely. Following the meeting will be the 2023 Rate Application public

hearing. Questions should be submitted in writing to allow Ms. Kowalski, the RWA's Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, enough time to respond.

Attorney Donofrio, Office of Consumer Affairs, reported that he submitted his First Set of Interrogatories for the 2023 Rate Application. His review is completed and he will begin his memorandum when he receives responses from the RWA.

At 7:24 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Jaser, seconded by Mr. Malloy, and unanimously carried, the RPB voted to adjourn, with 95 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

Ansonia (3)	Absent	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)	Aye	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)	Absent

Respectfully submitted,

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Charles Havrda, Secretary