

Representative Policy Board
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Regular Meeting of Thursday, July 25, 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 – June 27, 2024 meeting
- IV Communications
 - A. Nominating Committee for Authority Member
 - B. Standing Committee Appointments
 - C. RPB Quarterly Dashboard Update
- V Items for Consideration and Action
 - A. Representative Policy Board Second Quarter 2024 Compensation
- VI Reports
 - A. Finance Committee
 - B. Land Use Committee
 - C. Consumer Affairs Committee
 - D. Executive Committee
 - E. Authority/Management
- VII Adjourn

Members of the public may attend the meeting in person or by conference call. To view meeting documents please visit <http://tinyurl.com/yyxk7xcs>. For questions, contact the board office at 203-401-2515 or by email at jslubowski@rwater.com.

SAFETY MOMENT

BACK INJURY PREVENTION

Every year, two million back injuries occur across the U.S.; roughly half of them, one million, are back injuries sustained in the workplace. Back pain becomes chronic and disabling in roughly 5% of cases, and up to 44% of people who initially recover have a reoccurrence within a year. Force, repetition, and inactivity are the three leading causes of back injury.

Steps to take to avoid back injury:

1. Ensure you are lifting property
2. Pay attention to posture
3. Modify repetitive tasks
4. Strengthen your core
5. Stretch regularly
6. Develop a healthy lifestyle



Service – Teamwork – Accountability – Respect – Safety

Safety is a core company value at the Regional Water Authority .
It is our goal to reduce workplace injuries to zero.

Regional Water Authority

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South Central Connecticut Regional Water District**

Minutes of June 27, 2024 Meeting

A regular meeting of the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District took place on Thursday, June 27, 2024, at 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven, Connecticut and via remote access. Chair Harvey presided.

PRESENT

RPB

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

Absent

Branford	Vacant
Cheshire	Timothy Slocum
Derby	Frank Pepe
East Haven	Michelle Verderame

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David Borowy
Kevin Curseaden(R)
Catherine LaMarr(R)
Mario Ricozzi
Suzanne Sack(R)

Management

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

Counsel

Raquel Herrera-Soto

Office of Consumer Affairs

Jeffrey Donofrio

Staff

Jennifer Slubowski

Call to Order

Chair Harvey called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Safety Moment

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 Mr. Malloy and seconded by Mr. Horbal, the RPB approved the minutes of its May 23, 2024 regular meeting and its June 11, 2024 special meeting, 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)	Absent	Orange (3)	Aye
Bethany (5)	Aye	Killingworth (2)	Absent	Prospect (1)	Aye
Branford (6)	Vacant	Madison (6)	Aye	Seymour (1)	Aye
Cheshire (4)	Absent	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

Communications

Chair Harvey reported that the FY 2024 RPB Weighted Vote Computation was distributed to members. There are no changes.

He stated that members should submit their committee choice to the board office. Committees will be formed prior to the July meetings.

Chair Harvey noted that there are still four outstanding reappointments for Messrs. DeSantis, Rescigno, Marino, and a vacancy in Branford. Members will continue to serve until reappointed or a new appointment is made.

Reports

Finance Committee – Mr. Marino, Chair of the RPB Finance Committee, reported that the Committee met earlier in the month and received an update from management on RPB approved projects.

The next meeting is on Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at 5:00 p.m., hybrid.

At 6:35 p.m., Ms. Mowat Young entered the meeting.

Land Use Committee – Mr. Betkoski, Chair of the Land Use Committee, reported on the meeting earlier in the month. The Committee met at Lake Glen in Woodbridge and received a historical perspective of the area from management. The Committee also received updates on RWA owned properties and invasive species.

The next meeting is on Wednesday, July 10, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

At 6:36 p.m., Mr. Mongillo entered the meeting.

Consumer Affairs Committee – Mr. Levine, Chair of the Consumer Affairs Committee, reported on the Committee meeting earlier in the month. The Committee met in executive session with management to receive an update on the Customer Information System project. He stated that two members of the public attended the meeting to comment on a past due water bill.

Authority/Management - Mr. Borowy, Chair of the Authority, stated that at the meeting earlier in the day, the Authority met as the Strategic Planning Committee.

Ms. Sack, Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee, reported on the meeting earlier in the day. The Committee received a presentation from management on the RWA's FY 2024 strategic initiatives and global metrics and the FY 2025 strategic action initiatives and global metrics.

Mr. Borowy reported that at the Authority meeting earlier in the day, the board also met as the Commercial Business Committee.

Mr. Curseaden, Chair of the Commercial Business Committee, reported on the Committee meeting earlier in the day. He stated that the Committee met with management to receive a commercial business update, which included strategy, highlights, goals, and key achievements.

Ms. Kowalski, the RWA's Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, reviewed revenues, operating and maintenance expenses for the month ended May 31, 2024, and stated the projected maintenance test for FY 2024 is 133%, with no shortfall. Contributing to the higher coverage were strong May billing and cash receipts, lower accounts receivables, favorable interest rates, and the timing of DWSRF financing. Also mentioned was favorable PILOT as well as operating and maintenance expense.

She also reported that raw water storage levels through June 17, 2024 are at 96%, compared to a long-term average of 91%. The fiscal year ended with 98% storage, versus the long-term average of 93% and rainfall was higher by 17 inches.

Mr. Borowy stated that the RPB would be receiving a commercial information update.

At 6:49 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Havrda and seconded by Mr. Clifford, the RPB voted to convene in executive session, pursuant to C.G.S. Section 1-200(6)(E), to discuss matters covered by Section 1-201(b)(5)(B), pertaining to commercial and financial information with 83 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

Present in executive session were RPB members, Authority members, Messrs. Bingaman, Cosma, Donofrio, Hill, Lakshminarayanan, Singh, and Mss. Kowalski, Calo, Herrera-Soto, and Slubowski.

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)	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

At 7:24 p.m., the RPB came out of executive session. No votes were taken in, or as a result of executive session.

Chair Harvey acknowledged Atty. Donofrio, Office of Consumer Affairs, who reported that the billing matter with a New Haven condominium association is nearing a resolution but waiting on bankruptcy court approval.

Chair Harvey reminded members to submit committee preferences to the board office as quickly as possible and prior to the July committee meetings.

At 7:26 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

Jamie Mowat Young, Secretary

(R) = Attended remotely.

UNAPPROVED

RPB Committee Assignments
July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025

Finance	Land Use	Consumer Affairs
Tom Clifford	Peter Betkoski	Naomi Campbell
Jay Jaser	Peter DeSantis	Mark Levine
Vin Marino*	Brian Eitzer	Charles Havrda
Tim Slocum	Mike Horbal	Stephen Mongillo
Michelle Verderame	Mark Levine*	Frank Pepe
Jamie Mowat Young	Greg Malloy	Tony Rescigno
	Joe Oslander	Rich Smith
	Jamie Mowat Young	

*Chair

Representative Policy Board
Dashboard Metric - 4Q FY24

Metrics	Quarter ended 5/31/23 (4Q FY 2023)	Quarter ended 11/30/23 (2Q FY 2024)	Quarter ended 2/28/24 (3Q FY 2024)	Quarter ended 5/31/24 (3Q FY 2024)
Financial Metrics				
Coverage	Budget: 1.14 w/o draw	Budget: 1.14 w/o draw	Budget: 1.14 w/o draw	Budget: 1.14 w/o draw
	Projected: 1.41 w/o draw	Projected: 1.16 w/o draw	Projected: 1.20 w/o draw	Projected: 1.33 w/o draw
Draw Requirement	Budget: \$0 million	Budget: \$0 million	Budget: \$0 million	Budget: \$0 million
	Projected: \$0 million	Projected: \$0 million	Projected: \$0 million	Projected: \$0 million
Capital Expenditures to Budget (Note 1)	Budget: \$41.320 million	Budget: \$52.520 million	Budget: \$52.520 million	Budget: \$44.876 million
	Result: \$41.233 million/99.8% of total fiscal year budget	Result: \$17.021 million/32.43% of total fiscal year budget	Result: \$25.219 million/48.02% of total fiscal year budget	Result: \$43.728 million/97.4% of total fiscal year budget
Aged Account Receivables - Total Water (Note 2)	Feb 2020: \$6,659,551	Feb 2020: \$6,659,551	Feb 2020: \$6,659,551	Feb 2020: \$6,659,551
	May. 2023 : \$7,517,465 (+12.9%)	Nov. 2023 : \$6,744,597 (1.3%)	Feb. 2024 : \$6,565,554 (-1.4%)	May. 2024 : \$5,552,139 (-16.6%)
Aged Account Receivables - Residential (Note 2)	Feb 2020: \$5,833,160	Feb 2020: \$5,833,160	Feb 2020: \$5,833,160	Feb 2020: \$5,833,160
	May. 2023 : \$7,067,920 (+21.2%)	Nov. 2023 : \$6,353,667 (+8.9%)	Feb. 2024 : \$5,935,013 (+1.8%)	May 2024 : \$5,213,602 (-10.6%)
Pension Market Values (Note 3)	May 2023 Mkt. Value: \$66,989,908	Nov 2023 Mkt. Value \$69,091,124	Feb 2024 Mkt. Value \$73,506,054	May 2024 Mkt. Value \$75,327,269
	March 2023 Mkt. Value: \$65,549,028	Sept. 2023 Mkt. Value: 66,646,763	Dec 2023 Mkt. Value: \$72,063,393	March 2024 Mkt. Value \$75,224,237
	May Return: .15% Fiscal	Sept Return: 3.49% Cal/.17% Fiscal	Dec. Return: 12.13%Cal/8.54% Fiscal	March. Return: 4.81%Cal/14.10% Fiscal
	Actuarial Return Assumption: 6.75%	Actuarial Return Assumption: 6.75%	Actuarial Return Assumption: 6.75%	Actuarial Return Assumption: 6.75%

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System Metrics				
<i>Average Daily Production (Draft) to Budget (MGD)/Prior Year (MGD)</i>	Prior Year: 43.329 MGD	Prior Year: 48.344 MGD	Prior Year: 44.788 MGD	Prior Year: 43.680 MGD
	Result: 43.680 MGD	Result: 45.669 MGD	Result: 43.255 MGD	Result: 42.322 MGD
<i>Disinfection By-products</i>	Target: 100%	Target: 100%	Target: 100%	Target: 100%
	Result: 100%*	Result: 100%*	Result: 100%*	Result: 100%*
	* As of March, 2023, updated	* As of Sept, 2023, updated	* As of Dec, 2023, updated	* As of March, 2024 updated
<i>Net Unaccounted For Water (annualized)</i>	Target: 10.0%	Target: 10.0%	Target: 10.0%	Target: 10.0%
	Result: 11.65% for the annualized	Result: 11.41% net for the annualized	Result: 12.08% net for the annualized	Result: 13.12% net for the annualized
	period of June 2022 to May 2023	period of Sept 2022 to Aug 2023	period of Dec 2022 to Nov 2023	period of March 2023 to February 2024
<i>Service Disruptions (Notes 4 and 5): Due to Main Breaks</i>				
<i>Number of Disruptions</i>	Result: 5	Result: 10	Result: 21	Result: 9
<i>Number of Customers Impacted</i>	Result: 62	Result: 140	Result: 453	Result: 101
<i>Avg. Period Customers are w/o Water (hrs.)</i>	Target: 6	Target: 6	Target: 6	Target: 6
	Result: 2.1	Result: 3.63	Result: 5.4	Result: 4.03
<i>Water Quality (Note 5):</i>				
<i>Discolored Water - System/Hydraulics</i>				
<i>Number of Complaints</i>	Result: 73	Result: 154	Result: 287	Result: 158

- Notes:
- Note 1: Excludes State and Redevelopment, Growth Fund, and contingency/reserve. Percentage is of fiscal year budget
 - Note 2: Reflects aged receivables over 90 days - total water and total residential. Comparison is to pre-pandemic level
 - Note 3: Fiscal year-end based on audited financials. Other quarters based on latest available reports and net returns
 - Note 4: This metric may be later expanded to other types of service disruptions with the same statistics
 - Note 5: This metric may be later expanded to include time to resolve and time to respond w/associated targets