

**Representative Policy Board
Executive Committee
South Central Connecticut Regional Water District
via remote access

MINUTES

Special Meeting of Wednesday, April 20, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

Attendance: **Committee Members present** – Mario Ricozzi, Bob Harvey, Charles Havrda, Jay Jaser, Stephen Mongillo, and Tim Slocum

Committee Members absent – Peter Betkoski

OCA - Jeffrey Donofrio, Esquire

RPB Staff: Jennifer Slubowski

Chair Ricozzi called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. He reviewed the Safety Moment distributed to members.

On motion made by Mr. Slocum, seconded by Mr. Harvey, and unanimously carried, the committee voted to approve the minutes of its February 15, 2023 regular meeting.

The Committee reviewed the Representative Policy Board (RPB) Bylaws concerning requirements for the Nominating Committee for RPB officers. Chair Ricozzi stated that the position of Chair would be open and discussed additional responsibilities. He stated that he would solicit volunteers at the RPB's upcoming meeting on April 27 and will announce the chair vacancy for interested candidates.

The committee then discussed upcoming RPB member term expirations and RPB committee chair expirations. Chair positions for both the Finance Committee (Mr. Slocum) and the Consumer Affairs Committee (Mr. Mongillo) would expire on June 30.

Chair Ricozzi stated that it would be appropriate to review the new Conflict of Interest language recently added to the Authority's Protective Order for confidential information. He stated that it would be in the RPB's best interest to hold a session on the responsibility of being on a board as it relates to confidentiality. After discussion, it was the consensus of the committee to provide members, at the committee level, with a board responsibility refresher that would include information such as conflict of interest, Freedom of Information Act, and commercial business awareness.

Atty. Donofrio, OCA, reported on his experience with similar presentations at the municipality level, and would be interested in addressing these topics with RPB members.

Chair Ricozzi will discuss this matter with Mr. Borowy, Chairman of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority (RWA), and Mr. Bingaman, the RWA's President & Chief Executive Officer.

The committee reviewed the Authority's FY 2023-2024 upcoming application schedule and held a discussion of possible members for presiding member positions for upcoming public hearings.

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Chair Ricoszi reported on a meeting with Mr. Bingaman, Ms. Kowalski, the RWA's Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, and Mr. Lakshminarayanan, the RWA's Vice President of Engineering & Environmental Services, to discuss an opinion from Murtha Cullina regarding projects vs. programs. Discussion ensued regarding year-over-year projects/programs and the upcoming Lead Service Line Replacement.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 19, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

At 6:02 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Jaser, seconded by Mr. Mongillo, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned.

Mario Ricoszi, Chairman