

REPRESENTATIVE POLICY BOARD

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

APRIL 26, 2025

MEETING TRANSCRIPTION

Bob:

All right. I'd like to call the meeting of the Executive Committee of the RPB. First, we'll have the safety moment and that is composting safety tips. Wear dry breathable gloves, avoid direct contact, wear protective footwear that covers your skin adequately.

Always wear nose and mouth guards or a dust mask to avoid inhaling airborne spores. Avoid tilling on windy days. Do not store in fully closed or airtight containers and wash your hands after dealing with compost.

Composting is an accumulation of degrading food scraps, plants and other nutrient-rich organic matter. Benefits of the practice are generally well-known, but few people are actually aware of the hazards. Thank you very much. We'll move on to... Jennifer, do we have a quorum?

Jennifer:

Yes.

Bob:

Thank you. We'll move on to approval of the minutes from our January 15th, 2025 meeting.

Jamie:

So moved.

Stephen:

Second.

Bob:

Steve Mongillo and Jamie. Any discussion? Hearing none. We'll accept them as they've been printed and presented. I guess now we would like to go into the CIS Launch Update. I need a motion to do that and I need that included in the motion.

Jamie:

I make a motion regarding the CIS Launch Update to convene an executive session pursuant to CGS Section 1-200(6)(E) to discuss matters covered by Section 1-210(b)(5)(B) pertaining to commercial and financial information.

Stephen:

Second.

Bob:

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Steve will second it also. Is there any discussion before we go into it though? I would like to see all guests here in the room and also joining us via Teams are invited to stay for the meeting. All those in favor, please say aye.

Committee members:

Aye.

Bob:

Any opposed? Fantastic. Jennifer, you can stop recording.

[EXECUTIVE SESSION FROM 5:04 P.M. TO 5:58 P.M.]

Bob:

Next on the agenda is the discussion related to the FMA request for additional member.

Mark:

Was that official that they requested that or is that just rumor?

Bob:

It was asked, Mark.

Mark:

Just checking.

Bob:

I don't know what you mean to have it official.

Mark:

Yeah, was it, did the board vote on asking for additional member or just one person?

Rochelle:

There was a legislation last year to-

Mark:

Yeah, I know. I understand that.

Bob:

It enables us to increase members on the FMA.

Mark:

I understand that, but again, is there a request? Where did the request come from?

Bob:

The chairman came to me and said it might be time to look into adding an additional member.

Mark:

My question is, is that the opinion of the board or just the chairman? Just a question.

Bob:

I don't have that answer for you, Mark.

Mark:

Okay. Just wanted to know.

Tim:

One thing. It might be time-consuming to even get another member vetted correctly and stuff like that, I understand why he may have come and asked because there's a lot of work. Just ask Chief Sunny and everybody else. So I think it's not crazy to ask now. I guess the concern might be if AWA isn't going to happen.

Rochelle:

Then it goes to seven.

Bob:

Yes, exactly what Rochelle has said. We have approval with the enabling legislation to increase up to seven. Right? When or if there are then two entities, it will have a board made up of 11. Regional Water Authority having passed six and five from the query. The request, I'm sorry-

Rochelle:

It's six and five.

Bob:

Six and five. So I'm sorry, Steve.

Stephen:

I didn't know if this was independent of the deal. I mean if that board were to come together, they need six people.

Bob:

AWA has a maximum of five after the merge and the RWA will have six representatives for a total of 11.

Stephen:

Okay. So is this prompted by preparation for that or is this only they would do this for the RWA even if the deal doesn't go through?

Bob:

I believe so because we could have as the RWA with the enabling legislation change, we could have seven people.

Rochelle:

Maybe you should go into executive session.

Bob:

Yes.

Jamie:

I move that we go into executive session to discuss staffing and executive.

Jeff:

Proprietary or confidential information. You want to go into executive session to discuss proprietary or confidential information under Connecticut General statute 1-210(b), you can do that.

Bob:

Yes.

Jamie:

I move what Jeff just said.

Bob:

Tim, second it?

Tim:

Yes.

Bob:

Okay. All those in favor please say aye.

Committee members:

Aye.

Jamie:

You want to wait until she stops recording?

Jennifer:

We are all set?

[EXECUTIVE SESSION FROM 6:16 P.M. TO 6:25 P.M.]

Bob:

We are out of executive session. The Committee will recommend to the RPB that a Nominating Committee be established for the purpose of recruiting a sixth Authority member and the first order of business of the Nominating Committee will be to meet with the Authority chair.

Mark:

It's fine with me. Go in [inaudible 00:18:50], that's fine with me.

Bob:

All those in favor, please say aye.

Committee members:

Aye.

Bob:

Okay, next I have on our agenda, RPB committee agendas and issues. I don't know if anyone is having any issues on their committees? Naomi is shaking her head, seems to be going smooth. Her last meeting was pretty long.

Naomi:

It made up for a lot of short ones.

Mark:

I want to remind everybody we have the combination, our meeting's tomorrow for the Budget hearing. You're all invited.

Bob:

Yes. Jennifer, have we heard from Vin?

Jennifer:

No. He said to let him know if we're at the end and I sent him a text that the CIS was over, but I haven't heard from him.

Bob:

Okay. I don't know if he's having any problems on Finance. Tim, do you know of any meeting problems, committee problems?

Tim:

No. ... speak that there's really no real problems.

Bob:

Okay. I know your last meeting was rather long also.

Tim:

Well, yeah, because we actually did the budget presentation.

Bob:

Okay.

Tim:

Don't have a problem with it.

Bob:

Mark, you're muted.

Mark:

Yeah, our meeting was great. I just didn't... Jamie, I didn't totally understand what he was talking about with all the... It was about a drone measuring the growth of vegetation and a whole chart of it. I mean, it went on and on and on. I don't know exactly what it was about. It was interesting though.

Jamie:

Yes, it was.

Mark:

Whoever heard, it was interesting, but I don't know if I understood it totally. Did you Jamie?

Jamie:

Yeah, but I was in the room where it happened.

Mark:

I saw the same graphs, so I don't...

Jamie:

I don't know how. It was interesting, but it was long.

Bob:

It was technical and some people didn't understand that.

Mark:

It was very technical.

Jamie:

They were very excited about it.

Mark:

They were very excited about it. That's for sure, yes. Yes, they were.

Bob:

That's good. So there's no issues at the committee level. Next would be, go ahead, Jamie. You have something?

Jamie:

I was just going to say with Finance, the only issue that I would add is that it goes back a couple of meetings that has to do with compensation for the Authority chapters. So there was a discussion a couple of meetings ago between when this committee met and now there was a couple of discussions about it and it was... I think he brought it up at the last-

Bob:

Yeah, we're just going to wait. I thought that's what he said. They were going to wait until after the budget presentation.

Jamie:

Yeah, so I think that's the only thing that,

Tim:

Yeah, since our last meeting, that's true. That would be the in-between here. It's on hold.

Jamie:

Yeah, and in Land Use, there's not really... It's moving right along.

Mark:

Yeah.

Bob:

Okay. That's good news that there are no real issues at the committee level. Number six, our next regular meeting is going to be Wednesday, July 16th at 5:00 P.M. Mark it on your calendars. Is there any new business for the Executive Committee? Okay. Hearing none, this has been a rather long Executive Committee. CIS took up a lot of it.

Mark:

Again, Bob, a very good meeting.

Bob:

Anyone else have anything new that they want to bring up or discuss? Hearing none, accept a motion to adjourn.

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Tim:

So moved.

Naomi:

So moved.

Bob:

All those in favor, please say aye.

Committee members:

Aye.

Bob:

Thank you very much.