

## **Representative Policy Board**

South Central Connecticut Regional Water District

**February 26, 2026**

### Minutes

The regular meeting of the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District took place on Thursday, February 26, 2026, at the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority, 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)
Branford	Carolyn Mancini
Cheshire	Deena Allard
Deby	Steve Iacuone(R)
East Haven	Michelle Verderame(R)
Guilford	Charles Havrda
Hamden	Stephen Mongillo
Killingworth	Jamie Mowat Young
New Haven	Naomi Campbell
North Haven	James X. DiCarlo
Orange	Jasper J. Jaser(R)
Prospect	Robert E. Harvey, Jr.
Seymour	Beth Nesteriak
West Haven	T. Gregory Malloy(R)
Woodbridge	Mark Levine(R)
Governor’s Rep	Vincent M. Marino

#### **Regional Water Authority**

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

#### **Management**

Sunny Lakshminarayanan  
Rochelle Kowalski  
Elizabeth Calo(R)  
Jim Hill  
Prem Singh(R)  
Victor Benni(R)  
Andrew Marotti

#### **Harris Beach Murtha**

Bruce McDermott, Esq.  
Dan Canavan, Esq.

#### **Absent**

Madison	Joseph A. Oslander
Milford	Richard Smith
North Branford	Peter DeSantis

#### **Office of Consumer Affairs**

Jeffrey Donofrio, Esq.

#### **Staff**

Jennifer Slubowski

### **Call to Order**

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

### **Safety Moment**

Chair Harvey 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. Clifford and seconded by Ms. Young, the RPB approved the minutes of its January 22, 2026 meeting as distributed, with 75 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

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)	Aye	Madison (6)	Absent	Seymour (1)	Aye
Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (10)	Absent	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Aye	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Absent	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

**Communications**

Chair Harvey reported that members received the Conflict of Interest Compliance memorandum for the period ended November 30, 2025.

**Items for consideration and action**

Mr. Havrda motioned for approval of the following resolutions:

**RESOLVED** that the proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Final Decision of the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”), with respect to the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority’s (“RWA”) application for approval of the Application for the Route 80 Control Valve Replacement Project (“Application”), which copy is attached hereto, be and hereby is, approved in the form submitted to the meeting; and

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the RPB hereby approves the Application and authorizes the RWA’s Interim President & Chief Executive Officer, and the Vice President of Engineering and Environmental Services, to take any and all actions to complete the North Branford Water Storage Tank Replacement Project in North Branford, Connecticut.

Ms. Young seconded the motion, and the RPB approved the approved the resolutions, with 75 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

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)	Aye	Madison (6)	Absent	Seymour (1)	Aye
Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (10)	Absent	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Aye	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Absent	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

After the vote, Chair Harvey reported that an error was discovered in the resolution, the last paragraph noted the incorrect project. After discussion, Mr. Havrda moved for approval of the following corrected resolutions:

**RESOLVED** that the proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Final Decision of the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”), with respect to the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority’s (“RWA”) application for approval of the Application for the Route 80 Control Valve Replacement Project (“Application”), which corrected copy is attached hereto, be and hereby is, approved in the form submitted to the meeting; and

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the RPB hereby approves the Application and authorizes the RWA’s Interim President & Chief Executive Officer, and the Vice President of Engineering and Environmental Services, to take any and all actions to complete the Route 80 Control Valve Replacement Project.

Ms. Young seconded the motion, and the RPB approved the approved the resolutions, as corrected, with 75 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

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)	Aye	Madison (6)	Absent	Seymour (1)	Aye
Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (10)	Absent	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Aye	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Absent	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

Mr. Havrda moved for approval of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority (the “Authority”) proposes to issue its Bonds which may be issued as Project Loan Obligations delivered to the State of Connecticut (the “Bonds”) in accordance with Special Act 77-98, as amended, of the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut (the “Act”) and the Water System Revenue Bond Resolution, General Bond Resolution, adopted by the Authority and approved by the Representative Policy Board of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District (the “RPB”) on July 31, 1980, as amended and supplemented (the “General Bond Resolution”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Act authorizes the Authority to issue its bonds from time to time but subject to the approval of the RPB.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. The Bonds shall not exceed ten million seven hundred thousand dollars (\$10,700,000) in aggregate principal amount or so much as may be necessary after deducting grants or other sources of funds available for the Project (as hereinafter defined).
2. The Bonds may be issued as obligations in one or more series pursuant to the General Bond Resolution and a supplemental resolution to be adopted by the Authority for each series of Bonds, each of which shall specify the amount of the Bonds, the purposes for which the Bonds are to be issued, the date or dates, maturities, sinking fund installments if any, interest rates, series, denominations, form, redemption prices, security provisions and such other details of the Bonds as the Authority shall determine in accordance with the limits established by the General Bond Resolution and hereby.
3. The purposes of the Bonds shall be (I) to finance or refinance the cost of the Route 80 Control Valve project which may include a new valve vault with control valve and associated utilities, paved access driveway, 36-inch ductile iron interconnecting piping and valving, relocation/replacement of an existing cast iron 12-inch distribution main, as well as other site improvements necessary for the construction of the valve vault.; (II) to provide funds for deposit to the Capital Contingency Fund and the Debt Reserve Fund, as necessary pursuant to the General Bond Resolution and as permitted by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended and (III) to pay costs of issuance (the “Project”).

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4. The Bonds may be sold by negotiation as serial or term bonds with stated maturities and may be sold in a private or direct placement to a bank or the State of Connecticut.

Mr. Marino seconded the motion, and the RPB approved the approved the resolution, with 75 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

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)	Aye	Madison (6)	Absent	Seymour (1)	Aye
Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (10)	Absent	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Aye	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Absent	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

Mr. Marino motioned for approval of the following resolutions:

**WHEREAS** the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority, on January 27, 2026, filed an application with the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) for approval of the 2026 Rate Application, including the associated RPB Resolutions (the “Application”); and

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

**WHEREAS** the Finance Committee recommended that a public hearing be conducted by a Presiding Member; and

**WHEREAS** the Finance Committee proposed a public hearing date of March 26, 2026 at 7:00 p.m., in accordance with Special Act 77-98, as amended, and the RPB Bylaws and Rules of Practice.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the RPB accepts the Finance Committee’s recommendation to consider the Authority’s Application and determined to hold a public hearing, to be conducted by a Presiding Member, on March 26, 2026 at 7:00 p.m., in accordance with Special Act 77-98, as amended, and the RPB Bylaws and Rules of Practice; 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.

Mr. Clifford seconded the motion, and the RPB approved the approved the resolutions, with 75 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

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)	Aye	Madison (6)	Absent	Seymour (1)	Aye
Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (10)	Absent	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Aye	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Absent	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

Ms. Mancini, Chair of the RPB Bylaws and Rules Review Committee, reported that the proposed modifications to the RPB Bylaws and Rules of Practice have been deferred and will be returned to the Committee for further review. The Committee will schedule a special meeting to reconsider the edits. RPB members are encouraged to bring any concerns to the Committee prior to its next meeting.

**Reports:**

**Finance Committee** – Mr. Marino, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported on the meeting earlier in the month. The Committee met with management in executive session to receive a Cyber/Tech/Resiliency update. No action was taken in or as a result of executive session. The Committee also reviewed the 2026 Rate Application and found it to be complete and recommended a public hearing date for RPB consideration.

The next meeting is on March 9, 2026 at 5:00 pm, hybrid.

**Land Use Committee** – Mr. Levine, Chair of the Land Use Committee, reported on the meeting earlier in the month. The Committee received an update on RWA’s Water Chestnut Management Program and received land updates on RWA owned properties.

The next meeting is on March 11, 2026 at 5:30 pm.

**Consumer Affairs Committee** – Ms. Allard reported on the Committee meeting last month. In addition to the regular business, the Committee met with management to receive an update on the RWA’s Assistance Program, and the Office of Consumer Affairs (“OCA”) discussed the OCA’s FY 2027 projected budget.

Ms. Allard also reported on the Committee meeting earlier in the month. In addition to the regular business, the Committee met with management in executive session to receive a Cyber/Tech/Resiliency update. No action was taken in or as a result of executive session. The OCA reported no customer escalations or complaints.

The next meeting is Monday, March 16, 2026 at 5:30 p.m., via hybrid.

**Bylaws and Rules Review Committee** – Chair Mancini, Chair of the RPB Bylaws and Rules Review Committee, reported that the Committee met last month to review further changes to the Bylaws and Rules of Practice and voted to recommend the changes to the RPB. Redlined copies of the documents with the changes were distributed to members. The Committee is scheduled to meet again to discuss questions from RPB members.

**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 Audit-Risk Committee and the Strategic Planning Committee. Mr. Borowy stated that the Authority updated the Committee chair assignments. Dr. Cort is now chair of the Authority’s Audit-Risk Committee.

Dr. Cort, Chair of the Audit-Risk Committee, reported on the meeting earlier in the day. The Committee met with Auditors to review the FY 2026 Audit plan and process. There was nothing further to report.

Mr. Borowy reported that at the Authority meeting earlier in the day, the Authority also met as the Strategic Planning Committee. The Committee met with management to review and discuss the RWA’s draft Strategic Plan for FY 2027. Next steps include refining the plan, final review with the board, and communication of the approved plan in June.

He also reported that the Authority approved forwarding a Land Use Plan Amendment Application, which will be sent to RPB members. The amendment, which is reviewed every 10 years, was deemed substantial; a public hearing is required and will require final RPB approval.

Mr. Lakshminarayanan, the RWA’s Interim President & Chief Executive Officer, reported:

- “60 with Sunny” Employee Engagement Meetings: The “60 with Sunny” meetings continue to support employee engagement, with two sessions held in January.
- Grant Funding and Land Acquisition: The RWA recently secured a grant of \$188,500 through Connecticut’s Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Program, representing 64% of the acquisition cost for 78 acres of land located off Mountain Road in Cheshire. The RWA now holds full ownership of the property, which will strengthen public water supply protection and provide enhanced recreational opportunities for local residents.
- Local Union Negotiations: Negotiations with the local union have commenced. The RWA has proposed guiding principles regarding open communication, negotiation timeliness, and overall process efficiency. A second negotiation session is scheduled for February 27.
- FY 2027 Strategic Plan: Management presented the initial draft of the FY 2027 Strategic Plan, developed in alignment with the FY 2027 budgeting process. The plan is designed to promote flexibility, improve responsiveness, prevent operational obsolescence, enhance cost, and time efficiency, and strengthen accountability. Once finalized, the plan will be shared with the RPB. Mr. Lakshminarayanan, the RWA’s Interim President & Chief Executive Officer, reviewed revenues, operating and maintenance expenses for the month ended January 31, 2026. He stated the projected maintenance test for FY 2026 is 128%, with no shortfall. The favorable outcome is due to higher interest environment, timing of Drinking Water State Revolving Fund financing, catch-up timing for cash receipts, and higher year-to-date billings.

He also reported that raw water storage levels as of February 23, 2026, were at 65%, compared to the long-term average of 80%. Rainfall was at 19.87 inches, compared to the long-term average of 33.24 inches.

Mr. Borowy and Mr. Lakshminarayanan provided an update on the legislative session earlier in the week. It was attended by Messrs. Borowy and Lakshminarayanan, Ms. Kowalski, the RWA’s Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer & Head of Corporate Development, Ms. Young, the RPB’s Killingworth representative, and Atty. Donofrio, Office of Consumer Affairs, who offered testimony on the transaction. A draft decision on the Aquarion Water Authority (AWA) transaction is expected from the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority on March 6, 2026, with the final decision expected on March 25, 2026.

Chair Harvey acknowledged Attorney Donofrio from the Office of Consumer Affairs (OCA), who is currently engaged in the interrogatory and response phase of the 2026 Rate Application. Attorney Donofrio provided an update on his recent participation in a legislative session, noting that the discussion placed significant focus on the OCA. He reiterated ongoing concerns that have been expressed by others regarding the OCA’s resource availability and clarified that these resources are accessible at all times.

Attorney Donofrio stated that he has not been contacted by the legislature, the Office of Consumer Counsel, or members of the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority to discuss these concerns. He reaffirmed his commitment to the mission of the OCA, emphasizing both the stability and reliability of the office. He also expressed his appreciation for the professionalism demonstrated by the RWA, in contrast to water utilities in West Virginia, Waterbury, and Richmond that recently experienced water shortage challenges.

The next RPB meeting is on Thursday, March 26, 2026 at 6:30 pm., followed by the public hearing for the 2026 Rate Application at 7:00 p.m.

Chair Harvey encouraged RPB members to attend board and committee meetings in-person.

At 7:25 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Clifford and seconded by Mr. Marino, the RPB voted to adjourn the meeting, with 75 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

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East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Absent	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

Respectfully submitted,

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Jamie Mowat Young, Secretary

(R) = Attended remotely.

Attachments:

1. Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Final Decision of the Representative Policy Board for approval of the Application for the Route 80 Control Valve Replacement Project