

South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority

February 26, 2026

Minutes

The regular meeting of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority (“RWA” or “Authority”) took place on Thursday, February 26, 2026, at 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven, and via remote access. Chair Borowy presided.

Present: **Authority Members** – Messrs. Borowy, Curseaden, Cort, and Ricozzi, and Mss. LaMarr and Sack
Management – Mss. Kowalski and Calo(R), and Messrs. Lakshminarayanan, Singh, Hill(R), and Triana
RPB – Mr. Marino(R)
Staff – Mrs. Slubowski

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Borowy called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

1.1 SAFETY MOMENT

He reviewed the safety moment distributed to members.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Borowy offered the opportunity for members of the public to comment. There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

3. AUTHORITY COMMITTEE CHAIR ASSIGNMENT UPDATE

Chair Borowy announced changes to the leadership of the Audit-Risk Committee. Effective immediately, Dr. Cort will assume the role of Chair, succeeding Ms. LaMarr. All other Committee chair appointments will remain the same, as follows:

Audit-Risk Committee	Todd Cort
Commercial Business Committee	Kevin Curseaden
Compensation Committee	Kevin Curseaden
Environmental Health & Safety Committee	Mario Ricozzi
Pension & Benefit Committee	Catherine LaMarr
Strategic Planning Committee	Suzanne Sack

4. AUDIT-RISK COMMITTEE

At 12:32 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Curseaden and seconded by Ms. LaMarr, the Authority voted to recess the meeting to meet as the Audit-Risk Committee.

Borowy Aye
Cort Aye
Curseaden Aye
LaMarr Aye
Ricozzi Aye

Sack Aye

At 12:40 p.m., the Authority reconvened.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

On motion made by Mr. Ricozzi and seconded by Ms. LaMarr, the Authority voted to approve, adopt, or receive as appropriate the following items in the Consent Agenda, as amended:

5.1 Minutes of January 15, 2026 special meeting, January 22, 2026 special meeting, and January 22, 2026 regular meeting.

5.2 Capital Budget Authorization for March 2026.

RESOLVED, that the Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer & Head of Corporate Development is authorized to submit to the Trustee one or more requisitions in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$4,700,000 for the month of March 2026 for transfer from the Construction Fund for capital expenditures. Each such requisition shall contain or be accompanied by a certificate identifying such requisition and stating that the amount to be withdrawn pursuant to such requisition is a proper charge to the Construction Fund. Such requisitions are approved notwithstanding the fact that amounts to be withdrawn for a particular project may exceed the amount indicated for such month and year in the current Capital Improvement Budget but will not cause the aggregate amount budgeted for fiscal year 2026 for all Capital Improvement Projects to be exceeded. In the absence of the Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer & Head of Corporate Development, the Controller is authorized to sign in her place.

5.3 Monthly Financial Report – January 2026.

5.4 Accounts Receivable update for the period ending January 2026.

5.5 Report on Code of Ethics Compliance – November 30, 2025

5.6 RWAY Closure Benefits

Borowy	Aye
Cort	Aye
Curseaden	Aye
LaMarr	Aye
Ricozzi	Aye
Sack	Aye

6. REPORTS ON RPB COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Authority members reported on recent Representative Policy Board committee meetings.

Chair Borowy stated that it would be appropriate to move the Strategic Planning Committee meeting and the item to Act on matters arising from Committee meetings after the Business Updates. By consensus, the Authority agreed to adjust the agenda accordingly.

At 12:52 p.m., Ms. Sack withdrew from the meeting.

7. BUSINESS UPDATES

7.1 MONTHLY BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS

Mr. Lakshminarayanan reported on:

- **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.
- **“60 with Sunny” Employee Engagement Meetings:** The “60 with Sunny” meetings continue to support employee engagement, with two sessions held in January.
- **Local Union Negotiations:** Negotiations with the local union have commenced. For this negotiation, guiding principles were proposed. These principles relate to commitment to a fair and sustainable agreement, open and genuine 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. The plan will be reviewed again, and the finalized plan will be shared with the RPB.

7.2 AWA UPDATE

At 12:56 p.m., Mr. Marino withdrew from the meeting, and on motion made by Mr. Ricoszi and seconded by Mr. Curseaden, the Authority voted to go into executive session pursuant to C.G.S. Section 1-200(6)(E) to discuss matters covered by Section 1-210(b)(5)(A)(B), pertaining to trade secrets and commercial and financial information. Present in executive session were Authority members, Messrs. Lakshminarayanan, Singh, and Hill, and Mss. Kowalski, Calo, and Slubowski.

Borowy	Aye
Cort	Aye
Curseaden	Aye
LaMarr	Aye
Ricoszi	Aye
Sack	Aye

At 1:45 p.m., the Authority came out of executive session and Ms. Sack entered the meeting. No votes were taken in executive session.

Ms. Kowalski stated that management is requesting board approval for the corporate seal, as discussed in executive session. On motion made by Ms. LaMarr and seconded by Mr. Ricoszi, the Authority voted to adopt the corporate seal, as presented.

Borowy	Aye
Cort	Aye
Curseaden	Aye
LaMarr	Aye
Ricoszi	Aye
Sack	Aye

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8. MEET AS STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

At 2:02 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Curseaden and seconded by Mr. Ricozzi, the Authority voted to recess the meeting to meet as the Strategic Planning Committee.

Borowy	Aye
Cort	Aye
Curseaden	Aye
LaMarr	Aye
Ricozzi	Aye
Sack	Aye

At 3:17 p.m., the Authority reconvened.

9. ACT ON MATTERS ARISING FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS

There were no actions resulting from Committee meetings.

10. LAND USE PLAN AMENDMENT

At 3:20 p.m., Mr. Triana, RWA's Real Estate Manager, joined the meeting and presented an application for an amendment to the RWA's Land Use Plan. He noted that the Land Use Plan was last revised in 2015 and subsequently adopted by the RPB in January 2016. It is standard practice to review the plan every ten years and update, as necessary.

The current application incorporates acquisitions and dispositions into the document, as well as ten former rental houses that were sold between 2016 and December 2025. Because the application is substantial and represents a full revision of the plan, a public hearing will be required.

Authority members engaged in discussion regarding the proposed timeframe, the intent of the amendment, renewable energy opportunities, and the non-watershed properties.

Mr. Triana also provided an overview of *The Land We Need for the Water We Use* program, which was established by the Authority to preserve watershed lands. Authority members requested that management review the program for potential updates and report back to the board in the next few months.

After discussion, Mr. Ricozzi moved for approval of the following resolution:

RESOLVED that the Authority hereby accepts the amended Land Use Plan Application, substantially in the form submitted to this meeting, and authorizes filing said Land Use Plan with the Representative Policy Board.

Ms. LaMarr seconded the motion. The Chair called for the vote and the Authority approved the resolution unanimously.

Borowy	Aye
Cort	Aye
Curseaden	Aye
LaMarr	Aye
Ricozzi	Aye

Sack Aye

At 3:42 p.m., Mr. Triana withdrew from the meeting.

Ms. LaMarr introduced a new business item related to the Pension & Benefits Committee's previous discussion regarding an RFP for investment advisory services. She noted that she has been in communication with an interested individual that could provide the presentation that had been requested by the committee and sought the Board's guidance on timing.

Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to postpone further consideration after the AWA transaction decision.

At 3:46 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Curseaden and seconded by Ms. Sack, the Authority voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Borowy	Aye
Cort	Aye
Curseaden	Aye
LaMarr	Aye
Ricozzi	Aye
Sack	Aye

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine E. LaMarr, Secretary

(R) = Attended remotely.