

Representative Policy Board

South Central Connecticut Regional Water District

August 10, 2026

Minutes

A special meeting of the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District (“RWA”) took place on Monday, August 10, 2026, at 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven, Connecticut. Chair Harvey presided.

PRESENT

RPB

Ansonia	Thomas P. Clifford, III
Bethany	Brian Eitzer
Branford	Carolyn Mancini
Derby	Stephen Iacuone
Guilford	Charles Havrda
Hamden	Stephen Mongillo
Killingworth	Jamie Mowat Young
Milford	Meghan Doyle
New Haven	Naomi Campbell
North Branford	Peter DeSantis
North Haven	James X. DiCarlo
Orange	Jasper J. Jaser
Prospect	Robert E. Harvey, Jr.
Seymour	Beth Nesteriak
West Haven	T. Gregory Malloy
Woodbridge	Mark Levine
Governor’s Rep	Vincent M. Marino

Absent

Beacon Falls	Peter Betkoski
Cheshire	Deena Allard
East Haven	Michelle Verderame
Madison	Jason Engelhardt

Regional Water Authority

David Borowy
Kevin Curseaden
Catherine E. LaMarr

Management

Sunny Lakshminarayanan
Rochelle Kowalski

Counsel

Bruce McDermott

Office of Consumer Affairs

Jeffrey Donofrio

Guest

First Selectman Michael J. Freda

Staff

Jennifer Slubowski

Call to Order

Chair Harvey called the meeting to order at 5:31 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. One member of the public was present at the meeting.

Discussion re RWA/AWA Chief Executive Officer

At 5:03 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Clifford and seconded by Mr. Malloy, the RPB voted to convene in executive session pursuant to C.G.S. Section 1-200(6)(A) to discuss matters pertaining to the appointment of a public officer or employee. Present in executive session were RPB members, Mr. Curseaden, Atty’s Donofrio and McDermott, and Ms. LaMarr and Ms. Slubowski.

The Chair called for the vote, and the RPB voted unanimously to convene in executive session with 82 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

Ansonia (3)	Aye	Guilford (4)	Aye	No. Haven (5)	Aye
Beacon Falls (0)	Absent	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)	Absent	Milford (10)	Aye	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Aye	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Absent
East Haven (6)	Absent	No. Branford (8)	Aye	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

At 5:30 p.m., Mr. Borowy and First Selectman Freda entered the meeting.

At 5:43 p.m., Mr. Levine entered the meeting.

At 5:55 p.m., First Selectman Freda withdrew from the meeting.

At 6:08 p.m., the RPB came out of executive session.

Possible action to consider approval of the appointment of Candidate A for position of Chief Executive Officer (“CEO”) of the Aquarion Water Authority (“AWA”) and the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority (“RWA”)

Following executive session discussion, RPB members asked questions related to length of term, job description, community culture, and role of CEO.

Mr. DiCarlo moved for approval of the following resolution:

RESOLVED that the Representative Policy Board hereby approves the Authority’s appointment of Michael J. Freda as Chief Executive Officer of the Aquarion Water Authority and the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority, effective September 1, 2026.

Mr. Levine seconded the motion. The Chair called for the vote, and the RPB voted unanimously to appoint Michael J. Freda as Chief Executive Officer of the AWA and RWA with 85 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

Ansonia (3)	Aye	Guilford (4)	Aye	No. Haven (5)	Aye
Beacon Falls (0)	Absent	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)	Absent	Milford (10)	Aye	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Aye	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Absent	No. Branford (8)	Aye	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

At 6:19 p.m., Mr. Lakshminarayanan, Ms. Kowalski, and First Selectman Freda entered the meeting. Mr. Freda thanked RPB members for their confidence and the opportunity to move the organization forward.

Mr. Borowy, Authority and AWA Chair, stated that a communication would be sent to local newspapers on August 11, 2026 announcing the appointment of First Selectman Freda as the AWA and RWA CEO, and RPB members may share the information with their municipal CEO’s.

At 6:23 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Marino and seconded by Mr. Levine, the RPB voted to adjourn the meeting with 85 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

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Ansonia (3)	Aye	Guilford (4)	Aye	No. Haven (5)	Aye
Beacon Falls (0)	Absent	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)	Absent	Milford (10)	Aye	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Aye	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Absent	No. Branford (8)	Aye	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

Charles Havrda, Secretary

(R) = Attended Remotely.