

Representative Policy Board

South Central Connecticut Regional Water District

Minutes

August 27, 2026

The regular meeting of the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District (“RWA”) took place on Thursday, August 27, 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(R)
Cheshire	Deena Allard
Derby	Stephen Iacuone(R)
East Haven	Michelle Verderame(R)
Guilford	Charles Havrda
Hamden	Stephen Mongillo(R)
Killingworth	Jamie Mowat Young(R)
Madison	Jason Engelhardt
Milford	Meghan Doyle
New Haven	Naomi Campbell
North Branford	Peter DeSantis(R)
North Haven	James X. DiCarlo
Orange	Jasper J. Jaser
Prospect	Robert E. Harvey, Jr.
Seymour	Beth Nesteriak(R)
West Haven	Mark Levine(R)
Woodbridge	T. Gregory Malloy
Governor’s Rep	Vincent M. Marino

Regional Water Authority

David Borowy
Kevin Curseaden
Catherine LaMarr(R)
Mario Riconzi(R)
Todd Cort(R)

Management

Sunny Lakshminarayanan
Rochelle Kowalski
Victor Benni
Elizabeth Calo(R)
Jim Hill
Premjith Lakshman Singh
Charles DelVecchio
Andrew Marotti

Counsel

Dan Canavan, Esq.

Public Member

First Selectman Michael Freda

Office of Consumer Affairs

Jeffrey M. Donofrio

Staff

Jennifer Slubowski(R)

Call to Order

Chair Harvey called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Safety Moment

Chair Harvey reviewed the Safety Moment distributed to members.

Public Comment

Chair Harvey offered the opportunity for members of the public to comment. There was one member of the public present at the meeting, First Selectman Michael Freda.

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On motion made by Mr. Malloy and seconded by Mr. Levine, the RPB approved the minutes of its July 23, 2026 regular meeting, as distributed with 101 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)	Aye	Seymour (1)	Aye
Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (10)	Aye	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Aye	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Aye	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

On motion made by Mr. Malloy and seconded by Mr. Levine, the RPB approved the minutes of its August 10, 2026 special meeting, as distributed with 96 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)	Aye	Seymour (1)	Aye
Cheshire (4)	Abstain	Milford (10)	Aye	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Aye	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Aye	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

Communications

Chair Harvey:

- Reported that the RPB Nominating Committee for Authority member has been formed and held its first meeting earlier in the week. The Committee distributed a copy of the Criteria to be Utilized in Recommending Appointment of a Candidate to the Authority ("Criteria") for RPB review and comment.

Item for Consideration and Action

Mr. Marino moved for approval of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that based on the recommendation of its Finance Committee, the Representative Policy Board hereby approves the South Central Connecticut Regional Authority's exercise of the option to extend audit services with CliftonLarsonAllen (CLA) for an additional two-year term.

Ms. Young seconded the motion. The chair called for the vote and the RPB approved the resolutions, with 101 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)	Aye	Seymour (1)	Aye
Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (10)	Aye	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Aye	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Aye	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

Reports

Finance Committee – Mr. Marino, Chair of the RPB Finance Committee, reported on the committee meeting earlier in the month. The Committee approved its minutes from last month, postponed its discussion on Authority compensation due to time constraints, and met with management to review and discuss the proposal to continue with the current external audit from the two-year optional extension period, which was recommended to the RPB.

The next meeting is on Monday, September 14, 2026 at 5:00 p.m., hybrid.

Land Use Committee – Mr. Levine, Chair of the RPB Land Use Committee, reported on the meeting earlier in the month. The Committee met at Lake Gaillard in North Branford, where the Committee received an update and demonstration of the steam weeder used to control invasive species. The Committee also delegated a working group to review the Land Use Committee Charter to update and present at next month's meeting. Ms. Young was appointed as chair of the group.

The next meeting is on September 9, 2026 at 5:30 pm.

Land Use Charter Review Subcommittee – Ms. Young, Chair of the RPB Land Use Charter Review Subcommittee, reported on the meeting earlier in the month. The Committee met to review the Land Use Committee Charter, which was last updated in 2018. The Committee reviewed governance and other documents to be used to assist in the charter update, as well as a review of other RPB standing committee charters.

The next meeting is on Tuesday, September 8, 2026 at 2:00 p.m., via Teams, to review and possibly recommend the updated charter to the Land Use Committee meeting in September.

Consumer Affairs Committee – Ms. Campbell, Chair of the RPB Consumer Affairs Committee, reported on the meeting earlier in the month. The committee approved its July minutes, met with management to discuss the RWA's notification system, received a report from the OCA, approved OCA invoices, and reviewed Authority meeting assignments.

The next meeting is on September 21, 2026 at 5:30 pm., hybrid.

Executive Committee – Chair Harvey reported on the special meeting of the Executive Committee last month. The Committee met in executive session to discuss the candidate for Chief Executive Officer.

The next meeting is on October 21, 2026 at 5:00 p.m., via hybrid.

Nominating Committee – Mr. Havrda, Chair of the RPB Nominating Committee reported on the Committee meeting earlier in the week. The Committee met in executive session with the Authority Chair, Vice Chair, and RWA President to discuss the state of the Authority. The Committee reviewed the Criteria and made some changes as well as adding an item to the Work and Organization Background related to cybersecurity.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 10, 2026 at 5:00 p.m., via hybrid. RPB members should review the Criteria and submit comments and suggestions prior to the next meeting.

Authority/Management – Mr. Borowy, Chair of the Authority, reported that the first order of business was to meet as the Aquarion Water Authority ("AWA"). At the meeting management reported that AWA RPB appointments are on track and the first meeting could be as early as September.

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At the RWA Authority meeting, the board also met as the sole member of the Claire C. Bennett Watershed Fund ("WSF"). The Authority reviewed the board's annual report and reappointed five Director's whose terms were up: Messrs. Geballe and Mutonji, Rev. Scott, and Mss. LaMarr and Simeone.

Mr. Borowy reported that at the Authority meeting earlier in the day, the Authority also met as the Strategic Planning Committee. In Ms. Sack's absence, Mr. Borowy reported that the Committee met to review and approved the Strategic Plan developed for the board, which contained six strategic priorities: Quality Water through Operational Excellence, Financial Sustainability, Board Governance & Organizational Coherence, People, Succession, Culture & Safety, Customer and Community Engagement, and Security, Risk & Compliance.

He reported that Ms. Sack will be available to meet with RPB Committees interested in reviewing the Strategic Plan.

Mr. Borowy also reported that at the Authority meeting earlier in the day, the Authority also met at a special meeting of the Commercial Business Committee.

Mr. Curseaden, Chair of the RWA Commercial Business Committee reported that the committee met in executive session to receive an update from management of the status of current businesses. He noted that RWA temporarily paused its proactive approach to commercial acquisitions and mergers due to the AWA transaction. The Committee discussed next steps, which will include the new CEO, Mr. Freda. More information to follow.

Mr. Curseaden also reported that the Committee also adopted its Committee Charter, which he will distribute to RPB members.

Mr. Lakshminarayanan reviewed revenues, operating and maintenance expenses for the month ended July 31, 2026, and stated the projected maintenance test for FY 2026 is 116%, with no shortfall. The favorable drivers included the June refunding and interest rate environment and partially offset by the timing of cash receipts between FY 2026 and FY 2027.

He also reported that as of August 24, 2026, raw water storage was at 87%, compared to the long-term average of 78% for the same period last year. To date, rainfall is at 19.41 inches, 8.98 inches higher than the long-term average at the same time last year.

Chair Harvey acknowledged Atty. Donofrio, OCA, who welcomed Mr. Freda, future RWA CEO, and noted the OCA's availability for assistance to the new CEO and RPB members.

Chair Harvey highlighted recent RPB orientations.

Ms. Young, the RPB's Orientation Lead, commented on an upcoming new RPB member orientation with Harris Beach Murtha on Friday, August 28, 2026.

Chair Harvey updated RPB members on the status of reappointments for Killingworth and New Haven. Ms. Young, the RPB's Killingworth Representative, noted that the Town Meeting is scheduled for September 28, 2026.

Ms. Campbell, RPB New Haven Representative, will check with the mayor's office concerning the status of her reappointment.

The next RPB meeting is on Thursday, September 24, 2026 at 6:30 p.m., via hybrid.

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As there was no further discussion, at 6:57 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Malloy and seconded by Mr. Eitzer, the RPB voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting with 101 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative, the meeting adjourned.

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Respectfully submitted,

Charles Havrda, Secretary

(R) – Attended remotely.