

**Representative Policy Board  
South Central Connecticut Regional Water District**

**Minutes of September 23, 2021 Meeting**

A special meeting of the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”), of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District, took place on Thursday, September 23, 2021, via remote access. Chair Ricozzi presided.

**PRESENT**

**RPB**

Ansonia	Thomas P. Clifford III
Beacon Falls	Peter Betkoski
Bethany	Brian Eitzer
Branford	Mario Ricozzi
Cheshire	Timothy Slocum
East Haven	Michelle Verderame
Guilford	Charles Havrda
Hamden	Stephen Mongillo
Killingworth	Jamie Mowat Young
Madison	Joseph A. Oslander
Milford	Richard Smith
New Haven	Naomi Campbell
North Branford	Peter DeSantis
North Haven	Anthony Rescigno
Orange	Jasper J. Jaser
Prospect	Robert E. Harvey, Jr.
West Haven	T. Gregory Malloy
Woodbridge	Mark Levine
Governor’s Rep	Vincent M. Marino

**Absent**

Derby	Frank Pepe
Seymour	Michael H. Horbal

**Regional Water Authority**

Anthony DiSalvo  
David Borowy  
Kevin Curseaden  
Suzanne Sack

**Management**

Larry L. Bingaman  
Rochelle Kowalski  
Edward O. Norris III  
Jeanine Reckdenwald  
Premjith Lakshman Singh  
Debra Bradley  
Rita DelVasto  
Michael Gianni  
Robert Olejarczyk

**Office of Consumer Affairs**

Jeffrey M. Donofrio

**Staff**

Jennifer Slubowski

**Call to Order**

Chair Ricozzi called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Safety Moment**

Chair Ricozzi reviewed the Safety Moment distributed to members.

**Minutes**

On motion made by Mr. Malloy, seconded by Ms. Young, the RPB approved the minutes of its August 19, 2021 meeting as distributed, with 88 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

Ansonia (3)	Aye	Guilford (4)	Aye	No. Haven (5)	Absent
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)	Absent
Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (10)	Aye	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Absent	New Haven (13)	Abstain	Woodbridge (3)	Aye

East Haven (6) Aye

No. Branford (8) Aye

Gov. Rep. (1) Aye

## Communications

Chair Ricozzi:

- Stated that members should have received the updated Criteria from the Nominating Committee for Authority member. Mr. Havrda, Chair of the Nominating Committee, will discuss the Criteria during the committee updates.
- Reported that there have been no changes to RPB reappointments for 2021.

There were no items for consideration and action.

## Reports

**Finance Committee** – Mr. Slocum, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported that the Committee met earlier in the month to receive an update from management on the Lead & Copper Rule and its impacts on the RWA. The next meeting is scheduled for October 4, 2021.

**Land Use Committee** – Mr. Betkoski, Chair of the Land Use Committee, reported that the Committee met earlier in the month at Lake Chamberlain in Bethany. The committee met with management to receive an update on new fishing trails. The next meeting will take place at Lake Saltonstall on Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at 4:30 pm and will include a pizza dinner. All RPB members are invited to attend.

**Consumer Affairs Committee** – Mr. Mongillo, Chair of the Consumer Affairs Committee, reported on the Committee meeting earlier in the week. The committee met with management to receive an update on the Lead & Copper Rule. The OCA reported no active consumer issues. He has been reviewing the rate increase proposal for the preparation of his memorandum, which was distributed to the RPB.

At 6:40 p.m., Mr. Rescigno entered the meeting.

**Nominating Committee** – Charles Havrda, Chair of the Nominating Committee, reported that the Committee met on August 31<sup>st</sup> and met with Mr. DiSalvo, Vice Chair of the Authority, and Mr. Bingaman, President & CEO of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority, to discuss responsibilities of Authority members and status of the incumbent.

The Committee also made two additions to the Criteria to address requirements related to communication and knowledge of technical and engineering processes. The Criteria was distributed to RPB members for comment. The deadline for RPB members to respond is Friday, September 24, 2021. The Committee will meet in early October to finalize the Criteria and make a recommendation to the RPB at its October meeting.

**Executive Committee** – Chair Ricozzi, Chair of the Executive Committee, reported on the Committee meeting earlier in the week. The committee met with management, in executive session, to receive a business strategy update. The committee also discussed future trends for in-person meetings and long reaching agenda items.

**Authority/Management** – Mr. Borowy, Chair of the Authority, reported on the Authority Meeting earlier in the day. He stated that the Authority met as the Audit-Risk Committee and the Commercial Business Committee.

Mr. DiSalvo, Acting Chair of the Audit-Risk Committee, reported on the Committee meeting earlier in the day. The committee met with representatives from CliftonLarsonAllen to receive a cyber audit vulnerability assessment and to receive a presentation of the Authority's FY 21 Audit results.

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Mr. Curseaden, Chair of the Commercial Business Committee, reported on the meeting earlier in the day. The Committee adopted a revised charter that will be distributed to RPB member's tomorrow. The committee also met with management, in executive session, to receive a commercial business update.

Mr. Borowy also reported that the Authority reviewed special topics for FY 2022 and FY 2023.

Ms. Reckdenwald provided an update on the status of COVID at the RWA, which included:

- Status of COVID cases at the RWA
- Vaccination rate
- Mask mandate
- Mid-day cleanings and weekend Clorox 360 treatments
- Status of actions for past due accounts

Mr. Bingaman reviewed revenues and operating and maintenance expenses through August 31, 2021. He reported maintenance test coverage of 114%, with no shortfall. He reported that the projection also takes into account the conversion of quarterly billing to monthly billing. Mr. Bingaman noted that there is still uncertainty regarding the short and long-term impacts of the pandemic, including on employment levels and customers' ability to pay.

He also reported that as of September 22, 2021 raw storage levels are at 90%, compared to the long-term average and last year's levels of 71%.

At 6:59 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Charles Havrda, Secretary