

Representative Policy Board

South Central Connecticut Regional Water District

September 24, 2026

Minutes

A regular meeting of the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District took place on Thursday, September 24, 2026, at the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority, 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven, Connecticut and via remote access. Chair Harvey presided.

PRESENT

RPB

Beacon Falls	Peter Betkoski(R)
Bethany	Brian Eitzer(R)
Branford	Carolyn Mancini(R)
Cheshire	Deena Allard(R)
Derby	Stephen Iacuone(R)
East Haven	Michelle Verderame(R)
Guilford	Charles Havrda
Hamden	Stephen Mongillo(R)
Killingworth	Jamie Mowat Young
Madison	Jason Engelhardt(R)
Milford	Meghan Doyle
North Branford	Peter DeSantis(R)
New Haven	Naomi Campbell
Prospect	Robert E. Harvey, Jr.
Seymour	Beth Nesteriak(R)
West Haven	T. Gregory Malloy
Governor’s Rep.	Vincent M. Marino

Absent

Ansonia	Thomas P. Clifford III
North Haven	James X. DiCarlo
Orange	Jasper J. Jaser
Woodbridge	Mark Levine

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 were no members of the public present at the meeting.

Regional Water Authority

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

Management

Michael J. Freda
Sunny Lakshminarayanan
Rochelle Kowalski
Elizabeth Calo(R)
Jim Hill
Premjith Lakshman Singh
Victor Benni
Charles DelVecchio

Counsel

Raquel Herrera-Soto, Esq.

Office of Consumer Affairs

Jeffrey M. Donofrio

Staff

Jennifer Slubowski(R)

Minutes

On motion made by Mr. Malloy and seconded by Mr. Marino, the RPB approved the minutes of its August 27, 2026 regular meeting as distributed, with 87 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

Ansonia (3)	Absent	Guilford (4)	Aye	No. Haven (5)	Absent
Beacon Falls (0)	Aye	Hamden (10)	Aye	Orange (3)	Absent
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)	Absent
East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Aye	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

Communications

Chair Harvey reported that a copy of the Nominating Committee's adopted Criteria was distributed to members.

He also stated that new members of the RPB are scheduled for a tour of the Lake Whitney Water Treatment Plant on September 29, 2026.

Reports

Finance Committee – Mr. Marino, Chair of the RPB Finance Committee, reported on the Committee meeting earlier in the month. The Committee reviewed its Safety Moment and approved the prior month's meeting minutes. The Committee also received an update on the RPB approved capital projects. He also reported that the discussion related to Authority compensation was deferred until the end of 2027 due to RWA's enabling legislation restrictions allowing for review of Authority compensation every three years. Because the most recent approved increase was effective in 2025, another increase cannot be effective until 2028. He further noted that this restriction does not apply to stipends, which may be considered separately in the future.

The next meeting is October 5, 2026, at 5:00 p.m., via hybrid; however, in person is preferred.

Land Use Committee – In Mr. Levine's absence, Chair Harvey reported on the Land Use Committee meeting earlier in the month. The Committee meeting was held at the Sugar Loaf Recreation area in Guilford. Management provided information to familiarize members with the area and an update on recreation activity.

The Committee's next meeting is on October 14, 2026, at 4:30 p.m., at Lake Saltonstall and the Committee will host its annual pizza dinner. All Authority and RPB members are invited to attend.

Land Use Charter Review Subcommittee – Ms. Young, Chair of the Land Use Charter Review subcommittee reported on the meeting earlier in the month to review proposed updates to the Land Use Committee Charter, which was accepted and recommended to the Land Use Committee and approved at its meeting on September 9th.

As the Subcommittee completed its assignment, no further meetings were necessary.

Consumer Affairs Committee – Ms. Campbell, Chair of the RPB Consumer Affairs Committee, reported that the Committee is scheduled to meet on Monday, September 28, 2026 at 5:30 p.m., via hybrid.

Nominating Committee – Mr. Havrda, Chair of the RPB Nominating Committee for Authority member, reported that the Committee met earlier in the month at a special meeting with Mr. Freda, Chief Executive

Officer, and Authority incumbent, David Borowy. Due to noticing requirements, the committee's recommendation will be considered at next month's RPB meeting.

As the Committee completed its assignment, no further meetings were necessary.

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.

Ms. Kowalski, Chief Financial Officer, reported that the Committee met with CliftonLarsonAllen to review the FY 2026 year-end audit, single federal audit, scope, and results. A clean unmodified opinion was received.

Mr. Borowy reported that at the Authority meeting earlier in the day the Authority also met as the Environmental, Health & Safety Committee.

Mr. Ricozzi, Chair of the Environmental Health & Safety Committee, reported on the meeting earlier in the day. The Committee received updates on invasive and aquatic species, forestry management, and stream flow.

Mr. Borowy also stated that at the Authority meeting earlier in the day, the board approved Drinking Water State Revolving Fund resolutions for two projects, approved a shared Cost Allocation Policy and Conflict of Interest Policy, both will be submitted to the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority.

Mr. Lakshminarayanan, President of the RWA reported:

- Commercial Enterprises continue to experience organic growth with a particular focus on expanding the protection plan programs through targeted customer outreach and increased market penetration.
- At the conclusion of the first quarter of FY 2027, all Global Metrics remain on track to meet year-end targets. Strategic initiatives focused on customer sentiment, workplace safety, water quality, financial health, and cost-efficiency have contributed to strong results, positioning the organization to successfully meet its annual objectives.
- On the Authority's annual report, *2025 Reflections*, which received a Silver Award in the 2026 International ARC Awards. He noted that the recognition reflects the Authority's continued excellence in communication and fiscal reporting and highlighted that the 2025 annual report included a memorial tribute to Larry Bingaman, making the award particularly meaningful.

Mr. Lakshminarayanan reviewed revenues, operating and maintenance expenses for the month ended August 31, 2026, and stated the projected maintenance test for FY 2027 is 117%, with no shortfall. The favorable variance is due to the 40th Series refunding that recently closed on June 3, 2026, high interest rate environment, partially offset by the timing of cash receipts between FY 2026 and FY 2027.

He also reported that as of September 21, 2026, raw water storage was at 88%, compared to 71% for the same period last year. As of September 20, 2026, rainfall totaled 25.70 inches or 11.69 inches higher than the long-term average of 14.01 inches.

RPB members acknowledged Mr. Freda, RWA and AWA, Chief Executive Officer, who reported on his first three weeks with the organization. He stated that he has been actively engaged in transitioning into his new role. In addition to his responsibilities with the Town of North Haven, he is currently dividing his time equally between the RWA in New Haven and Aquarion Water Authority in Bridgeport. Mr. Freda reported that he has been meeting with towns and recently participated in a tour of an AWA reservoir and observed the water filtration process. He stated his appreciation for the positive energy of both organizations, as well as the opportunity to work closely with the Leadership Team.

Chair Harvey acknowledged Atty. Donofrio, OCA, who had nothing to report.

At 6:57 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Marino and seconded by Mr. Young, the RPB voted to adjourn the meeting with 87 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative, the meeting adjourned.

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Respectfully submitted,

Charles Havrda, Secretary

(R) – Attended remotely.