

**Representative Policy Board
South Central Connecticut Regional Water District
Minutes of December 19, 2024 Meeting**

The regular meeting of the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District took place on Thursday, December 19, 2024, 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)
Cheshire	Timothy Slocum
East Haven	Michelle Verderame(R)
Guilford	Charles Havrda
Hamden	Stephen Mongillo(R)
Killingworth	Jamie Mowat Young(R)
Madison	Joseph A. Oslander
Milford	Richard Smith(R)
New Haven	Naomi Campbell
North Branford	Peter DeSantis(R)
North Haven	James X. DiCarlo
Orange	Jasper J. Jaser
Prospect	Robert E. Harvey, Jr.
Seymour	Michael Horbal(R)
West Haven	T. Gregory Malloy
Woodbridge	Mark Levine(R)
Governor’s Rep	Vincent M. Marino

Absent

Branford	Vacant
Derby	Frank Pepe

Regional Water Authority

David Borowy
Kevin Curseaden(R)
Catherine LaMarr(R)
Mario Ricozzi

Management

Sunny Lakshminarayanan
Rochelle Kowalski
Elizabeth Calo(R)
Jim Hill

Counsel

Bruce McDermott(R)

Office of Consumer Affairs

Jeffrey Donofrio, Esq.

Staff

Jennifer Slubowski

Call to Order

Chair Harvey called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

Safety Moment

Chair Harvey reviewed the Safety Moment handout 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.

Minutes

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On motion made by Mr. Malloy and seconded by Mr. Clifford, the RPB approved the minutes of its November 21, 2024 meeting as distributed, with 93 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)	Vacant	Madison (6)	Aye	Seymour (1)	Aye
Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (11)	Aye	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Absent	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 meeting on January 23, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. would be held at Seymour Town Hall, 1 First Street, Seymour. Following the regular meeting would be a public hearing for the disposition of 56 Squantuck Road in Seymour.

He also noted that the RPB committee meetings to review the FY 2026 proposed budget with management have been scheduled, as follows:

- **Finance Committee** – Monday, April 7, 2024 @ 5:00 p.m. (regular meeting)
- **Consumer Affairs Committee and Land Use Committee** - Thursday, April 17, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. (special joint meeting)

RPB members are welcome to attend either or both meetings.

Reports:

Finance Committee – Mr. Marino, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported on the meeting earlier in the month. The Committee convened in executive session to discuss Authority member compensation. The Committee discussed multiple factors including work volume. The Committee is recommending to the RPB an increase of \$1,500 per member. The committee also received a quarterly report on RPB approved projects.

The Committee's next meeting is on Monday, January 13, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. The meeting will be hybrid.

Land Use Committee – Mr. Levine, Chair of the Land Use Committee, reported on the meeting earlier in the month. The Committee met and received a presentation on the RWA vault, including contents and historical items. The Committee's next meeting will include a deer hunt update.

Consumer Affairs Committee – Ms. Campbell, Chair of the RPB Consumer Affairs Committee, reported on the Committee meeting earlier in the week. The Committee met with management to review the FY 2026 budget schedule and scheduled a special joint meeting with the Land Use Committee on Thursday, April 17, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. to review the FY 2026 budget with management. The Office of Consumer Affairs reported no pending matters. She also reported that the Committee will be receiving updates on the Customer Information System early next year.

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 and the Commercial Business Committee.

Ms. LaMarr, Chair of the Authority's Audit-Risk Committee, reported on the meeting earlier in the day. The Committee reviewed a confidential Cyber Security update memorandum.

Mr. Curseaden, Chair of the Authority's Commercial Business Committee, reported on the meeting earlier in the day. The Committee met in executive session to discuss commercial updates, potential acquisitions, and strategy.

Mr. Borowy reported that at the Authority meeting earlier in the day, the Authority voted to re-elect Mr. Curseaden as Vice Chair, and Ms. LaMarr as Secretary/Treasurer for another year.

Mr. Lakshminarayanan, the RWA's Interim President & Chief Executive Officer provided an RWAY/CIS update. He stated that the project is moving in a positive direction and the next few months are expected to be busy. There is a target go-live date of April 2, 2025.

Ms. Kowalski, the RWA's Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer & Head of Corporate Development, reviewed revenues, operating and maintenance expenses for the month ended November 30, 2024. She stated the projected maintenance test for FY 2025 is 119%, with no shortfall. Key drivers are the refinancing completed last May, higher than anticipated interest rates, and favorable variances in PILOT.

She also reported that raw water storage levels as of December 16, 2024, were at 71%, compared to the long-term average of 69%. Rainfall as of November 17, 2024 was 22.7 inches, compared to the long-term average of 25.04 inches.

Items for consideration and action

At 6:56 p.m., Mr. Marino, Chair of the RPB Finance Committee, move for discussion of Authority member compensation. It was the consensus of the RPB, that the discussion be held in executive session, pursuant to C.G.S. Section 1-200(6)(E) to discuss matters covered by Section 1-210(b)(2), pertaining to personnel and C.G.S. Section 1-200(6)(E) to discuss matters covered by Section 1-210(b)(5)(B), pertaining to commercial and financial information.

On motion made by Mr. Marino, and seconded by Ms. Young, the RPB voted unanimously to convene in executive session pursuant to the statutes stated above, with 93 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative. Present in executive session were RPB members, Authority members present, RWA management, counsel, Office of Consumer Affairs and Ms. Slubowski.

Ansonia (3)	Aye	Guilford (4)	Aye	No. Haven (5)	Aye
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East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Aye	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

At 6:58 p.m., Messrs. Borowy and Riconzi withdrew from the meeting.

At 7:13 p.m., the RPB came out of executive session.

On motion made by Mr. Marino and seconded by Ms. Young, the RPB voted to approve the following resolution, with 93 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

RESOLVED, that based on the recommendation of the Representative Policy Board Finance Committee, the compensation of the Regional Water Authority ("RWA") Chair be increased to \$37,000 per year and the compensation of members of the RWA, who do not serve as Chair, be increased to \$27,500 per year.

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The RPB discussed the effective date of the Authority's compensation increase. After discussion, on motion made by Mr. Marino and seconded by Ms. Young, the RPB voted to amend the resolution above to include and effective date of January 1, 2025, with 93 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

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Chair Harvey stated that Mr. DiCarlo, the RPB's North Haven representative, would be serving on the Finance Committee.

Atty, Donofrio, Office of Consumer Affairs, stated his appreciation of RWA management, RPB and the Authority, on behalf of the consumers of the Regional Water Authority district, for this past year's performance and noted in his recognition the boards working together.

Chair Harvey stated that FY 2026 budget binders will be sent electronically to RPB members. Anyone wishing to receive a hard copy should notify the board office.

As a reminder, the next regular RPB meeting is on January 23, 2025 in Seymour and will be followed by the public hearing for the disposition of 56 Squantuck Road in Seymour.

The RPB discussed donations in memory of Larry Bingaman, the RWA's prior President & CEO.

Chair Harvey wished everyone a Happy Holiday and New Year.

At 7:20 p.m., the RPB voted to adjourn the meeting, with 93 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

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East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Aye	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Policy Board
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(R) = Attended remotely.

Jamie Mowat Young, Secretary