

**Representative Policy Board
South Central Connecticut Regional Water District
Minutes of December 21, 2023 Meeting**

The regular meeting of the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District took place on Thursday, December 21, 2023, at the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority, 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven, Connecticut, and via remote access. Chairman Harvey presided.

PRESENT

RPB

Ansonia	Thomas P. Clifford III (remote)
Beacon Falls	Peter Betkoski
Bethany	Brian Eitzer (remote)
Cheshire	Timothy Slocum
Guilford	Charles Havrda
Hamden	Stephen Mongillo (remote)
Killingworth	Jamie Mowat Young
Madison	Joseph A. Oslander
Milford	Richard Smith (remote)
New Haven	Naomi Campbell (remote)
North Haven	Anthony P. Rescigno (remote)
Orange	Jasper J. Jaser
Prospect	Robert E. Harvey, Jr.
Woodbridge	Mark Levine
Governor’s Rep	Vincent M. Marino (remote)

Regional Water Authority

David Borowy
Kevin Curseaden
Catherine LaMarr
Mario Ricoszi
Suzanne Sack

Management

Larry L. Bingaman
Rochelle Kowalski
Elizabeth Calo
Jim Hill
Sunny Lakshminarayanan
Premjith Lakshman Singh
Adrian Cosma
Charles DelVecchio
Nicoletta Blevins

Counsel

Bruce McDermott

Office of Consumer Affairs

Jeffrey Donofrio, Esq.

Absent

Branford	Vacant
Derby	Frank Pepe
East Haven	Michelle Verderame
North Branford	Peter DeSantis
Seymour	Michael H. Horbal
West Haven	T. Gregory Malloy

Staff

Jennifer Slubowski

Call to Order

Chair Harvey called the meeting to order at 6:32 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

On motion made by Mr. Levine, and seconded by Mr. Oslander, the RPB approved the minutes of its November 16, 2023 meeting as distributed, with 60 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)	Absent
Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (11)	Abstain	West Haven (8)	Absent
Derby (2)	Absent	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Absent	No. Branford (8)	Absent	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

Communications

Chair Harvey stated that the RPB committee meetings to review the FY 2025 Budget with management have been scheduled, as follows:

- **Finance Committee** – Monday, April 8, 2023 @ 5:00 p.m. (regular meeting)
- **Consumer Affairs Committee (regular meeting) and Land Use Committee (special meeting)**
- Monday, April 15, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

RPB members are welcome to attend either meeting.

Items for consideration and action

Mr. Levine, Chair of the RPB Joint Committee for Enabling Legislation, reported on the meeting that took place earlier in the week. He reviewed and discussed the final changes that were voted on and passed unanimously by the Committee for recommendation to the RPB. He moved for approval of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, on November 30, 2023 the Joint Committee on Enabling Legislation (“Joint Committee”) met at a special meeting to review and discuss proposed changes to the enabling legislation of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority (“Authority or RWA”), which included technical corrections, spelling, critical amendments, and various other updates, where it was determined that members of the Authority, members of the RPB, and management would work together on the proposed changes, and that this topic would be on the December meeting agenda for each RPB Committee; and

WHEREAS, members of the RPB, members of the Authority, and management worked together to discuss and refine proposed amendments; and

WHEREAS, on December 20, 2023, the Joint Committee met at a special meeting to review comments and input from the December RPB committee meetings; and after a thorough review of the updated proposed changes, the Joint Committee voted to recommend the changes to the RPB at its December 21, 2023 regular meeting; and

WHEREAS, the RPB has reviewed the proposed changes to the enabling legislation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT:

RESOLVED, that the RPB consensus regarding the proposed amendments to the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority’s enabling legislation, attached hereto as Exhibit A, is that they are reasonable and supported and the RPB is in favor of the proposed changes for submission by the RWA to the legislature for the 2024 session.

Mr. Slocum seconded the motion and the RPB voted in support of the proposed amendments, as presented. The Chair called for the vote and the resolution was adopted with 70 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)	Absent
Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (11)	Aye	West Haven (8)	Absent
Derby (2)	Absent	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Absent	No. Branford (8)	Absent	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

Members of the RPB complimented the Joint Committee for Enabling Legislation and the RPB members for working together and supporting the RWA to assist with the development of the proposed changes.

Reports:

Finance Committee – Mr. Marino, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported on the meeting earlier in the month. The Committee met with management and members of the Authority to discuss proposed changes to the RWA’s Enabling Legislation and were satisfied with the changes as proposed. The Committee also reviewed the Authority’s quarterly report on RPB approved projects, and confirmed the meeting for the FY 2025 Budget review.

The next meeting is on Monday, January 8, 2024 at 5:00 p.m., and will be hybrid.

Land Use Committee – Mr. Betkoski, Chair of the Land Use Committee, reported on the meeting earlier in the month. The Committee met with management and members of the Authority to discuss proposed changes to the RWA’s Enabling Legislation. The Committee also confirmed its meeting for the FY 2025 Budget review on April 15, 2024 with the Consumer Affairs Committee and received land and related updates from management.

The next meeting is on Wednesday, January 10, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

Consumer Affairs Committee – Mr. Levine, Chair of the RPB Consumer Affairs Committee, reported that at the Committee meeting last month the Committee met in executive session with management to review the Ten Year Model. The Committee also received an update from the Office of Consumer Affairs on pending consumer complaints. He noted that Atty. Donofrio would meet with the RPB Executive Committee and management in January 2024 to discuss Commercial Business. The Committee also scheduled its meeting to review the FY 2025 Budget on Monday, April 15, 2024.

Mr. Levine reported that the Committee also met earlier in the week to discuss proposed changes to the RWA’s Enabling Legislation with management. The Office of Consumer Affairs reported no consumer complaints.

Joint Committee on Enabling Legislation - Mr. Levine, Chair of the RPB Joint Committee on Enabling Legislation, had nothing further to report.

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 conducted most of its business in executive session to discuss internal controls associated with the fraud risk assessment update from CohnReznick and management. The Committee also held a discussion in executive session regarding the RWA’s Cyber Technology Resiliency.

Mr. Curseaden, Chair of the Authority’s Commercial Business Committee, reported on the meeting earlier in the day and met the new Director of Business Development. The Committee discussed the commercial business structure, branding, and a framework for assessing M&A opportunities. In executive session, the Committee discussed the Q2 FY 2024 business results; planned enhancements associated with protection plans, and received an update on potential acquisitions and partnerships. Management will discuss the commercial business with the RPB Executive Committee and Atty. Donofrio, OCA in January. Mr. Borowy also reported that at the Authority meeting earlier in the day, the Authority also voted to amend the General Bond Resolution. Mr. Curseaden, Vice Chair, and Ms. LaMarr, Secretary/Treasurer, were re-elected to serve another term in their officer roles. He was also elected to serve another two-year term as Chairman of the Authority, all effective as of January 1, 2024.

Mr. Bingaman, the RWA’s President & Chief Executive Officer, reviewed revenues, operating and maintenance expenses for the month ended November 30, 2023 and stated the projected maintenance test for FY 2024 is 116%, with no shortfall. He stated that due to low production levels, water revenues are projected to be under budget due to the wet summer; however, interest income is helping to offset the decline in water revenues. Also, the timing of Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) financing is having a favorable impact as financing was expected to close earlier in the fiscal year and we are taking actions to mitigate the impact of the cool wet summer. Mr. Bingaman also mentioned the state of the economy.

He also reported that raw water storage levels as of December 18, 2023, were at 91%, compared to the long-term average of 69%.

Mr. Bingaman introduced Adrian Cosma, the new Director of Business Development.

Chair Harvey acknowledged Atty. Donofrio, who offered holiday historical comments.

Chair Harvey reported that the next meeting is on Thursday, January 25, 2024. He thanked the RPB, Authority and members of management for their work with the enabling legislation changes and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

At 7:11 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Levine, and seconded by Mr. Betkoski, the RPB voted to adjourn the meeting with 70 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)	Absent
Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (11)	Aye	West Haven (8)	Absent
Derby (2)	Absent	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Absent	No. Branford (8)	Absent	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

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Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Mowat Young, Secretary

Attachment:

1. Exhibit A, Changes to the RWA's Enabling Legislation.