

**Representative Policy Board  
Nominating Committee**  
South Central Connecticut Regional Water District  
**September 22, 2020**  
**Meeting Transcription**

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A special meeting of the Nominating Committee of the Representative Policy Board (“Committee”) of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District (“Authority”) took place on Tuesday, September 22, 2020, via remote access. Chair Malloy presided.

Present: **Committee Members** – Tom Clifford, Greg Malloy, Tim Slocum, Tony Rescigno and Michelle Verderame

**OCA** – Jeffrey Donofrio, Esq.

**Staff** – Jennifer Slubowski

Greg:

We have one more minute and we can start. It's 5 o'clock. Seems like everyone's here. First on the agenda is the safety moment. It's ways to avoid the flu. It's pretty common sense. They recommend that you get your annual flu vaccine. I already got mine. And if you don't like needles, ask your doctor if a nasal flu spray is available. Avoid being [inaudible 00:01:35] people if possible. Wash your hands frequently with soap and water, use hand sanitizer. I think we've all be doing that. Cover your mouth when coughing or sneezing and preferably with the inside of your arm rather than your hand. Avoid touching your face and disinfect surfaces that may be contaminated. Well, common sense. Has everybody had a chance to read the minutes?

Tom:

So moved.

Greg:

Okay.

Tim:

Second.

Greg:

All approve?

Group:

Aye.

Greg:

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All right. And next on the agenda is to discuss any changes to the criteria. We did tweak it a little bit. We, we put in Larry and Tony's recommendation. Does anybody have any questions in that? And that was to include the capital and operating budgets. Does anybody have any other suggestions or...

Tim:

It's good to me. [crosstalk 00:02:44].

Greg:

We've been using this for years, so.

Tim:

Sure.

Greg:

Yeah. Okay. I don't think that needs a...Do we need a motion on this? Except this?

Jennifer:

I don't think you need a motion. It has approved in the past. I believe a consensus would be okay.

Greg:

Yep. Now next steps in this selection process. Well, we have to interview people or we're interviewing Joe tonight and I don't know if there's going to be any other people that we have to interview. But that would be the next step in the process.

Greg:

Does anybody have any ideas and suggestions.

Tim:

Greg is this, this is this, this, excuse me. Is this a situation where New Haven could introduce somebody other than...

Greg:

Yes.

Tim:

...the incumbent? So we have no notice on any of that, nor do we have notice on the incumbent. Correct?

Greg:

To my knowledge, to my knowledge. And I asked Jennifer this earlier, this city has not submitted any other names as of right now. But they haven't submitted Joe's name either. So...

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Tim:

Right, right, right. Okay.

Greg:

...I ran this by Jennifer too. Now for the sake of an argument, say, there's, the mayor submits three names. I myself prefer seeing the person in-person, instead of interviewing somebody this way over the computer, internet. How does everyone feel about that?

Tim:

I personally would have no objection to that. I always think it's good to see body and soul...

Greg:

Absolutely.

Tim:

...as close as possible. You know, I have no issue with that at all, Greg, if it should come to matter.

Greg:

Okay. All right. Anybody else?

Tony:

Are you thinking that what we're going to be doing tonight is inadequate?

Greg:

No, no. Joe's different because we, I think we all know Joe. Right?

Tim:

Right. Exactly.

Greg:

But if a couple of other people that we've never heard of come in, I think I personally would rather see them get the body language and whatnot, you know? I don't know how everybody else feels about that.

Tony:

Yeah. I would have no objection to doing it that way if there were other candidates, but there aren't any, right?

Greg:

No, there's no candidates right now because the mayor hasn't submitted any names.

Tim:

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Well, that's another question too, Greg. Should, should a name not be forthcoming. Joe would continue to just serve.

Greg:

Yeah.

Tim:

Correct?

Greg:

Yes.

Tim:

It's not like we'll have an empty seat.

Greg:

No, but he, he could submit, he could submit some names in December if he wanted it to, I guess. Yeah. Joe, it's just like an RPB number.

Tim:

You serve till replaced.

Greg:

That's right. Any other thoughts about that?

Tom:

No, Greg, why don't we simply, not to speculate, but let's cross that bridge when we come to it.

Greg:

Oh, absolutely. Yeah. The future committee meeting dates will, I guess it depends if we hear from the mayor too.

Tim:

Yeah, I think so. Can't set that now.

Greg:

Nope.

Tim:

What should we, as a committee reach out to the mayor?

Greg:

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Well, I think Mario has to reach out to the mayor again.

Tim:

Okay.

Greg:

Send another letter or pick up the phone. I don't know.

Tony:

I wouldn't recommend it.

Greg:

Now, Tom, you've been involved in this process as a chairman. Does, do you pick up the phone or do you send another letter?

Tom:

Well, I think the way these things work, there's generally through the authority, there's a back channel. If I could say that. In terms of that we need the appointment and I believe that either it's Naomi, who's the New Haven representative, or someone else. But I was led to believe that, that, that's underway or has been done. So I think the mayor's office or the chief of staff and the mayor's office would be aware of it. Now, formally, certainly Mario who's the chairman of the RPB, could, because we have to, you know, deal with the process of filling the position could follow up with a letter.

Tom:

I tend to agree really with Tony and let, let's just wait and see. Hopefully the process is underway and we'll get something in fairly short order. I would say sometime by the middle of October.

Greg:

And maybe Joe has some news for us tonight.

Tom:

Maybe.

Greg:

That would be, that would be nice...

Tom:

It would.

Greg:

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They were supposed to have their meeting, I know, to go over these, all these appointments for these boards about three weeks ago. Any, any other comments about that? No? All right. So I guess just waiting for Joe now.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:08 P.M.