

**Representative Policy Board  
Nominating Committee  
South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority**

**April 28, 2021  
Meeting Transcription**

Tom:

All right, I guess we can get this show on the road. It's 5:01. We have, of course, what we all look forward to is the safety moment.

Jennifer:

Let me bring that up for you.

Tom:

Good.

Jennifer:

Find it here. Got it. Can you see that?

Stephen:

Good suggestions.

Tom:

Yard cleaning tips. All right, everyone take a moment to take this under advisement

Tom:

It goes hand in hand Jeff, with the maintaining those cyans off of the Wilbur Cross Parkway.

Jeff:

Well, my big problem this time of year is, I can't get the smell of mulch out of my nose for about a month.

Tom:

I hear you.

Tom:

All right, I guess we can move on with the agenda and has everyone had a chance to take a look at the attachments that Jennifer has provided us in terms of the officer positions, et cetera, the role of the nominating committee and so on?

Greg:

Yes.

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Joe:

Yes.

Jeff:

Yes.

Tom:

It's pretty straight forward what our task is folks. Let me just go over who the incumbents are currently, with the representative policy board and we have is our chairman Mario Ricozzi, Charles Havrda is the vice chairman, Greg Malloy is the treasurer, am I correct?

Greg:

Yes, correct.

Tom:

And then we have Bob Harvey who is the secretary. Now, Mario is eligible, he's served two full years, he's eligible certainly, for a third. He's indicated a willingness to continue to serve in that capacity. Charles is the vice chair. Greg, of course, Greg you've stepped off after your three-year term, so that provides an opening.

Greg:

That's correct. And Bob Harvey is into his third year. So they're at the conclusion, under the term limits provided by the bylaws, so they'll either have to step down or we'll have to maneuver into other positions, officer positions with the RPB.

Greg:

Now both Charles and Bob have indicated an interest in staying on. We also have, I've received- and Jennifer, you can correct me if I'm off on this- I know we've had contacts from Mark Levine, who's indicated an interest in an officer's position and Jay Jaser, he's indicated an interest, in particular Jay's indicated an interest to serve as treasurer. And that, of course, office is open. So that's who we have right now in terms of up-to-date. Are there any other candidates that anyone would know of? Jennifer would you know of anyone else?

Jennifer:

No, just those four are the only four I've heard from.

Tom:

Okay and I know we've sent out emails by way of solicitation to members.

Stephen:

Did you say that Charles could stay as vice-chairman if he wants to? Or is terms-

Tom:

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No, he's at the conclusion of the three-year maximum, Steve.

Stephen:

Okay, but he would be interested in a different position?

Tom:

He would be.

Stephen:

Okay and the same is true of Bob Harvey?

Tom:

That's correct, Steve.

Tom:

Now let me say this, is that we actually have until the June meeting to report in terms of the slate. We're a little ahead of the game and I think we have a good barometer of the interest and to come up with a proposed slate, I don't think there'd be any limit on our ability to make the proposal at the RPB meeting if we're prepared at that time. So what's your impression on where you'd like to go with this? We have experienced members certainly, who are interested. Anyone want to provide some feed feedback or input?

Joe:

I'm wondering about when you have two people that have reached their maximum term, have they indicated what other position they might be interested in?

Tom:

Not in particular Joe, they have indicated, both Charles and Bob, have indicated an interest in remaining as officers. They've indicated no preference, but would like to remain in an officer's position.

Stephen:

So Jay Jaser has indicated an interest in being treasurer, if that were the case, the only other option would be to just switch Bob Harvey and Charles.

Tom:

Yeah, I think that's the easy way, frankly, Steve, to do it and perhaps, as a proposed slate, I'm only throwing it out. Mario would remain as the chair, perhaps Bob Harvey would move up to vice chair, we could have Jay Jaser as the treasurer and Charles would remain as an officer, as secretary.

Greg:

Well, how about Mark? He indicated he wanted to be an officer too.

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Tom:

Mark has, and again, whatever the pleasure is with that, to move him in.

Stephen:

Maybe you should talk to Bob and Charles and see if, first of all, if they would be interested in that kind of a switch, and then you know where you stood with regard to Mark. You don't know if we're going to get another candidate, right? Somebody else offering?

Greg:

Wasn't there a cutoff date?

Tom:

Not really Greg, we've been progressive, I know Jennifer, it's affirmatively indicated to the RPB, if there's any interest and as of this date, we've gone a little over a week, maybe two weeks, so I think that's where we are. Now it doesn't say at some point in time in the future, if need be, someone could come forward but as of this date, no one else has.

Joe:

Greg, did Mark have an officer's position in the past?

Jeff:

Yes he has. [inaudible 00:08:54] didn't he?

Tom:

Yes.

Greg:

He was vice president.

Joe:

And Mark, what position did he have?

Greg:

Mark was treasurer.

Joe:

Treasurer.

Stephen:

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Hey Tom should we have someone in the vice chairman spot that they also be interested in becoming chairman?

Greg:

We always did that in the past.

Tom:

Well again, it's open in terms of that. I don't think it's hard and fast if someone takes a vice chairmanship that they would, I mean, it's fluid and dynamic, it could certainly happen. And I think the individuals have indicated an interest, certainly know the role of the RPB and are experienced, and they've served on the executive committee. So as to the chairman of the respective committees, Would you like- and I'll give you more time to think about it. I'll touch base with Bob Harvey and with Charles to see if they're willing to serve as vice chair and secretary. I'm going to assume they would be because they've indicated an interest, they know they're at the maximum amount of time in terms of years as officers in their current position. So I'm anticipating they'd be willing to shift into a new position. So any feedback on that? Any input that you'd like to-

Stephen:

Both are good candidates, but I would just say if they've been serving maybe, somebody who hasn't been serving, should get a chance, that's all.

Stephen:

You might ask Mark what particular position he might be interested in too. Opposed to just being on the board, so lots of possibilities.

Greg:

Does anyone see a person that currently is a chair of a committee that might be a good prospective candidate for president or chair in the future?

Tom:

Well, there certainly are. In fact, with Steve Mongillo currently on the nominating committee, he certainly has a lot of knowledge and will be a prospect for the future. And I think with the others that we have too. Who are the other two chairman of the other two committees?

Jeff:

Tim Slocum, chair of finance.

Jennifer:

Then Peter Betkoski, he's land use.

Jeff:

Yeah.

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Stephen:

Peter's a good member. I'm definitely interested, he's just new.

Greg:

Charles would make a good chairman too.

Tom:

He would, yes.

Stephen:

He wasn't interested though, correct?

Tom:

Charles would be interested, I think, but not at this time.

Greg:

It was Jay. Jay stepped down because he wasn't interested.

Tom:

I think with his back banking experience he'd like to be involved. And again, one thing I'll know is, when you're an officer, you're also a member of the executive committee and that's an important standing committee for purposes of planning, of interfacing with leadership and with the five member authority. So it's one of two ways, you're either an officer or you're chairman of one of the three committees.

Tom:

What I might suggest that, if there's nothing further, is I can touch base with both Bob Harvey and with Charles to confirm their interest in serving in those positions of vice chair and as secretary. Jay has indicated an interest as treasurer. I can follow up with Mark again, if he has a particular interest for one of the positions of officer, and then I could report back to you.

Tom:

We could do that either by email or we could have another session. We are a little bit ahead of the game because we don't have to conclude our work until June. I guess we're fast tracking it. Now it doesn't mean that there might not be someone who comes out of the clear blue who might like to be an officer. Generally, my experience of, I think I've been here like 13, 14 years, is generally by now you hear of someone who wants to be on or remain as an officer. So that's what we are.

Stephen:

We're fortunate to have a lot of good candidates, a surplus actually. Next year things could change too. You know, people's interests change.

Tom:

It's true.

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Stephen:

Or availability, you know?

Jeff:

You have a deep batch.

Stephen:

All right, why don't you get that information? We could meet again, I don't know, deferment up and put a slate together.

Tom:

It sounds good, why don't we match that up later in May? And we could wrap that up and then we could certainly indicate by way of a report, of a slate, which we would recommend certainly by the June meeting.

Greg:

Sounds good.

Joe:

That's very good.

Tom:

Okay, I think we're done if there's nothing else?

Greg:

No, that should be it.

Joe:

That's good.

Tom:

Very good. Then I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

Joe:

Yeah, second.

Tom:

Thanks so much. Have a great evening everyone.