

**South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority
Environmental, Health & Safety Committee**

Minutes of the November 18, 2021 Meeting

A regular meeting of the Environmental, Health & Safety Committee of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority took place on Thursday, November 18, 2021, via remote access. Chairman Curseaden presided.

Present: Committee – Messrs. Curseaden, Borowy, DiSalvo, LaMarr and Ms. Sack
Management – Mss. Kowalski, Reckdenwald, Schenkle, Vitagliano and Messrs. Bingaman, Courchaine, Norris, and Singh
RPB – Mr. Oslander
Staff – Mrs. Slubowski

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:31 p.m.

On motion made by Mr. Borowy, seconded by Ms. LaMarr, and unanimously carried, the Committee approved the minutes of its August 19, 2021 meeting.

Borowy	Aye
Curseaden	Aye
DiSalvo	Aye
LaMarr	Aye
Sack	Aye

Ms. Schenkle, the RWA's Manager of Environmental, Health, Safety and Risk, provided a health and safety initiatives update, which included key focus areas such as staff training, renewable energy projects, safety initiatives and zero injury goal, top ten enterprise risks, and the RWA's Business Continuity Plan.

She also reported on the results of the North Cheshire Wellfield tabletop exercise held in September. Attendees included RWA staff, members of the CT Department of Public Health, Southington Water, Meriden Water and the RWA's PFAS consultant. The exercise identified PFAS awareness and response training.

Ms. Schenkle commented on the RWA's new safety implementations including applications and intranet platforms dedicated to safety and near miss and safety reporting. She also highlighted the RWA's Safety Starts With Me initiative designed for high reliability and based on three focus areas: skill, knowledge and rules-based performance, to keep employees safe, encourage error prevention, and promote a safety culture.

Discussion took place regarding current COVID practices and near miss reporting.

At 12:56 p.m., Ms. Schenkle withdrew from the meeting.

Ms. Vitagliano, the RWA's Government and Public Relations Specialist, provided a 2021 Legislative Update. She stated that the short session begins on February 9, 2022 and adjourns on May 4, 2022. It is unknown of the meeting format for the session. Ms. Vitagliano also reported on emerging and industry topics to watch.

Discussion took place regarding the recently passed infrastructure bill. Mr. Bingaman, the RWA's President and Chief Executive Officer, reported that the RWA would apply for funding through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund program.

Mr. Curseaden acknowledged Mr. Norris and commented that this would be his final committee meeting. He expressed his appreciation for Mr. Norris's contribution and dedication to the committee over the years.

At 1:10 p.m., on motion made by Mr. DiSalvo, seconded by Ms. LaMarr, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned.

Borowy	Aye
Curseaden	Aye
DiSalvo	Aye
LaMarr	Aye
Sack	Aye

Kevin Curseaden, Chairman