

**Representative Policy Board**  
**South Central Connecticut Regional Water District**  
90 Sargent Drive, New Haven  
and  
Via Remote Access\*\*

**AGENDA**

**Regular Meeting of Thursday, May 25, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.**

- I Safety Moment
  - II Public Comment: The time limit granted to each speaker shall be three (3) minutes. Residents and customers may address the Board.
  - III Approval of Minutes – April 27, 2023 meeting
  - IV Communications
    - A. Reminder of RPB member term expirations on June 30, 2023
    - B. RPB Nominating Committee for RPB Officers
  - V Items for Consideration and Action
    - A. Finance Committee's recommendation regarding completeness, mode, and date of public hearing for the Authority's Application for approval of the Derby Wellfield Chemical Improvements Project on Thursday, June 22, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.
    - B. Land Use Committee's recommendation regarding completeness of the Authority's Application for approval of a Non-substantial Land Use Plan Amendment for the relocation of the New England Trail on Authority property in Guilford
    - C. Discuss and act on Resolution regarding the Regional Water Authority's proposed FY 2024 Budget
    - D. Nominating Committee's recommendation regarding the appointment of a candidate to the Five Member Authority
  - VI Reports
    - A. Finance Committee
    - B. Land Use Committee
    - C. Consumer Affairs Committee
    - D. Nominating Committee
    - E. Authority/Management
  - VII Adjourn
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7:00 p.m. – **PUBLIC HEARING** - Authority's Application for approval to Purchase the Assets of a Confidential Plumbing Company

<p>**Members of the public may attend the meeting in person or via conference call. For information on attending the meeting and to view meeting documents, please visit <a href="https://tinyurl.com/mu6vxn53">https://tinyurl.com/mu6vxn53</a>. For questions, contact the board office at 203-401-2515 or by email at <a href="mailto:jslubowski@rwater.com">jslubowski@rwater.com</a>.</p>
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**REPRESENTATIVE POLICY BOARD**

of the

South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority

MAY 25, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Remote Meeting Instructions:

**Or call in (audio only)**

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# SAFETY MOMENT

## Safe Driving

As the weather gets warmer, we can expect an increase in pedestrian, bicycle and motorcycle traffic on our roadways. The following tips should be considered when you are heading out on the roadway:

**Avoid distracted driving.** (Put your cellphone away, set your gps or radio ahead of your trip, eat food before departing etc.)

**Actively scan the road and watch out for pedestrians and cyclists.** (Pay extra attention to crosswalks, intersections and the side of the road)

**Use turn signals** to indicate where you are heading

Keep a safe following distance between you and the vehicle in front of you. (Use the 3 second rule)

**Provide more following distance** for motorcycles, check your surroundings before changing lanes when motorcycles are near you on the roadway.

**Slow down on residential roads** when kids are at play.

**Avoid backing** where possible

**Check behind your vehicle.** Operators should walk around their vehicle before backing up and/or have someone guide you.

Stay Safe!

**Tap** Into  
**Safety**



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Service – Teamwork – Accountability – Respect – Safety

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**Representative Policy Board  
South Central Connecticut Regional Water District**

**Minutes of April 27, 2023 Meeting**

A regular meeting of the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District took place on Thursday, April 27, 2023, at 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven, Connecticut and via remote access. Chairman Ricozzi presided.

**PRESENT**

**RPB**

Ansonia  
Beacon Falls  
Bethany  
Branford  
Cheshire  
East Haven  
Guilford  
Hamden  
Killingworth  
Madison  
Milford  
New Haven  
North Branford  
North Haven  
Orange  
Prospect  
Seymour  
West Haven  
Woodbridge  
Governor’s Rep

Thomas P. Clifford, III  
Peter Betkoski  
Brian Eitzer  
Mario Ricozzi  
Timothy Slocum  
Michelle Verderame  
Charles Havrda  
Stephen Mongillo  
Jamie Mowat Young  
Joseph A. Oslander  
Richard Smith  
Naomi Campbell  
Peter DeSantis  
Anthony Rescigno  
Jasper J. Jaser  
Robert E. Harvey, Jr.  
Michael H. Horbal  
T. Gregory Malloy  
Mark Levine  
Vincent Marino

**Regional Water Authority**

David Borowy  
Kevin Curseaden  
Catherine LaMarr  
Suzanne Sack

**Management**

Larry L. Bingaman  
Rochelle Kowalski  
Elizabeth Calo  
Jim Hill  
Sunny Lakshminarayanan  
Premjith Lakshman Singh  
Amrik Matharu

**Counsel**

Raquel Herrera-Soto

**Office of Consumer Affairs**

Jeffrey Donofrio

**Staff**

Jennifer Slubowski

**Absent**

Beacon Falls  
Derby  
Milford  
North Branford  
Governor’s Rep

Peter Betkoski  
Frank Pepe  
Richard Smith  
Peter DeSantis  
Vincent M. Marino

**Call to Order**

Chair Ricozzi called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Safety Moment**

He reviewed the Safety Moment handout distributed to members.

**Public Comment**

Chair Ricozzi 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. Malloy, seconded by Mr. Clifford, and unanimously carried, the RPB approved the minutes of its March 23, 2023 meeting, with 74 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

Ansonia (3)	Aye	Guilford (4)	Aye	No. Haven (5)	Aye
Beacon Falls (0)	Absent	Hamden (10)	Aye	Orange (3)	Aye
Bethany (5)	Aye	Killingworth (2)	Aye	Prospect (1)	Aye
Branford (6)	Aye	Madison (6)	Aye	Seymour (1)	Aye
Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (10)	Absent	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Absent	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Absent	No. Branford (8)	Absent	Gov. Rep. (1)	Absent

**Communications**

Chair Ricozzi:

- Stated that RPB member term expirations are coming up on June 30, 2023 for the following members: Mss. Campbell, Verderame and Young, and Messrs. Betkoski, Eitzer, and Jaser. Letters will be mailed to the appropriate town officials. Members will receive a copy. He also reported that he received confirmation of Mr. Marino's reappointment from the Governor's office.
- Commented that volunteers are needed for the RPB Nominating Committee for RPB officers. The officer position of Chair will be vacant. The Committee should expect to meet in May and June and report to the RPB at its June meeting.
- Stated that RPB members received a copy of the RPB Quarterly Dashboard Report in the meeting package, which was reviewed by the Finance Committee at their last meeting. Chair Ricozzi thanked members of management for adjustments made to the report.
- Noted that RPB members received a report of proposed work to be done in May. The information should be reviewed to prepare for possible questions from the public.
- Reported that the Finance Committee will be discussing the FY 2024 Capital and Operating Budgets at its next meeting on May 8th. Any questions should be directed to the board office or Mr. Slocum before the meeting.
- Highlighted a future training/refresher program for RPB members regarding Conflicts of Interest, Freedom of Information, and other topics. A presentation will take place at future committee meetings for all members. Any suggestions should be directed to Mr. Ricozzi or the board office.

**Items for Consideration and Action**

Mr. Slocum, Chair of the RPB Finance Committee, reported that the Committee met earlier in the month to review the Authority's Application for completeness, mode and date of public hearing of the Authority's Application for the purchase of assets of a confidential Plumbing Company. The committee found the application to be complete and voted to recommend the application to the RPB. He moved for approval of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority, on March 30, 2023, filed an Application with the Representative Policy Board ("RPB") for approval to purchase the Assets of a Confidential Plumbing Company (the "Application"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Finance Committee of the Representative Policy Board reviewed the Application and recommended that the Application be accepted by the RPB as complete; and

**WHEREAS**, the Finance Committee recommended that a public hearing be conducted by a Presiding Member; and

**WHEREAS**, the Finance Committee proposed a public hearing date of May 25, 2023 at 7:00 pm., in accordance with Special Act 77-98, as amended, and the RPB Bylaws and Rules of Practice.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the RPB accepts the Finance Committee's recommendation to consider the Authority's Application and determined to hold a public hearing, to be conducted by a Presiding Member, on May 25, 2023 at 7:00 p.m., in accordance with Special Act 77-98, as amended, and the RPB Bylaws and Rules of Practice; and

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that the Chairperson is hereby directed to give notice of hearing in accordance with Section 11 of the Rules of Practice, as amended.

At 6:38 p.m., Ms. Verderame entered the meeting.

Chair Ricozzi reported that the public hearing would have a public session and a closed session for confidential discussion. Mr. Malloy, West Haven's RPB representative, will act as Presiding Member at the public hearing.

Mr. Jaser seconded the resolution. The Chair called for the vote, the RPB unanimously approved the resolution with 80 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

Ansonia (3)	Aye	Guilford (4)	Aye	No. Haven (5)	Aye
Beacon Falls (0)	Absent	Hamden (10)	Aye	Orange (3)	Aye
Bethany (5)	Aye	Killingworth (2)	Aye	Prospect (1)	Aye
Branford (6)	Aye	Madison (6)	Aye	Seymour (1)	Aye
Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (10)	Absent	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Absent	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Absent	Gov. Rep. (1)	Absent

On motion made by Mr. Malloy, seconded by Mr. Havrda, and unanimously carried, the RPB approved its 2023 first quarter RPB member compensation, substantially in the form submitted to the meeting, with 80 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

Ansonia (3)	Aye	Guilford (4)	Aye	No. Haven (5)	Aye
Beacon Falls (0)	Absent	Hamden (10)	Aye	Orange (3)	Aye
Bethany (5)	Aye	Killingworth (2)	Aye	Prospect (1)	Aye
Branford (6)	Aye	Madison (6)	Aye	Seymour (1)	Aye
Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (11)	Absent	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Absent	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Absent	Gov. Rep. (1)	Absent

## Reports

**Finance Committee** – Mr. Slocum, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported on the meeting earlier in the month. The Committee met to discuss the Application's completeness and draft resolution approved earlier in the meeting. The Committee also received the quarterly financial report from management, reviewed the

3<sup>rd</sup> quarter Dashboard Report, and discussed logistics for future meetings. It was the consensus of the committee that future meetings take place remotely.

Mr. Slocum reported that the Committee met again on April 17<sup>th</sup> at a joint meeting with the Consumer Affairs Committee to review the FY 2024 Capital and Operating Budgets with management.

The next meeting is on Monday, May 8, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

**Land Use Committee** – Mr. Harvey reported that the committee met earlier in the month in executive session to review the FY 2024 Capital and Operating Budgets with management. In addition, management provided a land, forestry, and recreation update.

**Consumer Affairs Committee** – Mr. Mongillo, Chair of the Consumer Affairs Committee, reported that the Committee met last week in executive session to review the proposed FY 2024 budgets with management. The OCA reported that he has been working on his review of the budget, reviewing the Authority's application related to the plumbing company, and reported no pending consumer complaints.

**Nominating Committee** – Mr. Mongillo, Chair of the Nominating Committee reported that the Committee met at the end of last month to set up the newspaper advertisement and online posting for the Five Member Authority board position. The Committee has received a good response and will meet in early May to review resumes and discuss the interview process.

**Executive Committee** – Chair Ricozzi reported that the Executive Committee met earlier in the month to discuss the process for the Nominating Committee for RPB Officers, Committee chair term limits, Conflict of Interest language added to Protective Orders, future RPB member training, the RWA upcoming Application schedule, and applications & projects.

Mr. Mongillo suggested reviewing, at a future Executive Committee meeting, the restrictions in RWA's enabling legislation related to board members.

Mr. Borowy, Chair of the Authority, stated that Authority met earlier in the day as the Pension & Benefit Committee.

Ms. Sack, Chair of the Pension & Benefit Committee, reported on the meeting earlier in the day. The Committee met with RWA's actuary, Angell Pension Group, to discuss the valuation reports, assumptions and associated contribution levels that will be used in the upcoming fiscal year. The Authority approved the assumptions and contributions for next fiscal year and an additional fiscal 2023 contribution to the pension plan. The Committee also met with Morgan Stanley to receive a Quarterly Investment Performance Update. The committee also reviewed its 2024 Committee Work Plan and update to its Charter, which was discussed and adopted by the Committee.

Mr. Borowy reported that at the Authority meeting earlier in the day, the Authority approved managements request for a Non-substantial Land Use Plan Amendment and an Application for the Derby Wellfield Chemical Improvements Project. Both applications will be forwarded to the RPB for consideration.

Ms. Calo, the RWA's Senior Director of Employee Relations and HR Operations reported no new COVID cases; however, the RWA continues to follow the same process and protocols. Discussion took place regarding the RWA's remote work policy.

Mr. Bingaman, RWA's President and Chief Executive Officer, reported that at the Authority meeting earlier in the day, the Authority considered and approved entering into the project loan obligation for the a System

Wide Radio Telemetry Unit Upgrade project and also approved resolutions related to the 37<sup>th</sup> Series bond issuance, including the associated Official Statement and a refunding.

He also reviewed revenues, and operating and maintenance expenses for through the period ended March 31, 2023.

Mr. Bingaman reported that reservoir levels are at 97% as of April 17, 2023 compared to the long-term average of 93%.

Chair Ricozzi, acknowledged Atty. Donofrio, who reported that he issued his letter to the Authority regarding the FY 2024 proposed budgets and submitted interrogatories for the Application approved for a public hearing this evening.

He highlighted an invitation to attend the New Haven Environmental Advisory Committee meeting next week with Rochelle Kowalski, the RWA's Vice President & Chief Financial Officer, and Dave Fox from Raftelis.

At 7:13 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

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Charles Havrda, Secretary



## **REPRESENTATIVE POLICY BOARD**

### **Proposed Resolutions**

May 25, 2023

*(Finance Committee's recommendation to RPB re Authority's Application for approval of the Derby Wellfield Chemical Improvements Project)*

**WHEREAS**, the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority, on April 28, 2023, filed an Application with the Representative Policy Board ("RPB") for approval of the Derby Wellfield Chemical Improvements Project (the "Application"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Finance Committee of the Representative Policy Board reviewed the Application and recommended that the Application be accepted by the RPB as complete; and

**WHEREAS**, the Finance Committee recommended that a public hearing be conducted by a Presiding Member; and

**WHEREAS**, the Finance Committee proposed a public hearing date of June 22, 2023 at 7:00 pm., in accordance with Special Act 77-98, as amended, and the RPB Bylaws and Rules of Practice.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the RPB accepts the Finance Committee's recommendation to consider the Authority's Application and determined to hold a public hearing, to be conducted by a Presiding Member, on June 22, 2023 at 7:00 p.m., in accordance with Special Act 77-98, as amended, and the RPB Bylaws and Rules of Practice; and

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that the Chairperson is hereby directed to give notice of said hearing in accordance with Section 11 of the Rules of Practice, as amended.

## REPRESENTATIVE POLICY BOARD

MAY 25, 2023

### PROPOSED RESOLUTION

*(Land Use Committee's recommendation to RPB re Authority's Application for approval of a Non-substantial Land Use Plan Amendment to the Land Use Plan for the Relocation of the New England Trail on Authority property in Guilford)*

**WHEREAS**, the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority ("RWA"), on April 28, 2023, filed an Application to the Representative Policy Board ("RPB") for the approval of a Non-substantial Land Use Plan Amendment to the Land Use Plan for the Relocation of the New England Trail on Authority property in Guilford ("Application"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Land Use Committee of the RPB reviewed the Application and recommends that it be accepted as complete and considered non-substantial without a public hearing required; and

**WHEREAS**, the RPB concludes that the Application is non-substantial and the proposed action is consistent with and advances the policies and goals of the RWA, has no expected impact on the public water supply, no conflict with the trail and the existing Land Use Plan designation of "Non-water System Land," and no financial impact on the Authority.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the RPB hereby accepts the Application as complete and approves, without a public hearing, the RWA's Application for a Non-substantial Land Use Plan Amendment for the Relocation of the New England Trail on Authority property in Guilford, filed April 28, 2023, in accordance with Section 18 of Connecticut Special Act 77-98, as amended.

## **REPRESENTATIVE POLICY BOARD**

### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

MAY 25, 2023

*(South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority's Fiscal Year 2024 Proposed Budget)*

**WHEREAS**, the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority ("Authority") requested the Representative Policy Board ("RPB") review the Authority's FY 2024 proposed Capital and Operating Budgets ("Budgets"); and

**WHEREAS**, the RPB held workshops on April 17, 2023 and April 19, 2023, at which time management and the Authority presented the proposed Budgets and responded to questions in a professional, concise and articulate way; and

**WHEREAS**, the RPB has a duty to review the Budgets and to comment, but has no other statutory obligations or authority.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the RPB wishes to express its appreciation to management and the Authority for the professionalism of their presentation and express its overall support of the FY 2024 proposed Budgets; and

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the RPB also agrees with the recommendations contained in the OCA's Budget review letter dated April 26, 2023; and

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the RPB consensus regarding the proposed Budgets is that they are reasonable and supported; and

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the RPB believes that the Authority's overall financial plan provides for stable finances and the essential funding of capital projects and the flexibility of reduced operating expenses will support the steps necessary to address financial obstacles during the fiscal year.