

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

Minutes of May 22, 2025 Meeting

The regular meeting of the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District took place on Thursday, May 22, 2025, at 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven, Connecticut and via remote access. Chair Harvey presided.

PRESENT

RPB

Ansonia	Thomas P. Clifford, III(R)
Beacon Falls	Peter Betkoski(R)
Bethany	Brian Eitzer(R)
Branford	Carolyn Mancini(R)
Cheshire	Timothy Slocum
East Haven	Michelle Verderame(R)
Guilford	Charles Havrda
Hamden	Stephen Mongillo(R)
Killingworth	Jamie Mowat Young
Madison	Joseph A. Oslander
Milford	Richard Smith(R)
New Haven	Naomi Campbell
North Branford	Peter DeSantis(R)
North Haven	James X. DiCarlo(R)
Orange	Jasper J. Jaser
Prospect	Robert E. Harvey, Jr.
Seymour	Michael H. Horbal(R)
West Haven	T. Gregory Malloy
Woodbridge	Mark Levine(R)
Governor’s Rep	Vincent M. Marino(R)

Absent

Derby	Frank Pepe
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Regional Water Authority

David Borowy
Kevin Curseaden(R)
Catherine LaMarr(R)
Mario Ricozzi

Management

Sunny Lakshminarayanan
Rochelle Kowalski
Victor Benni(R)
Elizabeth Calo(R)
Jim Hill
Premjith Lakshman Singh

Counsel

Raquel Herrera-Soto(R)

Office of Consumer Affairs

Jeffrey Donofrio(R)

Staff

Jennifer Slubowski

Call to Order

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

Safety Moment

He 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. Malloy and seconded by Ms. Young, the RPB approved the minutes of its April 24, 2025 meeting, with 89 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)	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)	Aye	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

At 6:33 p.m., Mr. Smith entered the meeting.

Communications

Chair Harvey stated that RPB member term expirations are up on June 30, 2025. He noted that towns have been responsive to the reappointment request letters that were mailed earlier in the month.

Items for Consideration and Action

Mr. Marino moved for approval of the following resolutions:

WHEREAS the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority, on April 24, 2025, filed an Application with the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) for approval to construct Electrical Improvements at the Lake Gaillard Water Treatment Plant and the Lake Salstonstall Water Treatment Plant (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 26, 2025, 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 26, 2025 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 directed to give notice of said hearing in accordance with Section 11 of the Rules of Practice, as amended.

Ms. Young seconded the motion. The Chair called for the vote and the RPB adopted the motion with 99 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)	Aye	Madison (6)	Aye	Seymour (1)	Aye
Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (10)	Aye	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Absent	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Aye	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

Mr. Marino moved for approval of the following resolutions:

WHEREAS the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority (“Authority”) requested the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) review the Authority's FY 2026 proposed Capital, Operating

and Commercial Budgets (“Budget”); and

WHEREAS the RPB held workshops on April 7, 2025, and April 17, 2025, at which time management and the Authority presented the proposed Budget and responded to questions from RPB members; and

WHEREAS the RPB Finance Committee met on May 12, 2025, to discuss management’s presentation of the Budget and commented that the Budget was well presented, well-fortified, and reasonable, and voted unanimously in favor of recommending the Budget to the RPB for its support; and

WHEREAS, the RPB has a duty to review the Budget and to comment, but 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 Budget; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the RPB also agrees with the recommendations contained in the OCA’s Budget review letter dated April 22, 2025; 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 and execution of its long-term plan provide for financial health required to achieve its overall mission of providing high quality water, products, and services to consumers at reasonable prices.

Mr. Slocum seconded the motion. The Chair called for the vote and the RPB adopted the motion with 99 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)	Aye	Madison (6)	Aye	Seymour (1)	Aye
Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (10)	Aye	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Absent	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Aye	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

Reports

Finance Committee – Mr. Marino, Chair of the RPB Finance Committee reported on the meeting held earlier in the month. The Committee met on May 12, 2025, via hybrid, to discuss whether or not to pursue an updated compensation study. The Committee also discussed the FY 2026 Budget and the budget recommendation to the RPB.

The next meeting is on June 9, 2025, at 5:00 pm, via hybrid.

Land Use Committee – Mr. Levine, Chair of the Land Use Committee, reported on the meeting earlier in the month. The Committee met on May 14, 2025, via hybrid, and received a historical perspective associated with the last RWA rental property located at 233 Skiff Street in Hamden.

The next meeting is on June 11, 2025, at 5:30 pm, in Madison to discuss the Witch Hazel harvest.

Committee members inquired about the zoning for Skiff Street. Mr. Levine indicated that the issue would be addressed in the upcoming Land Use Committee meeting, contingent upon the availability of relevant information prior to the application process.

Consumer Affairs Committee – Ms. Campbell, Chair of the Consumer Affairs Committee, reported that the Committee met on May 19, 2025, to discuss the RWA’s Recreation Program summer activities, staffing, and communications. The OCA reported on April 2025 activities, which included a review of the FY 2026 Budget and ongoing consumer issues, and the Committee also received an update on the customer information system.

The next meeting is on June 16, 2025, at 5:30 pm, via hybrid.

Mr. Borowy, Chair of the Authority, thanked the RPB for its support of the FY 2026 Budget.

He stated that Authority met earlier in the day as the Audit-Risk Committee and the Environmental, Health & Safety Committee.

Ms. LaMarr, Chair of the RWA’s Audit-Risk Committee, reported on the meeting earlier in the day. She stated that the Committee reviewed a Risk Management Update Memorandum and approved as part of the consent agenda an AI policy. The Committee also reviewed its FY 2026 work plan.

Mr. Ricozzi, Chair of the RWA’s Environmental, Health & Safety Committee, reported on the meeting earlier in the day. He stated that the Committee received a presentation from management on Emerging Issues in the Water Industry, which included Regulatory updates, PFAS update, Quality & Quantity, and Climate Change. The Committee also reviewed a memorandum on the Legislative Session.

Mr. Borowy acknowledged Mr. Lakshminarayanan, the RWA’s Interim President & Chief Executive Officer, who reported:

- That the RWA has achieved the highest ranking in overall customer satisfaction among midsize water utilities in the northeastern U.S., as reported in the J.D. Power 2025 Water Utility Residential Customer Satisfaction Study. This recognition was based on eight factors: information provided, level of trust, quality and reliability, ease of doing business, total monthly costs, personnel, problem resolution, and digital channels. The RWA expressed its gratitude for the positive feedback from customers that contributed to this award. You can
- On an Arbor Day event held on April 25th, where he and approximately 20 employee volunteers participated in the event by planting native trees at locations in East Haven and North Haven.

Mr. Lakshminarayanan, the RWA’s Interim President and Chief Executive Officer reviewed revenues, operating and maintenance expenses for the month ended April 30, 2025, and stated the projected maintenance test for FY 2025 is 120%, with no shortfall.

He also reported that raw water storage levels were at 99%, compared to the long-term average of 94%. As of May 18, 2025, rainfall was at 41.59 inches, or 3.37% lower than the long-term average.

Chair Harvey acknowledged Atty. Donofrio, OCA, who had nothing to report.

He communicated that the Nominating Committees (“NC”) for Authority member and RPB Officers have been put together and include:

- NC for FMA – Ms. Campbell (Chair), Messrs. Clifford, Jaser, Levine, Malloy, and Mongillo; and
- NC for RPB Officers – Messrs. Malloy (Chair), Eitzer, Havrda, Smith, and Ms. Young.

At 7:10 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Malloy and seconded by Mr. Jaser, the RPB voted to adjourn the meeting, the Chair called for the vote and the RPB adopted the motion with 99 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)	Aye	Madison (6)	Aye	Seymour (1)	Aye
Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (11)	Aye	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Absent	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Aye	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

Jamie Mowat Young, Secretary

(R) = Attended Remotely.