

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

Minutes of October 27, 2022 Meeting

The regular meeting of the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District took place on Thursday, October 27, 2022, via remote access. Chair Ricozzi presided.

PRESENT

RPB

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

Absent

Derby	Frank Pepe
New Haven	Naomi Campbell
North Branford	Peter DeSantis

Regional Water Authority

David Borowy
Kevin Curseaden
Anthony DiSalvo
Catherine LaMarr
Suzanne Sack

Management

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

Counsel

Raquel Herrera-Soto

Office of Consumer Affairs

Jeffrey M. Donofrio

Staff

Jennifer Slubowski

Call to Order

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

Safety Moment

Chair Ricozzi reviewed the Safety Moment distributed to members.

Chair Ricozzi offered the opportunity for members of the public to comment. No members of the public were present at the meeting.

Minutes

On motion made by Mr. Eitzer, seconded by Ms. Young, the RPB approved the minutes of its September 22, 2022 meeting as distributed, with 55 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

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Bethany (5)	Abstain	Killingworth (2)	Aye	Prospect (1)	Aye
Branford (6)	Aye	Madison (6)	Aye	Seymour (1)	Aye
Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (11)	Abstain	West Haven (8)	Abstain
Derby (2)	Absent	New Haven (13)	Absent	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Absent	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

Communications

Chair Rizzo reported that members should have received a copy of the November municipality report showing work being to be done in each municipality.

He stated that the presentation of the Ten Year Model would take place at the Finance Committee on November 14, 2022 at 5 pm and the Consumer Affairs Committee meeting on November 21, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. Members are invited to attend either meeting.

Chair Rizzo noted that the Quarterly Dashboard Report was distributed to members. Mr. Slocum, Chair of the Finance Committee, would address questions during the Finance Committee report.

Mr. Eitzer moved for adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that Kevin J. Curseaden be, and hereby is, reappointed as a member of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority, effective January 1, 2023, with his term to extend until January 1, 2028 and until his successor is appointed and has qualified.

He reported that the Nominating Committee met earlier in the month with the incumbent to discuss the position and qualifications. At the meeting, the committee voted to recommend reappointment.

Mr. Mongillo seconded the motion. After discussion, the Chair called for the vote and the RPB adopted the motion with 78 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)	Absent	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Absent	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

Mr. Slocum, Nominating Committee member, stated that he was in support of the decision and the interview provided good insights and suggestions that could be used in the future.

Mr. Curseaden thanked members of the Nominating Committee and the RPB members.

On motion made by Mr. Clifford, seconded by Mr. Oslander, and unanimously carried, the RPB approved its third quarter 2022 member compensation, substantially in the form submitted to the meeting, with 78 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)	Absent	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Absent	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

Reports

Finance Committee – Mr. Slocum, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported that the Committee met earlier in the month with the CliftonLarsonAllen, RWA’s auditor, to receive the FY 2022 audit results. The Committee also met with management to receive the first quarter of FY 2023 financial results. The Committee also discussed a possible joint meeting with the Consumer Affairs Committee in December to discuss the economic impact and customers’ ability to pay. The next meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. There was also discussion regarding revisiting the need for and possible changes to the quarterly RPB Dashboard.

Land Use Committee – Mr. Betkoski, Chair of the Land Use Committee, reported that the Committee met earlier in the month at Lake Saltonstall in Branford for its annual pizza party. The committee discussed its usual business. Details can be found in the minutes. The next meeting is on November 9, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

Consumer Affairs Committee – Mr. Mongillo, Chair of the Consumer Affairs Committee, reported on the Committee meeting that took place earlier in the month. The Committee received an update on the Whitney Dam project. The Office of Consumer Affairs reported on one escalation (minimal dollar amount) regarding a property in New Haven. The committee’s next meeting is on November 21, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

Nominating Committee – Mr. Eitzer, Chair of the Nominating Committee, had nothing further to report.

Executive Committee – Mr. Ricozzi, Chair of the Executive Committee, reported on the Committee meeting earlier in the month. The Committee met to discuss hybrid meetings, the 2023 schedule of regular meetings, New Haven Advisory Council meeting, upcoming capital projects, and funding. The committee also discussed a possible joint meeting of the Finance and Consumer Affairs Committee, public participation at RPB meetings, and Authority term limits and number of members.

Authority/Management – Mr. Borowy, Chair of the Authority, reported on the Authority Meeting earlier in the day. He stated that the Authority met as the Pension & Benefit Committee.

Ms. Sack, Chair of the Pension & Benefit Committee, reported that the Committee met earlier in the day with representatives of Morgan Stanley to review the RWA’s quarterly investment performance of the pension plans and Voluntary Employees’ Beneficiary Association (VEBA) plan and market analysis.

Mr. Bingaman, the RWA’s President and Chief Executive Officer, reported on the Authority meeting earlier in the day. The Authority met in executive session to discuss the Lead & Copper Rule Revisions and the Ten Year Model. He stated that a Lead & Copper Rule Revision update would be presented to RPB members during the presentation of the Ten Year Model at the November Finance and Consumer Affairs Committee meetings, in executive session, when appropriate.

Ms. Calo, the RWA’s Sr. Director, Employee Relations & HR Operations, provided an update on the status of COVID at the RWA.

Mr. Bingaman, RWA’s President and Chief Executive Officer, reviewed revenues, and operating and maintenance expenses for the month ended September 30, 2022, and stated that the projected maintenance test for FY 2023 is 118%, with no draw from the Rate Stabilization Fund. The primary driver is higher than anticipated interest earnings on investments. He stated that there is still uncertainty due to the state of the economy and the pandemic and the impact on customers’ ability to pay. Discussion took place regarding lead and copper replacement, impact and Environmental Protection Agency regulations, and effects of the economy on commercial business revenue.

Chair Ricozzi reminded everyone that next month, the RPB meeting is on Thursday, November 17, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

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At 7:23 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Malloy, seconded by Mr. Rescigno, the RPB voted to adjourn the meeting, with 78 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)	Absent	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Absent	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Havrda, Secretary