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#### AGENDA

#### Regular Meeting of Thursday, May 22, 2025 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 24, 2025
- IV Communications
  - A. Status of RPB member term expirations June 30, 2025
- V Items for Consideration and Action
  - A. Finance Committee's recommendation regarding completeness, mode, and date of public hearing to the Representative Policy Board for approval of a project to Construct Electrical Improvements at the Lake Gaillard Water Treatment Plant and the Lake Saltonstall Water Treatment Plant
  - B. RPB Finance Committee's recommendation regarding the Regional Water Authority's proposed FY 2026 Budget
- VI Reports
  - A. Finance Committee
  - B. Land Use Committee
  - C. Consumer Affairs Committee
  - D. Authority/Management
- VII Adjourn

\*\* Members of the public may attend the meeting in person or by conference call. To view meeting documents please visit <u>https://tinyurl.com/2ppnjbyr</u>. For questions, contact the board office at 203-401-2515 or by email at <u>jslubowski@rwater.com</u>.

# SAFETY MOMENT

# Motorcyclist Safety is Everyone's Safety

During the month of May, the Connecticut Department of Transportation <sup>F</sup> (CTDOT) urges all drivers and motorcyclists that *Motorcyclist Safety is Everyone's Safety*.

Each year, motorcyclists face disproportionate risks on our roads, with speeding emerging as a significant contributor to traffic fatalities. In Connecticut, more than 50 motorcyclists lose their lives on our roadways each year. In 2022, there were 65 motorcycle fatalities in the state, the highest number in over 35 years.

# **CT DOT recommends:**

- Always checking blind spots
- Extra caution when passing
- Be aware of weather
- Increase following distance at night
- Stay in your lane

## Service - Teamwork - Accountability - Respect - Safety

Safety is a core company value at the Regional Water Authority . It is our goal to reduce workplace injuries to zero.







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

#### Minutes of April 24, 2025 Meeting

A regular meeting of the Representative Policy Board ("RPB") of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District took place on Thursday, April 24, 2025, at 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven, Connecticut and via remote access. Chair Harvey presided.

#### PRESENT

#### RPR

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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
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
Governor's Rep	Vincent Marino(R)

#### **Regional Water Authority**

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

### Management

Sunny Lakshminarayanan Rochelle Kowalski Elizabeth Calo Jim Hill

Counsel Bruce McDermott(R)

**Office of Consumer Affairs** Jeffrey Donofrio(R)

Staff Jennifer Slubowski

#### Absent

Derby

Frank Pepe

#### Call to Order

Chair Harvey called the meeting to order at 6:32 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 Mr. Jaser, the RPB approved the minutes of its March 27, 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

#### Communications

Chair Harvey:

- Stated that letters would be mailed in the next few weeks regarding the term expirations for Ansonia, Cheshire, Derby, Hamden, Milford, and Seymour. The letters will also include prior expirations for East Haven, North Branford, and the Governor's Representative.
- Communicated that volunteers are needed to serve on the RPB Nominating Committee for RPB officers next month.
- Stated that RPB members have had an opportunity to review the RPB Quarterly Dashboard Report, which was included in the meeting package.
- Reported that at the Executive Committee meeting earlier in the month, the committee discussed the formation of a Nominating Committee for an additional Authority member. Any members interested in volunteering should contact him directly, or the board office.

At 6:38 p.m. Mr. Smith entered the meeting.

#### **Items for Consideration and Action**

On motion made by Mr. Levine and seconded by Mr. Malloy, the RPB approved its 2025 first quarter RPB member compensation, substantially in the form submitted to the meeting, 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

#### **Reports**

**Finance Committee** – Mr. Marino, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported on the committee met with management to review the FY 2026 Budget, review the quarterly financial report, and the quarterly dashboard report.

The next meeting is on Monday, May 12, 2025, via hybrid.

Land Use Committee – Mr. Levine, Chair of the Land Use Committee, reported on the Committee meeting earlier in the month. The Committee met with members from the University of Connecticut for a presentation of multitemporal monitoring using drone technology. More information can be found in the committee's minutes.

The next meeting is on May 14, 2025, on site at Skiff Street in Hamden.

Mr. Levine also reported on the special joint meeting of the RPB Land Use Committee and the Consumer Affairs Committee meeting earlier in the month. The committees met with management to receive a review of the FY 2026 Budget.

**Consumer Affairs Committee** – Ms. Campbell, Chair of the RPB Consumer Affairs Committee, reported on the Committee meeting earlier in the month. The Committee met with management in executive session to receive an update regarding the CIS launch. The committee also received an update from the Office of Consumer Affairs.

The Committee's next meeting is May 19, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

**Executive Committee** – Mr. Harvey, Chair of the RPB Executive Committee, reported on the meeting held earlier in the month. The committee met in executive session to receive an update on the CIS launch/transition and discussed a Nominating Committee for an additional Authority member.

**Authority/Management** – Mr. Borowy, Chair of the Authority, thanked members of the RPB for their support of adding a member to the Authority. He also reported on the Authority meeting earlier in the day. He stated that the Authority also met as the Pension & Benefit Committee.

Ms. LaMarr, 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, inclusive of assumptions and prior year comparisons. The Committee also met with Morgan Stanley to receive its Quarterly Investment Performance update, and the Committee reviewed its 2026 Work Plan.

Mr. Borowy also reported that at the Authority meeting earlier in the day, the Authority approved an application for the Lake Gaillard and Lake Salstonstall Water Treatment Plants Electrical Improvements project, which would be forwarded to members of the RPB.

Mr. Lakshminarayanan, the RWA's Interim President and Chief Executive Officer reported that the RWA is now three weeks into the CIS launch and progress is satisfactory, with an expectation of successfully completing the 90-day stabilization period. Call volume has been approximately twice the normal level. Next steps include fully implementing the delinquency process and continued customer service training.

Mr. Lakshminarayanan reviewed revenues, operating and maintenance expenses for the month ended February 28, 2025, and stated the projected maintenance test for FY 2025 is 120%, with no shortfall.

He also reported that raw water storage to date is 93%, compared to the long-term average of 93%. Rainfall totaled 35.76 inches, which is approximately 5.5 inches lower than the long-term average.

Chair Harvey acknowledged Atty, Donofrio, Office of Consumer Affairs, who had nothing to report.

At 7:10 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Malloy, and seconded by Ms. Young, the RPB voted to adjourn the meeting, 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

Representative Policy Board April 24, 2025

Jamie Mowat Young, Secretary

(R) = Attended Remotely.

# UNAPPROVED

#### **REPRESENTATIVE POLICY BOARD**

#### PROPOSED RESOLTUIONS

#### MAY 22, 2025

#### (Application for approval to Construct Electrical Improvements at the Lake Gaillard Water Treatment Plant and the Lake Salstonstall Water Treatment Plant)

**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.

#### **REPRESENTATIVE POLICY BOARD**

#### PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

#### MAY 22, 2025

#### (South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority's Fiscal Year 2026 Proposed Budget)

**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.