

## South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority

November 20, 2025

### Minutes

The regular meeting of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority (“RWA” or “Authority”) took place on Thursday, November 20, 2025, at 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven, Connecticut, and via remote access. Chair Borowy presided.

**Present:**       **Authority** – Messrs. Borowy, Cort, Curseaden and Ricozzi, and Mss. LaMarr, and Sack  
                  **Management** – Mss. Kowalski and Calo(R), and Messrs. Lakshminarayanan, Benni, Hill(R), Kelly, and Singh(R)  
                  **RPB** – Mr. Oslander  
                  **Staff** – Mrs. Slubowski

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

#### 1.1 SAFETY MOMENT

Chair Borowy reviewed the Safety Moment distributed to members.

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Borowy offered the opportunity for members of the public to comment. There were no members of the public present.

### 3. MEET AS STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

At 12:31 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Curseaden and seconded by Ms. LaMarr, the Authority voted to recess the meeting to meet as the Strategic Planning Committee.

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| Borowy    | Aye |
| Cort      | Aye |
| Curseaden | Aye |
| LaMarr    | Aye |
| Ricozzi   | Aye |
| Sack      | Aye |

At 12:33 p.m., the Authority reconvened.

### 4. MEET AS ENVIRONMENTAL, HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

At 12:33 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Borowy and seconded by Ms. LaMarr, the Authority voted to recess the meeting to meet as the Environmental, Health & Safety Committee.

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| Borowy    | Aye |
| Cort      | Aye |
| Curseaden | Aye |
| LaMarr    | Aye |
| Ricozzi   | Aye |
| Sack      | Aye |

At 12:49 p.m., the Authority reconvened.

## **5. ACT ON MATTERS ARISING FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

No actions were taken resulting from Committee meetings.

## **6. CONSENT AGENDA**

On motion made by Ms. Sack and seconded by Ms. LaMarr, the Authority voted to approve, adopt, or receive, as appropriate the following items in the Consent Agenda:

- 6.1** Minutes of the October 23, 2025 regular meeting
- 6.2** Capital budget authorization for December 2025

**RESOLVED**, that the Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer & Head of Corporate Development is authorized to submit to the Trustee one or more requisitions in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$3,300,000 for the month of December 2025 for transfer from the Construction Fund for capital expenditures. Each such requisition shall contain or be accompanied by a certificate identifying such requisition and stating that the amount to be withdrawn, pursuant to such requisition, is a proper charge to the Construction Fund. Such requisitions are approved notwithstanding the fact that amounts to be withdrawn for a particular project may exceed the amount indicated for such month and year in the current Capital Improvement Budget but will not cause the aggregate amount budgeted for fiscal year 2026 for all Capital Improvement Projects to be exceeded. In the absence of the Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer & Head of Corporate Development, the Controller is authorized to sign in her place.

- 6.3** Monthly Financial Report for October 2025.
- 6.4** Accounts receivable update for October 2025.
- 6.5** RWAY/CIS Update for November 2025.
- 6.6** Schedule of Calendar Year 2026 regular meeting dates

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| Borowy    | Aye                                   |
| Cort      | Aye ( <i>abstaining on item 6.1</i> ) |
| Curseaden | Aye                                   |
| LaMarr    | Aye                                   |
| Ricozzi   | Aye                                   |
| Sack      | Aye                                   |

## **7. REPORTS ON RPB COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Authority members reported on recent RPB committee meetings.

## **8. FINANCE**

### **8.1 FY 2027 BUDGET SCHEDULE**

Ms. Kowalski, the RWA's Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer & Head of Corporate Development, reviewed the proposed FY 2027 budget schedule with Authority members.

After discussion it was determined that the board administrator would work with the Authority and management to schedule a date to hold a special meeting to review the FY 2027 budget.

### **8.2 RATE APPLICATION SCHEDULE**

Ms. Kowalski discussed the Rate Application schedule with the Authority members, mentioning that the rate application will incorporate Drinking Water State Revolving Funds (DWSRF) and that this will result in reducing the RWA bond issuance.

Committee members inquired about a cost of service study. Ms. Kowalski noted that the study would be completed and submitted simultaneously with the rate application. She also advised the Authority that a refinancing is expected in the near future.

Mr. Ricozzi requested that management provide a preliminary report on the anticipated rate adjustment for board review and feedback on the anticipated rate.

### **8.3 CONSIDER AND ACT ON DWSRF RESOLUTIONS**

Ms. Kowalski requested approval for issuance of bonds for the following projects: 1) York Hill Painting & Stairs, 2) Lake Saltonstall Water Treatment Plant Gravity Thickener, and 3) Lake Whitney Chemical Feed. She indicated that the resolutions are not to exceed amounts, and the financing requirements will be reduced, with grant assistance. Authority members discussed project bundling under DWSRF, which management will take under advisement.

Ms. Kowalski also highlighted that the RWA closed on a \$1.5 million dollar grant for the Lake Gaillard Water Treatment Plant Clarifier project.

After discussion, Mr. Curseaden moved for approval of the following resolutions for the York Hill Painting & Stairs, the Lake Saltonstall Water Treatment Plant Gravity Thickener, and the Lake Whitney Chemical Feed, as presented:

#### **1. YORK HILL PAINTING & STAIRS:**

**RESOLVED:** That the Authority hereby establishes the general terms and provisions of the Authority's Bonds which may be issued as Project Loan Obligations delivered to the State of Connecticut (the "Bonds") which are to be issued under its Water System Revenue Bond Resolution, General Bond Resolution adopted by the Authority and approved by the Representative Policy Board on July 31, 1980, as amended (the "General Bond Resolution").

1. The Bonds shall not exceed two million one hundred thousand dollars (\$2,100,000) in aggregate principal amount or so much as may be necessary after deducting grants or other sources of funds available for the Project (as hereinafter defined).
2. The Bonds may be issued as obligations in one or more series pursuant to the General Bond Resolution and a supplemental resolution to be adopted by the Authority for each series of Bonds, each of which shall specify the amount of the Bonds, the purposes for which the Bonds are to be issued, the date or dates, maturities, sinking fund installments if any, interest rates, series, denominations, form, redemption prices, security provisions and such other details of the Bonds as the Authority shall determine in accordance with the limits established by the General Bond Resolution and hereby.
3. The purposes of the Bonds shall be (I) to finance or refinance the cost of the interior/exterior painting and the installation of stairs on York Hill Tank No. 1, the replacement of the roof vent and the installation of mixers; (II) to provide funds for deposit to the Capital Contingency Fund and the Debt Reserve Fund, as necessary pursuant to the General Bond Resolution and as permitted by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended and (III) to pay costs of issuance (the "Project").
4. The Bonds may be sold by negotiation as serial or term bonds with stated maturities and may be sold in a private or direct placement to a bank or the State of Connecticut.

5. The Authority reasonably expects to incur expenditures (the "Expenditures") in connection with the Project of which a general functional description is provided above. The Authority reasonably expects to reimburse itself for the cost of Expenditures with respect to the Project with the proceeds of tax-exempt debt to be issued by the Authority within eighteen (18) months after the date of any Expenditure or the date the Project is placed in service or abandoned, whichever is later. The maximum principal amount of such debt with respect to the Project is not expected to exceed \$2,100,000. \_.
6. The form of this resolution entitled "Resolution Approving the Proposed Issuance of Bonds" a copy of which shall be filed with the records of the Authority, shall be submitted to the Representative Policy Board for its approval in accordance with Section 22 of Special Act No. 77-98, as amended.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that:**

1. Temporary notes of the Authority which may be issued as Interim Funding Obligations delivered to the State of Connecticut may be issued by the Authority in the amount of \$2,100,000 in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds from the sale of such Bonds.
2. The President / Chief Executive Officer, the Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Head of Corporate Development or any one of them may apply to the State Department of Public Health for eligibility and funding of the Project or any part of the Project and sign such application and any other documents which may be necessary or desirable to apply for eligibility of and to apply for and obtain financial assistance for the Project from the State's Drinking Water Fund Program and that any such action taken prior hereto is hereby ratified and confirmed.

**2. LAKE SALTONSTALL WTP GRAVITY THICKENER:**

**RESOLVED:** That the Authority hereby establishes the general terms and provisions of the Authority's Bonds which may be issued as Project Loan Obligations delivered to the State of Connecticut (the "Bonds") which are to be issued under its Water System Revenue Bond Resolution, General Bond Resolution adopted by the Authority and approved by the Representative Policy Board on July 31, 1980, as amended (the "General Bond Resolution").

1. The Bonds shall not exceed two million four hundred thousand dollars (\$2,400,000) in aggregate principal amount or so much as may be necessary after deducting grants or other sources of funds available for the Project (as hereinafter defined).
2. The Bonds may be issued as obligations in one or more series pursuant to the General Bond Resolution and a supplemental resolution to be adopted by the Authority for each series of Bonds, each of which shall specify the amount of the Bonds, the purposes for which the Bonds are to be issued, the date or dates, maturities, sinking fund installments if any, interest rates, series, denominations, form, redemption prices, security provisions and such other details of the Bonds as the Authority shall determine in accordance with the limits established by the General Bond Resolution and hereby.
3. The purposes of the Bonds shall be (I) to finance or refinance the cost of improvements to various gravity thickener components at the Lake Saltonstall Water Treatment Plant as well as the replacement of platform beams, walkway grating and handrails; (II) to provide funds for deposit to the Capital Contingency Fund and the Debt Reserve Fund, as necessary pursuant to the General Bond Resolution and as permitted by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended and (III) to pay costs of issuance (the "Project").
4. The Bonds may be sold by negotiation as serial or term bonds with stated maturities and may be sold in a private or direct placement to a bank or the State of Connecticut.

5. The Authority reasonably expects to incur expenditures (the "Expenditures") in connection with the Project of which a general functional description is provided above. The Authority reasonably expects to reimburse itself for the cost of Expenditures with respect to the Project with the proceeds of tax-exempt debt to be issued by the Authority within eighteen (18) months after the date of any Expenditure or the date the Project is placed in service or abandoned, whichever is later. The maximum principal amount of such debt with respect to the Project is not expected to exceed \$2,400,000.
6. The form of this resolution entitled "Resolution Approving the Proposed Issuance of Bonds" a copy of which shall be filed with the records of the Authority, shall be submitted to the Representative Policy Board for its approval in accordance with Section 22 of Special Act No. 77-98, as amended.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that:**

1. Temporary notes of the Authority which may be issued as Interim Funding Obligations delivered to the State of Connecticut may be issued by the Authority in the amount of \$2,400,000 in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds from the sale of such Bonds.
2. The President / Chief Executive Officer, the Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Head of Corporate Development or any one of them may apply to the State Department of Public Health for eligibility and funding of the Project or any part of the Project and sign such application and any other documents which may be necessary or desirable to apply for eligibility of and to apply for and obtain financial assistance for the Project from the State's Drinking Water Fund Program and that any such action taken prior hereto is hereby ratified and confirmed.

**3. LAKE WHITNEY WTP CHEMICAL FEED:**

**RESOLVED:** That the Authority hereby establishes the general terms and provisions of the Authority's Bonds which may be issued as Project Loan Obligations delivered to the State of Connecticut (the "Bonds") which are to be issued under its Water System Revenue Bond Resolution, General Bond Resolution adopted by the Authority and approved by the Representative Policy Board on July 31, 1980, as amended (the "General Bond Resolution").

1. The Bonds shall not exceed three million three hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars (\$3,325,000) in aggregate principal amount or so much as may be necessary after deducting grants or other sources of funds available for the Project (as hereinafter defined).
2. The Bonds may be issued as obligations in one or more series pursuant to the General Bond Resolution and a supplemental resolution to be adopted by the Authority for each series of Bonds, each of which shall specify the amount of the Bonds, the purposes for which the Bonds are to be issued, the date or dates, maturities, sinking fund installments if any, interest rates, series, denominations, form, redemption prices, security provisions and such other details of the Bonds as the Authority shall determine in accordance with the limits established by the General Bond Resolution and hereby.
3. The purposes of the Bonds shall be (I) to finance or refinance the cost of replacement of the potassium permanganate and sodium hydroxide systems at the Lake Whitney Water Treatment Plant; (II) to provide funds for deposit to the Capital Contingency Fund and the Debt Reserve Fund, as necessary pursuant to the General Bond Resolution and as permitted by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended and (III) to pay costs of issuance (the "Project").
4. The Bonds may be sold by negotiation as serial or term bonds with stated maturities and may be sold in a private or direct placement to a bank or the State of Connecticut.

5. The Authority reasonably expects to incur expenditures (the “Expenditures”) in connection with the Project of which a general functional description is provided above. The Authority reasonably expects to reimburse itself for the cost of Expenditures with respect to the Project with the proceeds of tax-exempt debt to be issued by the Authority within eighteen (18) months after the date of any Expenditure or the date the Project is placed in service or abandoned, whichever is later. The maximum principal amount of such debt with respect to the Project is not expected to exceed \$3,325,000.
6. The form of this resolution entitled “Resolution Approving the Proposed Issuance of Bonds” a copy of which shall be filed with the records of the Authority, shall be submitted to the Representative Policy Board for its approval in accordance with Section 22 of Special Act No. 77-98, as amended.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that:**

1. Temporary notes of the Authority which may be issued as Interim Funding Obligations delivered to the State of Connecticut may be issued by the Authority in the amount of \$3,325,000 in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds from the sale of such Bonds.
2. The President / Chief Executive Officer, the Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Head of Corporate Development or any one of them may apply to the State Department of Public Health for eligibility and funding of the Project or any part of the Project and sign such application and any other documents which may be necessary or desirable to apply for eligibility of and to apply for and obtain financial assistance for the Project from the State’s Drinking Water Fund Program and that any such action taken prior hereto is hereby ratified and confirmed.

Mr. Ricoszi seconded the motion. The chair called for the vote and the resolutions passed unanimously.

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| Borowy    | Aye |
| Cort      | Aye |
| Curseaden | Aye |
| LaMarr    | Aye |
| Ricoszi   | Aye |
| Sack      | Aye |

## **9. BUSINESS UPDATES**

### **9.1 MONTHLY BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS**

Mr. Lakshminarayanan reported:

- On an update of the patent applications for a method of removing PFAS from groundwater and surface water utilizing Powdered Activated Carbon. The applications have been reviewed by a patent examiner, and the RWA has received notice of publication from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. This notice advises that the applications are now public knowledge and initiates an 18-month period during which a patent may be granted.
- On a soft launch of the website for the Larry Bingaman – RWA Foundation, a memorial foundation to honor the legacy, values and community spirit of the organization’s immediate past President and CEO.

Mr. Oslander, RPB Madison representative, commented on his disappointment of the decision for the Aquarion transaction and thanked management for their efforts.

### **9.2 AWA UPDATE**

At 1:18 p.m., Mr. Oslander withdrew from the meeting and on motion made by Ms. Sack and seconded by Mr. Ricozzi, the Authority voted unanimously to convene in executive session, to receive an AWA update, pursuant to C.G.S. Section 1-200(6)(E) to discuss matters covered by Section 1-210(b)(5)(A)(B), pertaining to trade secrets and commercial and financial information. Present in executive session were Authority members, Messrs. Lakshminarayanan, Hill, and Singh, and Mss. Kowalski, Calo, and Slubowski.

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| Borowy    | Aye |
| Cort      | Aye |
| Curseaden | Aye |
| LaMarr    | Aye |
| Ricozzi   | Aye |
| Sack      | Aye |

At 2:06 p.m., the Authority came out of executive session. No votes were taken in executive session.

[BREAK FROM 2:06 TO 2:15 P.M.]

#### **10. APPLICATION FOR THE ROUTE 80 THROTTLING VALVE REPLACEMENT PROJECT APPLICATION (“APPLICATION”)**

At 2:15 p.m., Messrs. Benni and Kelly entered the meeting.

Mr. Benni, the RWA’s Director of Engineering, and Mr. Kelly, the RWA’s Manager of Design and Construction, provided a review of the Application for the Route 80 Throttling Valve Replacement Project Application, which included:

- Project background
- Project approach
- Project scope
- Project need
- Alternatives analysis

Authority members discussed the need to replace, the project expected life, data, and risk.

#### **10.5 RECOMMENDATION TO SUBMIT APPLICATION TO THE RPB AND 10.6 ASSOCIATED FINANCING RESOLUTION FOR RECOMMENDATION TO THE RPB**

After discussion, Mr. Ricozzi moved for approval of the following two resolutions:

##### **1. Application**

**RESOLVED**, that the Authority hereby accepts the new Application, dated November 20, 2025, for an Application to the Representative Policy Board for Approval of a Project to Construct Route 80 Control Valve Improvements, located in New Haven, Connecticut, as a completed Application, substantially in the form submitted to this meeting, and authorizes filing said Application with the Representative Policy Board(“RPB”); and

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, if approved by the RPB, the Interim Chief Executive Officer, and the Vice President of Engineering and Environmental Services, is authorized to take any and all actions necessary to complete the Route 80 Control Valve Improvements Project in New Haven, Connecticut; and

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Authority authorizes its Interim Chief Executive Officer, and the Vice President of Engineering and Environmental Services, to file a motion and related materials with the RPB to request issuance of a protective order to maintain confidential the information to be contained in the Application's appendices A, B, C, D, and F, inclusive.

*2. Associated Financing*

**RESOLVED:** That the Authority hereby establishes the general terms and provisions of the Authority's Bonds which may be issued as Project Loan Obligations delivered to the State of Connecticut (the "Bonds") which are to be issued under its Water System Revenue Bond Resolution, General Bond Resolution adopted by the Authority and approved by the Representative Policy Board on July 31, 1980, as amended (the "General Bond Resolution").

5. The Bonds shall not exceed ten million seven hundred thousand dollars (\$10,700,000) in aggregate principal amount or so much as may be necessary after deducting grants or other sources of funds available for the Project (as hereinafter defined).
6. The Bonds may be issued as obligations in one or more series pursuant to the General Bond Resolution and a supplemental resolution to be adopted by the Authority for each series of Bonds, each of which shall specify the amount of the Bonds, the purposes for which the Bonds are to be issued, the date or dates, maturities, sinking fund installments if any, interest rates, series, denominations, form, redemption prices, security provisions and such other details of the Bonds as the Authority shall determine in accordance with the limits established by the General Bond Resolution and hereby.
7. The purposes of the Bonds shall be (I) to finance or refinance the cost of the Route 80 Control Valve project which may include a new valve vault with control valve and associated utilities, paved access driveway, 36-inch ductile iron interconnecting piping and valving, relocation/replacement of an existing cast iron 12-inch distribution main, as well as other site improvements necessary for the construction of the valve vault.; (II) to provide funds for deposit to the Capital Contingency Fund and the Debt Reserve Fund, as necessary pursuant to the General Bond Resolution and as permitted by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended and (III) to pay costs of issuance (the "Project").
8. The Bonds may be sold by negotiation as serial or term bonds with stated maturities and may be sold in a private or direct placement to a bank or the State of Connecticut.
9. The Authority reasonably expects to incur expenditures (the "Expenditures") in connection with the Project of which a general functional description is provided above. The Authority reasonably expects to reimburse itself for the cost of Expenditures with respect to the Project with the proceeds of tax-exempt debt to be issued by the Authority within eighteen (18) months after the date of any Expenditure or the date the Project is placed in service or abandoned, whichever is later. The maximum principal amount of such debt with respect to the Project is not expected to exceed \$10,700,000.
10. The form of this resolution entitled "Resolution Approving the Proposed Issuance of Bonds" a copy of which shall be filed with the records of the Authority, shall be submitted to the Representative Policy Board for its approval in accordance with Section 22 of Special Act No. 77-98, as amended.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:**

1. Temporary notes of the Authority which may be issued as Interim Funding Obligations delivered to the State of Connecticut may be issued by the Authority in the amount of \$10,700,000 in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds from the sale of such Bonds.

2. The President / Chief Executive Officer, the Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Head of Corporate Development or any one of them may apply to the State Department of Public Health for eligibility and funding of the Project or any part of the Project and sign such application and any other documents which may be necessary or desirable to apply for eligibility of and to apply for and obtain financial assistance for the Project from the State's Drinking Water Fund Program and that any such action taken prior hereto is hereby ratified and confirmed.

Ms. Sack commented that after careful consideration and a review of the application and related details, it was the consensus of the Authority that the project is necessary.

Ms. LaMarr seconded the resolutions. The chair called for the vote and the resolutions passed unanimously.

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| Borowy    | Aye |
| Cort      | Aye |
| Curseaden | Aye |
| LaMarr    | Aye |
| Ricozzi   | Aye |
| Sack      | Aye |

At 3:11 p.m., on motion made by Ms. LaMarr and seconded by Ms. Sack, the Authority voted to adjourn the meeting.

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| Borowy    | Aye |
| Cort      | Aye |
| Curseaden | Aye |
| LaMarr    | Aye |
| Ricozzi   | Aye |
| Sack      | Aye |

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Catherine E. LaMarr, Secretary

(R) = Attended remotely.