

## **Representative Policy Board**

South Central Connecticut Regional Water District

September 25, 2025

### Minutes

A regular meeting of the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District took place on Thursday, September 25, 2025, at the Lake Whitney Water Treatment Plant, 900 Whitney Avenue, Hamden, Connecticut and via remote access. Chair Harvey presided.

### **PRESENT**

#### **RPB**

|                 |                        |
|-----------------|------------------------|
| Ansonia         | Thomas P. Clifford III |
| Beacon Falls    | Peter Betkoski(R)      |
| Bethany         | Brian Eitzer(R)        |
| Branford        | Carolyn Mancini        |
| Cheshire        | Deena Allard           |
| East Haven      | Michelle Verderame(R)  |
| Guilford        | Charles Havrda         |
| Hamden          | Stephen Mongillo       |
| Killingworth    | Jamie Mowat Young(R)   |
| Madison         | Joseph A. Oslander     |
| North Branford  | Peter DeSantis(R)      |
| New Haven       | Naomi Campbell         |
| North Haven     | James X. DiCarlo(R)    |
| Prospect        | Robert E. Harvey, Jr.  |
| Seymour         | Beth Nesteriak(R)      |
| West Haven      | Mark Levine            |
| Woodbridge      | T. Gregory Malloy      |
| Governor’s Rep. | Vincent M. Marino(R)   |

#### **Absent**

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|---------|-----------------|
| Derby   | Vacant          |
| Milford | Richard Smith   |
| Orange  | Jasper J. Jaser |

#### **Regional Water Authority**

David Borowy  
Catherine LaMarr  
Mario Ricozzi  
Suzanne Sack(R)

#### **Management**

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

#### **Counsel**

Bruce McDermott, Esq.(R)

#### **Office of Consumer Affairs**

Jeffrey M. Donofrio

#### **Staff**

Jennifer Slubowski

### **Call to Order**

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

### **Safety Moment**

Chair Harvey reviewed the Safety Moment 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. Clifford and seconded by Mr. Levine, the RPB approved the minutes of its August 28, 2025 regular meeting as distributed, with 82 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

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

## Communications

Chair Harvey introduced Ms. Allard, the Cheshire Representative, recently appointed to the RPB.

He also reported on the RPB Bylaws and Rules Review Committee. The Committee is established and will be served by C. Mancini (Chair), P. Betkoski, J. DiCarlo, V. Marino, and J. Mowat Young.

## Reports

**Finance Committee** – Mr. Marino, Chair of the RPB Finance Committee, reported that the committee met earlier in the month and approved a resolution for the North Branford Water Tank Replacement Project for recommendation to the RPB. The Committee also received a quarterly report on RPB approved projects, and Mr. Slocum advised the committee of Cheshire's decision to not reappoint him as the Cheshire representative and thanked the Committee and the RPB for the opportunity to serve.

The next meeting is on October 6, 2025, at 5:00 p.m., via hybrid.

**Land Use Committee** – Mr. Levine, Chair of the RPB Land Use Committee, reported that the Committee met earlier in the month at the Lake Whitney Dam and received an update on the Lake Whitney Dam Design Project. At the end of the meeting, Committee members were provided a tour.

The Committee's next meeting is on October 22, 2025, at 4:30 p.m., at Lake Saltonstall and the Committee will have its annual pizza dinner. All Authority board and RPB members are invited to attend.

**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 to receive an update on the drone legislation and an update on RWAY/CIS. The Committee Chair stated that she is working with management on a tour of the customer care center in the future. The Office of Consumer affairs reported on work performed in August and the Committee approved the OCA's August invoice.

The next meeting is on October 20, 2025, at 5:30 p.m., via hybrid.

**Nominating Committee** – Ms. Campbell, Chair of the RPB Nominating Committee for Authority member, reported that the Committee met last week at a special meeting held in executive session to discuss a potential candidate for appointment to the Authority. The Committee voted to recommend a candidate to the RPB at its upcoming meeting on October 23, 2025. There is no future meeting date scheduled at this time.

**Authority/Management** – Mr. Borowy, Chair of the Authority, reported on the Authority Meeting earlier in the day. He stated that the Authority also met as the Audit-Risk Committee.

Ms. LaMarr, Chair of the Audit-Risk Committee, reported that the Committee met with CliftonLarsonAllen to review the FY 2025 year-end audit, scope, and results. The Committee also met with management and received a cyber update, which was held in executive session.

Mr. Borowy reported that at the Authority meeting earlier in the day, the Authority also met as the Commercial Business Committee. In Mr. Curseaden's absence, Mr. Borowy reported that the board met with management and received an update on commercial business growth initiatives.

Mr. Borowy reported that the Authority also met at a special meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee. He reported that the Committee reached a consensus on hiring a Strategic Planning Consultant, specifically for a board level strategic plan. The board is expected to meet with the Strategic Consultant in the next 60 days.

Mr. Lakshminarayanan, the RWA's Interim President & Chief Executive Officer:

- Reported on the status of the RWA's collaboration with ClimateHaven to launch the Water Innovation Hub for the commercialization and deployment of a new technology for early detection of algae blooms; and
- Highlighted that the RWA received the only Silver Award in the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual International ARC Awards' specialized category for its Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Report – 75 Years of Making Life Better. Information about the award was distributed to the Authority and Representative Policy Board earlier in the month. He also noted that the preparation of the Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Report is underway.

Mr. Lakshminarayanan reviewed revenues, operating and maintenance expenses for the month ended August 31, 2025, and stated the projected maintenance test for FY 2026 is 119%, with no shortfall.

He also reported that as of September 15, 2025, raw water storage was at 72%, compared to 83% for the same period last year. To date, rainfall is at 5.85 inches, lower than the long-term average of 7.3.

Mr. Borowy provided an update regarding the PURA proceedings for the Aquarion transaction and related activities, including working with interveners to clarify information and address concerns. A draft decision is expected on October 22, 2025, with PURA's final decision on November 19, 2025.

He also reported that a slide was distributed to RPB members outlining a foundation for former President & Chief Executive Officer, Larry L. Bingaman. Due to time constraints, he asked that RPB members review the slide and contact Chair Harvey with thoughts and suggestions for review at the next RPB Executive Committee Meeting on October 16, 2025.

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

At 7:00 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Malloy and seconded by Mr. Havrda, the RPB voted to adjourn the meeting with 86 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative, the meeting adjourned.

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| Ansonia (3)      | Aye    | Guilford (4)     | Aye    | No. Haven (5)  | Aye    |
| Beacon Falls (0) | Aye    | Hamden (10)      | Aye    | Orange (3)     | Absent |
| 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)        | Vacant | New Haven (13)   | Aye    | Woodbridge (3) | Aye    |
| East Haven (6)   | Aye    | No. Branford (8) | Aye    | Gov. Rep. (1)  | Aye    |

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Respectfully submitted,

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Jamie Mowat Young, Secretary

(R) – Attended remotely.

UNAPPROVED