

Representative Policy Board

South Central Connecticut Regional Water District

Minutes

August 28, 2025

A regular meeting of the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District took place on Thursday, August 28, 2025, the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority, 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven, Connecticut and via remote access. Chair Harvey presided.

PRESENT

RPB

Ansonia
Beacon Falls
Bethany
Branford
Cheshire
East Haven
Guilford
Hamden
Killingworth
Madison
Milford
New Haven
North Haven
Prospect
Seymour
West Haven
Woodbridge
Governor’s Rep

Thomas P. Clifford III
Peter Betkoski
Brian Eitzer
Carolyn Mancini
Timothy Slocum
Michelle Verderame
Charles Havrda
Stephen Mongillo
Jamie Mowat Young
Joseph A. Oslander
Richard Smith
Naomi Campbell
James X. DiCarlo
Robert E. Harvey, Jr.
Beth Nesteriak
Mark Levine
T. Gregory Malloy
Vincent M. Marino

Regional Water Authority

David Borowy
Catherine LaMarr
Mario Ricozzi
Suzanne Sack

Management

Sunny Lakshminarayanan
Rochelle Kowalski
Victor Benni
Jim Hill
Premjith Lakshman Singh

Counsel

Raquel Herrera-Soto, Murtha Cullina

Absent

Derby
North Branford
Orange

Vacant
Peter DeSantis
Jasper J. Jaser

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. Levine, seconded by Mr. Mongillo, the RPB approved the minutes of its July 24, 2025 meeting as distributed, with 83 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)	Absent
Bethany (5)	Abstain	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)	Vacant	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Absent	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

Communications

Chair Harvey:

- Reported that the RPB Nominating Committee for Authority member has been formed. Mr. Havrda will act as chair of the Committee.
- Stated that the RPB meeting next month will be held at the Lake Whitney Water Treatment Plant in Hamden, followed by the public hearing for the Skiff Street disposition application.

Item for Consideration and Action

Mr. Marino moved for approval of the following resolutions:

WHEREAS the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority, on July 29, 2025, filed an Application with the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) for approval of the North Branford Water Storage Tank Replacement Project (the “Application”); and

WHEREAS the Finance Committee of the RPB 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 Thursday, October 23, 2025 at 7:00 p.m., 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 Thursday, October 23, 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 hereby directed to give notice of said hearing in accordance with Section 11 of the Rules of Practice, as amended.

Mr. Clifford seconded the motion. The chair called for the vote and the RPB approved the resolutions, with 88 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)	Absent
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)	Vacant	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye

East Haven (6) Aye

No. Branford (8) Absent

Gov. Rep. (1) Aye

Reports

Finance Committee – Mr. Marino, Chair of the RPB Finance Committee, reported on the committee meeting earlier in the month. The Committee reviewed the Application for the North Branford Water Storage Tank Replacement Project for completeness, mode, and date of publication for recommendation to the RPB. The Application was found to be complete by the Committee and the Committee voted to recommend the Application to the RPB.

The next meeting is on Monday, September 8, 2025 at 5:00 p.m., hybrid.

Land Use Committee – Mr. Levine, Chair of the RPB Land Use Committee, reported on the meeting earlier in the month. The Committee met in Bethany with Dr. Jeffrey Ward of the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station for the preliminary results of the precommercial crop tree release of white oak saplings. The Committee also received an update on RWA owned properties.

The next meeting is on September 10, 2025 at 4:30 pm at the Lake Whitney Dam in Hamden.

Consumer Affairs Committee – Ms. Campbell, Chair of the RPB Consumer Affairs Committee, reported on the meeting earlier in the month. The committee met with management in executive session and received an enterprise risk management update. The committee also received an update on the status of consumer escalations with the Office of Consumer Affairs (OCA), approved the OCA's invoice for July 2025, and reviewed Authority meeting assignments for August and September.

The next meeting is on September 15, 2025 at 5:30 pm., hybrid.

Nominating Committee – Chair Campbell reported on the Committee meeting earlier in the month. The Committee met and adopted the Criteria to be Utilized in Recommending Appointment of a Candidate to the Authority. The Committee also reviewed resumes received and discussed the interview process.

She stated that the Committee met with seven (7) candidates for interviews on August 20, 2025, and August 25, 2025. The Committee will be conducting a second interview for two of the candidates on September 18, 2025 at 4:30. Following the interviews, the Committee will meet to discuss a possible recommendation to the RPB at its October 23, 2025 meeting.

Mr. Malloy commented on the high-level of candidates for the position.

Authority/Management – Mr. Borowy, Chair of the Authority, reported on the Authority Meeting earlier in the day. He stated that the first order of business was to meet as the sole member of the Claire C. Bennett Watershed Fund ("WSF"). Mr. Stone, President of the WSF, provided an update for FY 2025. The Authority also reappointed four member whose terms were up: Mss. Addiss, Rice, Schenkle, and Mr. Kelahan.

Mr. Borowy reported that at the Authority meeting earlier in the day, the Authority also met as the Strategic Planning Committee.

Ms. Sack, Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee reported that the Committee met to discuss next steps with a board level strategic plan. He also reported that the Authority also met as the Environmental, Health & Safety Committee.

Mr. Ricozzi, Chair of the Environmental, Health & Safety Committee, reported that at the Committee meeting earlier in the day, the committee met with management in executive session to receive a Research

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& Development/Innovation update. The Committee also reviewed the FY 2026 Business Continuity Work Plan. He stated that this year the work plan includes additional tabletop exercises.

Mr. Borowy also reported that at the Authority earlier in the day, the Authority also met at a special meeting of the Compensation Committee.

In Mr. Curseaden's absence. Mr. Borowy reported that the committee met in executive session with Interim President & Chief Executive Officer ("CEO"), Sunny Lakshminarayanan, to review the senior executive team performance and compensation.

RPB members commented on the transition over the past several months given the sudden loss of the former President & CEO and appreciates the additional work and time.

Mr. Lakshminarayanan, RWA's Interim President & Chief Executive Officer ("CEO"), thanked RPB members for their comments and acknowledged all employees of the RWA.

RPB members also discussed the status of a memorial for former President & CEO, Mr. Bingaman.

Mr. Lakshminarayanan reported:

- Commercial businesses are on target for FY 2026;
- The FY 2025 audit is underway; and
- The RWA participated in OSHA Safe & Sound week earlier in the month. An employee celebration took place to raise awareness of the importance of safety in the work environment.

Mr. Lakshminarayanan reviewed revenues, operating and maintenance expenses for the month ended July 31, 2025, and stated the projected maintenance test for FY 2026 is 116%, with no shortfall.

He also reported that as of August 18, 2025, raw water storage was at 79%, compared to the long-term average of 78% for the same period last year. To date, rainfall is at 3.56 inches, 5.90 inches lower than the long-term average at the same time last year.

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

Chair Harvey stated that the next RPB meeting will be held at the Lake Whitney Water Treatment Plant in Hamden, followed by a public hearing at 7:00 p.m., for the disposition of 233 Skiff Street in Hamden.

He also noted that confidential documents for the North Branford Tank Project Application are available to view. If members have completed the Motion for Protective Order, they can review the documents by contacting him, or the board office, to make arrangements.

Mr. Lakshminarayanan highlighted that RPB members interested in touring the Lake Whitney Water Treatment Plant prior to the RPB meeting on September 25th should arrive early. More information on the tour would be provided to members.

Chair Harvey reported on the convening of the RPB Bylaws and Rules Committee. As the RPB Bylaw require a review every five years, he is looking for volunteers for the committee. Messrs. Betkoski and Marino expressed an interest in volunteering, and Ms. Young. Anyone interested should contact him or the board office.

Mr. Harvey stated that Mr. Lakshminarayanan would be providing an update on the PURA hearings for the Aquarion Water Company purchase by the Aquarion Water Authority. The update will take place in public session and would not include an executive session.

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Mr. Lakshminarayanan reported that he and Ms. Kowalski, the RWA's Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer & Head of Corporate Development, recently attended the PURA hearings as witnesses, with various state and local offices and that there have been 400+ interrogatories covering multiple topics. Mr. Lakshminarayanan and Ms. Kowalski plan to meet with agencies to address questions and concerns. PURA will take all the information into consideration and a preliminary decision is expected near the end of October, with the final decision in November.

As there was no further discussion, at 7:15 p.m., the RPB voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting with 88 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative, the meeting adjourned.

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East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Absent	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Mowat Young, Secretary

(R) – Attended remotely.