

Representative Policy Board

Aquarion Water District

October 20, 2026

Minutes

A special meeting of the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) of the Aquarion Water District took place on Tuesday, October 20, 2026, at the Aquarion Water Authority, 835 Main Street, Bridgeport, Connecticut and via remote access. Mr. Betkoski presided.

PRESENT

RPB

Beacon Falls	Jack Betkoski
Bethel	Matthew Knickerbocker
Darien	Jon Zagrodsky
Easton	Thomas A. Herrmann
Fairfield	Jill S. Vergara
Goshen	Iain Kinsella
Greenwich	Frederick Lee
Groton	Gregory C. Leonard
Lebanon	Charles Weinstein(R)
Litchfield	Jeff J. Zullo(R)
Marlborough	Anthony Bratz
Middlebury	George F. Flaherty, Jr.(R)
Monroe	Kenneth Kellogg
New Canaan	Bernard Clarke
Newtown	Thomas Miskelly, Jr.
Norfolk	Matthew Klimkoski(R)
Oxford	Deborah Alterio(R)
Plainville	Michael T. Paulhus(R)
Ridgefield	Rudy Marconi
Seymour	Beth Nesteriak
Shelton	John Marsilio
Sherman	Aldo Pascarella
Southington	Robert Tonon(R)
Stamford	Miguel Robles
Torrington	Mario Colao
Trumbull	Paul Timpanelli
Westport	Jonathan Steinberg
Wilton	Claire Fennessey(R)
Wolcott	James Paolino

Absent

Cornwall	Dave Barger
New Milford	Pete Bass
Norwalk	Harry W. Rilling
Southbury	Stephen Schnell
Weston	Gustavus Christensen

Aquarion Water Authority (AWA)

David Borowy
Kevin Curseaden(R)
Todd Cort(R)
Catherine LaMarr
Mario Ricozzi

AWA Management

Michael J. Freda(R)
Lucy Teixeira
Rochelle Kowalski
Debra Szabo
George Logan
Peter Fazekas
Daniel Lawrence
Richard Ulrich
John Walsh
Andrea Millard
Brian Csizmadia
Jose Candelaria
Joy Hyde

RWA

Sunny Lakshminarayanan(R)
Jennifer Slubowski(R)

RWA RPB

Jamie Mowat Young

Counsel

Bruce McDermott, Esq. – Harris
Beach Murtha(R)
Daniel Canavan – Harris Beach
Murtha

Office of Consumer Affairs

Jeffrey M. Donofrio, Esq.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Freda, Chief Executive Officer, welcomed RPB members to the inaugural meeting. He expressed enthusiasm for the organization's future and highlighted the exceptional skills, experience, and knowledge represented among the board members. He emphasized the significant fiduciary responsibilities of the Board and acknowledged the leadership roles of Ms. Teixeira, AWA President, and the RWA's President. Mr. Freda stated that he looks forward to a strong and lasting partnership and to working collaboratively with both organizations in the years ahead.

I. ELECTION OF PRESIDING MEMBER

The next order of business was the election of a member to preside over the meeting. On motion made by Mr. Herrmann and seconded by Mr. Paolino, the RPB voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Betkoski as Presiding Member of the first meeting of the RPB, with 71 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

Beacon Falls(0)	Aye	Marlborough(0)	Aye	Seymour(1)	Aye
Bethel(0)	Aye	Middlebury(0)	Aye	Shelton(6)	Aye
Cornwall(0)	Absent	Monroe(3)	Aye	Sherman(0)	Aye
Darien(2)	Aye	New Canaan(2)	Aye	Southbury(0)	Absent
Easton(8)	Aye	New Milford(1)	Absent	Southington(0)	Aye
Fairfield(7)	Aye	Newtown(2)	Aye	Stamford(9)	Aye
Goshen(7)	Aye	Norfolk(1)	Aye	Torrington(5)	Aye
Greenwich(6)	Aye	Norwalk(0)	Absent	Trumbull(4)	Aye
Groton(1)	Aye	Oxford(0)	Aye	Weston(2)	Absent
Lebanon(0)	Aye	Plainville(2)	Aye	Westport(3)	Aye
Litchfield(1)	Aye	Ridgefield(1)	Aye	Wilton(0)	Aye
				Wolcott(0)	Aye

II. SAFETY MOMENT

Ms. Teixeira, AWA President, reviewed the Safety Moment distributed to members.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public were offered the opportunity to comment. Ms. Ahern, a resident of Wilton voiced concerns regarding an AWA project and Freedom of Information request.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

AWA management provided an opportunity for RPB members to submit suggestions for alternative training ideas to assist members in their role as RPB representatives. All suggestions would be considered.

V. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION

A. ESTABLISH STATUTORY COMMITTEES AND LEADERSHIP

Mr. Betkoski stated that the next order of business would be to establish RPB statutory committees including Consumer Affairs Committee, Finance Committee, and Land Use Committee.

On motion made by Mr. Timpanelli and seconded by Mr. Knickerbocker, the RPB voted to approve the establishment of the RPB Consumer Affairs Committee, Finance Committee, and Land Use Committee, with 71 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

Beacon Falls(0)	Aye	Marlborough(0)	Aye	Seymour(1)	Aye
Bethel(0)	Aye	Middlebury(0)	Aye	Shelton(6)	Aye
Cornwall(0)	Absent	Monroe(3)	Aye	Sherman(0)	Aye
Darien(2)	Aye	New Canaan(2)	Aye	Southbury(0)	Absent
Easton(8)	Aye	New Milford(1)	Absent	Southington(0)	Aye
Fairfield(7)	Aye	Newtown(2)	Aye	Stamford(9)	Aye
Goshen(7)	Aye	Norfolk(1)	Aye	Torrington(5)	Aye
Greenwich(6)	Aye	Norwalk(0)	Absent	Trumbull(4)	Aye
Groton(1)	Aye	Oxford(0)	Aye	Weston(2)	Absent
Lebanon(0)	Aye	Plainville(2)	Aye	Westport(3)	Aye
Litchfield(1)	Aye	Ridgefield(1)	Aye	Wilton(0)	Aye
				Wolcott(0)	Aye

B. ESTABLISH SPECIAL COMMITTEES AND LEADERSHIP

Mr. Betkoski stated that the RPB would next establish RPB special committees including Bylaws and Rules of Practice Committee, Nominating Committee for RPB Officers, and Nominating Committee for Authority members.

On motion made by Mr. Timpanelli and seconded by Mr. Paolino, the RPB voted to approve the establishment of the RPB Bylaws and Rules of Practice Committee, Nominating Committee for RPB officers, and Nominating Committee for Authority members, with 71 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

Beacon Falls(0)	Aye	Marlborough(0)	Aye	Seymour(1)	Aye
Bethel(0)	Aye	Middlebury(0)	Aye	Shelton(6)	Aye
Cornwall(0)	Absent	Monroe(3)	Aye	Sherman(0)	Aye
Darien(2)	Aye	New Canaan(2)	Aye	Southbury(0)	Absent
Easton(8)	Aye	New Milford(1)	Absent	Southington(0)	Aye
Fairfield(7)	Aye	Newtown(2)	Aye	Stamford(9)	Aye
Goshen(7)	Aye	Norfolk(1)	Aye	Torrington(5)	Aye
Greenwich(6)	Aye	Norwalk(0)	Absent	Trumbull(4)	Aye
Groton(1)	Aye	Oxford(0)	Aye	Weston(2)	Absent
Lebanon(0)	Aye	Plainville(2)	Aye	Westport(3)	Aye
Litchfield(1)	Aye	Ridgefield(1)	Aye	Wilton(0)	Aye
				Wolcott(0)	Aye

C. SCHEDULE NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2026 MEETING DATES

Mr. Logan, the AWA's Director – Community Relations, commented on a schedule distributed to RPB members to set the November and December 2026 meetings. Mr. Knickerbocker moved to open the topic for discussion.

RPB members discussed conflicts and prior commitments with the proposed dates. Discussion took place regarding meeting logistics and times. After discussion, it was determined that the proposed schedule would be amended and redistributed to members.

Following discussion, RPB members moved for approval to amend the motion, with 69 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

Beacon Falls(0)	Aye	Marlborough(0)	Aye	Seymour(1)	Aye
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Bethel(0)	Aye	Middlebury(0)	Aye	Shelton(6)	Aye
Cornwall(0)	Absent	Monroe(3)	Aye	Sherman(0)	Aye
Darien(2)	Nay	New Canaan(2)	Aye	Southbury(0)	Absent
Easton(8)	Aye	New Milford(1)	Absent	Southington(0)	Aye
Fairfield(7)	Aye	Newtown(2)	Aye	Stamford(9)	Aye
Goshen(7)	Aye	Norfolk(1)	Aye	Torrington(5)	Aye
Greenwich(6)	Aye	Norwalk(0)	Absent	Trumbull(4)	Aye
Groton(1)	Aye	Oxford(0)	Aye	Weston(2)	Absent
Lebanon(0)	Aye	Plainville(2)	Aye	Westport(3)	Aye
Litchfield(1)	Aye	Ridgefield(1)	Aye	Wilton(0)	Aye
				Wolcott(0)	Aye

D. SET RPB MEETING PROCEDURES

RPB members discussed future meeting logistics including document delivery, meeting days, and times.

E. REVIEW AND APPROVE CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Ms. Teixeira communicated that the AWA's Conflict of Interest Policy ("COI Policy") was distributed to members for review. The COI Policy was established as part of AWA's change of control and is a Public Utilities Regulatory Authority ("PURA") requirement.

The COI Policy was adopted by the AWA Authority board at its last meeting and is being shared with the RPB for approval and support, as requested by PURA. RPB members discussed the COI Policy content and PURA requirements and timing.

Mr. Timpanelli moved for approval of the COI Policy and the motion was seconded by Mr. Knickerbocker.

After discussion, the Presiding Member called for the vote and the RPB voted to approve the motion with 71 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

Beacon Falls(0)	Aye	Marlborough(0)	Aye	Seymour(1)	Aye
Bethel(0)	Aye	Middlebury(0)	Aye	Shelton(6)	Aye
Cornwall(0)	Absent	Monroe(3)	Aye	Sherman(0)	Aye
Darien(2)	Aye	New Canaan(2)	Aye	Southbury(0)	Absent
Easton(8)	Aye	New Milford(1)	Absent	Southington(0)	Aye
Fairfield(7)	Aye	Newtown(2)	Aye	Stamford(9)	Aye
Goshen(7)	Aye	Norfolk(1)	Aye	Torrington(5)	Aye
Greenwich(6)	Aye	Norwalk(0)	Absent	Trumbull(4)	Aye
Groton(1)	Aye	Oxford(0)	Aye	Weston(2)	Absent
Lebanon(0)	Aye	Plainville(2)	Aye	Westport(3)	Aye
Litchfield(1)	Aye	Ridgefield(1)	Aye	Wilton(0)	Aye
				Wolcott(0)	Aye

F. REVIEW AND APPROVE COST ALLOCATION POLICY

Ms. Teixeira stated that RPB members also received a Cost Allocation Policy ("CA Policy"). The policy is also a requirement established by PURA as part of the change of control. The CA Policy was adopted by the AWA Authority board at its last meeting and is being shared with the RPB for approval and support, as requested by PURA.

Mr. Timpanelli moved for approval of the AWA's Cost Allocation Policy, seconded by Mr. Knickerbocker.

RPB members discussed the CA Policy content and details, including allocation, shared expenses, Authority membership, wording and audit process. Following discussion, it was the consensus of the RPB to revise wording on page two, first paragraph to change the word “may” to “will” or “shall.”

After discussion, Mr. Timpanelli moved for approval of the AWA Cost Allocation Policy, as amended. Mr. Knickerbocker seconded the motion.

Further discussion ensued.

Following discussion, on motion made by Mr. Timpanelli and seconded by Mr. Marconi, the RPB voted to withdraw the original motion and defer the amended motion to next month’s agenda. The Presiding Member called for the vote and the RPB voted to approve the amended motion with 71 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

Beacon Falls(0)	Aye	Marlborough(0)	Aye	Seymour(1)	Aye
Bethel(0)	Aye	Middlebury(0)	Aye	Shelton(6)	Aye
Cornwall(0)	Absent	Monroe(3)	Aye	Sherman(0)	Aye
Darien(2)	Aye	New Canaan(2)	Aye	Southbury(0)	Absent
Easton(8)	Aye	New Milford(1)	Absent	Southington(0)	Aye
Fairfield(7)	Aye	Newtown(2)	Aye	Stamford(9)	Aye
Goshen(7)	Aye	Norfolk(1)	Aye	Torrington(5)	Aye
Greenwich(6)	Aye	Norwalk(0)	Absent	Trumbull(4)	Aye
Groton(1)	Aye	Oxford(0)	Aye	Weston(2)	Absent
Lebanon(0)	Aye	Plainville(2)	Aye	Westport(3)	Aye
Litchfield(1)	Aye	Ridgefield(1)	Aye	Wilton(0)	Aye
				Wolcott(0)	Aye

G. CONSIDER AND ACT ON RESOLUTIONS FOR DWSRF LOANS

Ms. Szabo, the AWA Vice President of Finance, reported on two Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (“DWSRF”) resolutions for RPB approval for the following projects: 1) PFAS and 2) Lead Line Program. She stated that the resolutions are required for the AWA for low-cost DWSRF financing.

She commented that approval is not requested for project approval, as the projects are currently underway, but to approve the resolutions to allow the AWA to enter into agreements with DWSRF.

After discussion, Mr. Herrmann moved for approval of the following resolution:

1. PFAS Projects:

WHEREAS, the Aquarion Water Authority (the “Authority”) proposes to issue its Bonds which may be issued as Project Loan Obligations delivered to the State of Connecticut (the “Bonds”) in accordance with Special Act 77-98, as amended, of the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut (the “Act”) and the Water System Revenue Bond Resolution, General Bond Resolution, adopted by the Authority on April 24, 2025, as amended and supplemented (the “General Bond Resolution”); and

WHEREAS, the Act authorizes the Authority to issue its bonds from time to time but subject to the approval of the Representative Policy Board (the “RPB”).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Bonds shall not exceed an aggregate of \$12,535,000 to finance the projects in the maximum amounts as set forth in item 3 below or so much as may be necessary after deducting grants or other sources of funds available for such projects.
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 AWA 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, whether bonds are taxable or tax exempt and such other details of the Bonds as the AWA shall determine in accordance with the limits established by the General Bond Resolution and hereby.
3. The purposes of the Bonds shall be to finance or refinance the cost of (i) (a) a new treatment and storage facility at the Woodbury Wells Numbers 2 and 3 site, including site and safety improvements and demolition of the existing treatment and control buildings in the maximum amount of \$4,300,000; (b) an Ion Exchange (IX) treatment system for PFAS at the Brook Acres Well Station located in the New Milford Regional System, including site and safety improvements and demolition of the existing treatment and control buildings in the maximum amount of \$1,725,000; (c) a new treatment building at the Indian Fields well site, including site and safety improvements in the maximum amount of \$2,125,000; (d) water main installation from the Indian Spring System to the Cedar Heights Water Level in the New Milford Regional System, including miscellaneous appurtenant work at the Indian Spring Booster Station and the Cedar Heights Booster Station in the maximum amount of \$1,800,000; (e) a new treatment building at the Judea Depot wellfield, including new booster pumps and tanks, in the maximum amount of \$1,300,000; (f) addition of PFAS treatment at the Gillotti Wellfield located in the Ball Pond System in the maximum amount of \$1,285,000; (ii) funds for deposit to reserve funds, as necessary for each project as set forth above in item (i) in accordance with the General Bond Resolution and as permitted by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and (iv) costs of issuance of each series of the Bonds (collectively, the "Project").
4. The Bonds may be sold by a competitive bid or by negotiation as serial or term bonds with stated maturities and may be sold in a private or direct placement.

Mr. Paolino seconded the motion, and the RPB approved the resolutions, with 71 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

Beacon Falls(0)	Aye	Marlborough(0)	Aye	Seymour(1)	Aye
Bethel(0)	Aye	Middlebury(0)	Aye	Shelton(6)	Aye
Cornwall(0)	Absent	Monroe(3)	Aye	Sherman(0)	Aye
Darien(2)	Aye	New Canaan(2)	Aye	Southbury(0)	Absent
Easton(8)	Aye	New Milford(1)	Absent	Southington(0)	Aye
Fairfield(7)	Aye	Newtown(2)	Aye	Stamford(9)	Aye
Goshen(7)	Aye	Norfolk(1)	Aye	Torrington(5)	Aye
Greenwich(6)	Aye	Norwalk(0)	Absent	Trumbull(4)	Aye
Groton(1)	Aye	Oxford(0)	Aye	Weston(2)	Absent
Lebanon(0)	Aye	Plainville(2)	Aye	Westport(3)	Aye
Litchfield(1)	Aye	Ridgefield(1)	Aye	Wilton(0)	Aye
				Wolcott(0)	Aye

2. Lead Line Projects:

Mr. Lee moved for approval of the following resolution for Lead Line projects:

WHEREAS, the Aquarion Water Authority (the “Authority”) proposes to issue its Bonds which may be issued as Project Loan Obligations delivered to the State of Connecticut (the “Bonds”) in accordance with Special Act 77-98, as amended, of the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut (the “Act”) and the Water System Revenue Bond Resolution, General Bond Resolution, adopted by the Authority on April 24, 2025, as amended and supplemented (the “General Bond Resolution”); and

WHEREAS, the Act authorizes the Authority to issue its bonds from time to time but subject to the approval of the Representative Policy Board (the “RPB”).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Bonds shall not exceed an aggregate of \$12,175,000 to finance the projects in the maximum amounts as set forth in item 3 below or so much as may be necessary after deducting grants or other sources of funds available for such projects.
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 AWA 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, whether bonds are taxable or tax exempt and such other details of the Bonds as the AWA shall determine in accordance with the limits established by the General Bond Resolution and hereby.
3. The purposes of the Bonds shall be to finance or refinance the cost of (i) (a) Phase II of the lead service line inventory and the creation of a lead replacement plan and lead service line replacement standard operating procedures and documentation in the maximum amount of \$8,650,000; (b) Phase II of the replacement of known lead or galvanized requiring replacement service lines in service areas including 172 lines in Bridgeport, Stratford, Fairfield, Trumbull and Shelton in the maximum amount of \$2,700,000; (c) the development of service line material inventories for the Torrington Water System in the maximum amount of \$825,000 (ii) funds for deposit to reserve funds, as necessary for each project as set forth above in item (i) in accordance with the General Bond Resolution and as permitted by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and (iv) costs of issuance of each series of the Bonds (collectively, the “Project”).
4. The Bonds may be sold by a competitive bid or by negotiation as serial or term bonds with stated maturities and may be sold in a private or direct placement.

Mr. Knickerbocker seconded the motion, and the RPB approved the resolutions, with 71 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

Beacon Falls(0)	Aye	Marlborough(0)	Aye	Seymour(1)	Aye
Bethel(0)	Aye	Middlebury(0)	Aye	Shelton(6)	Aye
Cornwall(0)	Absent	Monroe(3)	Aye	Sherman(0)	Aye
Darien(2)	Aye	New Canaan(2)	Aye	Southbury(0)	Absent
Easton(8)	Aye	New Milford(1)	Absent	Southington(0)	Aye
Fairfield(7)	Aye	Newtown(2)	Aye	Stamford(9)	Aye
Goshen(7)	Aye	Norfolk(1)	Aye	Torrington(5)	Aye
Greenwich(6)	Aye	Norwalk(0)	Absent	Trumbull(4)	Aye
Groton(1)	Aye	Oxford(0)	Aye	Weston(2)	Absent

Lebanon(0)	Aye	Plainville(2)	Aye	Westport(3)	Aye
Litchfield(1)	Aye	Ridgefield(1)	Aye	Wilton(0)	Aye
				Wolcott(0)	Aye

VI. OCA ROLE AND FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS

Attorney Donofrio, Office of Consumer Affairs (“OCA”), provided a presentation on the OCA’s role and responsibilities and Freedom of Information Act overview and requirements.

VII. ADJOURN

Mr. Betkoski thanked RPB members for their attendance and discussion and AWA staff for assisting with the meeting. He called for a motion to adjourn.

At 7:15 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Marconi and seconded by Mr. Lee, the RPB voted to adjourn the meeting with 71 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative, the meeting adjourned.

Beacon Falls(0)	Aye	Marlborough(0)	Aye	Seymour(1)	Aye
Bethel(0)	Aye	Middlebury(0)	Aye	Shelton(6)	Aye
Cornwall(0)	Absent	Monroe(3)	Aye	Sherman(0)	Aye
Darien(2)	Aye	New Canaan(2)	Aye	Southbury(0)	Absent
Easton(8)	Aye	New Milford(1)	Absent	Southington(0)	Aye
Fairfield(7)	Aye	Newtown(2)	Aye	Stamford(9)	Aye
Goshen(7)	Aye	Norfolk(1)	Aye	Torrington(5)	Aye
Greenwich(6)	Aye	Norwalk(0)	Absent	Trumbull(4)	Aye
Groton(1)	Aye	Oxford(0)	Aye	Weston(2)	Absent
Lebanon(0)	Aye	Plainville(2)	Aye	Westport(3)	Aye
Litchfield(1)	Aye	Ridgefield(1)	Aye	Wilton(0)	Aye
				Wolcott(0)	Aye

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Betkoski, Presiding Member

(R) – Attended remotely.