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1. To consider the proposed appointment of Jonathan Steinberg to the newly created Representative Policy Board ("RPB") of the Aquarion Water Authority.

Attachment: [Memo to Westport RTM on Aquarion RPB FINAL VERSION.pdf](#)

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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: WESTPORT RTM

**FROM: ATTORNEY BRENDAN LIBERATI AND ATTORNEY IRA BLOOM
BERCHEM MOSES, P.C. – ATTORNEYS FOR TOWN OF WESTPORT**

RE: THE AQUARION REPRESENTATIVE POLICY BOARD

DATE: AUGUST 31, 2026

I. Introduction

Aquarion Water Company was previously the subsidiary of Eversource Energy (“Eversource”), an investor/private, corporate-owned utility and energy company located in Connecticut, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire. Because Eversource was an investor/private utility company, any potential rate changes were reviewed by the Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (“PURA”). PURA is a State of Connecticut quasi-judicial agency charged with ensuring that Connecticut’s investor/private utility and energy facilities provide safe, clean, reliable, and affordable utility services and infrastructure to its customers.

However, on June 30, 2026, Eversource sold Aquarion Water Company to the Aquarion Water Authority (“Water Authority”), which is a quasi-public corporation and political subdivision of the State of Connecticut. Because Eversource sold Aquarion Water Company to the Water Authority rather than another investor/private utility company, PURA no longer has oversight over potential rate changes.

The framework for Eversource’s sale of Aquarion Water Company can be traced back to Connecticut Public Act 24-1 (“Act”) from 2024. In the Act, the Connecticut General Assembly (“General Assembly”) established the Aquarion Regional Water District (“Water District”). There are sixty (60) municipalities that are a part of the Water District, one of which is the Town of Westport (“Town”). To govern the Water District, the General Assembly further established the Water Authority (which purchased Aquarion Water Company from Eversource) and the Aquarion Representative Policy Board (“Aquarion RPB”).

The Town (and each of the other municipalities in the Water District) must designate an individual to represent the Town on the Aquarion RPB as a member (“Member”). Pursuant to Act § 37(a), the First Selectman, as the chief elected official of the Town, must appoint a Member to represent the Town on the Aquarion RPB. Approval of the Westport RTM is required for the appointment of the Member. This memo discusses what the Aquarion RPB and the Water Authority are, the requirements for becoming a Member, the proposed nomination of our current



State Representative Jonathan Steinberg, and some of the powers and duties of the Aquarion RPB and the Water Authority.

II. What is the Aquarion RPB and the Water Authority?

The Aquarion RPB is a newly established local governing body responsible for overseeing the Water Authority. The Aquarion RPB is meant to be perpetual unless terminated or altered by a subsequent act of the General Assembly. Act § 39. The specific powers of the Aquarion RPB will be discussed in more detail below, but the Aquarion RPB acts as a check on the Water Authority's powers, as the Aquarion RPB oversees certain governance aspects of the Water Authority and approves various actions of the Water Authority, including (most importantly) the setting of the water rates. Thus, in this aspect, the Aquarion RPB will be functioning similarly to PURA when Eversource owned Aquarion Water Company. Each of the sixty (60) municipalities within the Water District must designate a Member to represent the municipality on the Aquarion RPB. Under the terms of Act § 37(a), a Member first appointed by the Town to the Aquarion RPB shall serve from the time they are appointed until June 30, 2028. After June 30, 2028, the term for a new Member will be three (3) years. Act § 37(a). If the Member has resigned, passed away, or became disabled during his or her term, the First Selectman can appoint a successor for the unexpired portion of the term. Act § 37(a). Finally, on a FAQ page Aquarion sent to the Town, a Member who is not officially reappointed or replaced by the Town will continue to serve until his or her successor is appointed and qualifies.

The Water Authority, in turn, is also meant to be perpetual, and it is responsible for the operation, maintenance, and long-term stewardship of the Water District and the municipalities and residents that are serviced. Act § 38(a), § 39. The Water Authority is made up of eleven (11) members, six (6) of which are appointed by the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority representative policy board, and five (5) of which are appointed by the Aquarion RPB. The five (5) individuals appointed by the Aquarion RPB to the Water Authority cannot be members of the Aquarion RPB, and they must be appointed without regard to their political affiliation by a majority of the total votes of the Aquarion RPB at a meeting at which at least two-thirds of the weighted vote, excluding vacancies, is present. Act § 38(a). The general term for appointments to the Water Authority is five (5) years. Act § 38(a). The Aquarion RPB can remove a Water Authority representative for cause. Act § 38(a).

III. Requirements for a Member and Nomination of Mr. Jonathan Steinberg

Act § 37a states the following regarding the requirements for being a Member: "The Aquarion representative policy board shall consist of one elector from each city and town within the district who shall be appointed by the chief elected official of such city or town, with the approval of its legislative body, and one elector of the state who shall be appointed by the governor."



An “elector” is not defined in the Act but it is defined in C.G.S. § 9-12(a): “Each citizen of the United States who has attained the age of eighteen years, and who is a bona fide resident of the town to which the citizen applies for admission as an elector shall, on approval by the registrars of voters or town clerk of the town of residence of such citizen, as prescribed by law, be an elector.” This largely tracks with the Town’s definition of an elector as “an individual who is a resident of Westport and is registered to vote in Westport”.

The First Selectman has nominated our current State Representative Jonathan Steinberg (who is not seeking reelection this November) to serve as Westport’s Member on the Aquarion RPB. The First Selectman and Representative Steinberg can discuss his qualifications and candidacy in further detail if requested by the Town’s RTM.

IV. Power and Duties of the Aquarion RPB and the Water Authority

Below is a discussion of some of the powers and duties of the Aquarion RPB and the Water Authority, as well as where the powers and duties of the two intersect.

A. General Powers, Duties, and Voting Strength of the Aquarion RPB

Under the Act § 37(a), the Aquarion RPB will meet at least quarterly, though the FAQ page sent by Aquarion to the Town states that there will likely be one (1) full board meeting each month and each committee will also meet once a month. The Aquarion RPB must adopt and can later amend the rules of procedure and bylaws for the conduct of the Aquarion RPB’s affairs. Act § 37(d).

In terms of voting strength, each Member’s vote will be weighed differently, and it is based off a formula which can be found in Act § 37(c). To summarize, the more customers a municipality has, and the more acres of land that a municipality has, the larger the voting power of said municipality in the Aquarion RPB. Act § 37(c). Note that the Member will receive \$250, plus necessary expenses, for each day performing work for the Aquarion RPB. Act § 37(a).

B. Approval of Rate Changes or Charges

The Water Authority, with the approval of the Aquarion RPB, establishes just and equitable rates or charges for the use of the water supply system and the wastewater systems. Act § 47. To note, the only reasons listed for a potential denial of water rates by the Aquarion RPB is: (1) if such rates/charges will provide more funds than required; or (2) if such rates/charges will provide insufficient funds of the amounts required. Act § 47. Prior to any changes in the rates or additional charges levied, the Aquarion RPB must hold at least one (1) public hearing on the rate changes or additional charges levied, where the public and those specifically affected have the opportunity to



be heard on the proposed rate changes or additional charges. Act § 47. Thus, as previously mentioned, in this capacity, the Aquarion RPB will be functioning like PURA did previously when Eversource owned Aquarion Water Company.

C. Calling of Public Hearings and Rendering of Decisions by the Aquarion RPB

The Aquarion RPB may call for public hearings to occur if notice requirements specified in Act § 43 are followed, namely, notices must be published in all municipalities within a newspaper at least twenty (20) days prior to the hearing date unless it is an emergency hearing as defined within the Act, which instead requires at least seven (7) days' notice. If a decision is made by the Aquarion RPB following said public hearing, the decision shall be in writing and published in all municipalities within thirty (30) days after such decision is made. Act § 43.

D. Other Transactions of the Water Authority Which Require the Aquarion RPB's Approval

Unless the chief executive officer of the town or city in which such property is located has approved such sale, transfer, or development in writing, the Water Authority cannot sell or transfer any unimproved real property or any interest or right therein, except for access or utility purposes, or develop such property for any use not directly related to a water supply function, until the land use standards and disposition policies required within Act § 51(b)-(i) are followed. Act § 51(a). To summarize, the Water Authority must present, within two (2) years from the date it acquires all or part of a water supply system, a report to the Aquarion RPB for its approval, and at least one public hearing in front of the Aquarion RPB is required. Act § 51(b). The Aquarion RPB must determine, among other things: (1) that the proposed action conforms to the Water Authority's standards and policies; (2) that it is not likely to affect the environment adversely, particularly with respect to water supply purity and adequacy; and (3) that it is in the public interest given the impact on the Water Authority's customers and on the municipality the property is located within. Act § 51(c).

Additionally, under Act § 52, the Water Authority must receive, following a public hearing, a majority of the total weighted votes of the Aquarion RPB, prior to doing the following things: "(1) acquire, by purchase, lease or otherwise any existing water supply system or parts thereof or any wastewater system or parts thereof, (2) commence any project costing more than three and one-half million dollars to repair, improve, construct, reconstruct, enlarge and extend any of its properties or systems, or (3) acquire or make a subsequent investment in any noncore business in an amount more than one and one-half million dollars without the approval".



E. Standing Committees of the Aquarion RPB and the Office of Consumer Affairs

The Aquarion RPB may appoint committees as it considers convenient. Act § 37(d). However, the Aquarion RPB must establish at a minimum the following standing committees: (1) Land Use and Management (to consult with the Water Authority on all matters of land use and management); (2) Finance (to consult with the Water Authority on all matters relating to financial and budgetary matters and the establishment of rates); and (3) Consumer Affairs. Act § 37(d).

Regarding the standing committee on Consumer Affairs, this committee will consult with the Water Authority and the Office of Consumer Affairs. Act § 37(d). Under § 48 of the Act, the Office of Consumer Affairs is established by the South Central Connection Regional Water District's representative policy board. The Office of Consumer Affairs "shall act as the advocate for consumer interests in all matters which may affect consumers of the Aquarion Regional Water District, including without limitation matters of rates, water quality and supply and wastewater service quality". Act § 48. Thus, the general idea is that the Office of Consumer Affairs will be a watchdog on behalf of the Water District's consumers.

F. Other Powers of the Water Authority

Finally, we briefly wanted to encapsulate some of the additional powers and duties of the Water Authority, which include but are not limited to:

- (1) To sue and be sued;
- (2) To purchase, lease, or acquire personal or real property;
- (3) To construct and develop any water supply system or any wastewater system;
- (4) To own, operate, maintain, repair, improve, construct, reconstruct, replace, enlarge, and extend any of its properties;
- (5) To sell water to any customers in the Water District or to any municipality or water company;
- (6) To negotiate, make, and enter into contracts;
- (7) To borrow money or issue/fund/recall notes;
- (8) To open public streets to public ground for installing, maintaining, or replacing pipes and conduits, provided upon completion the ground is restored; and
- (9) To acquire, hold, develop, and maintain land and other real property and waters for conservation, or active and passive recreational purposes, and to levy charges for such use, provided they will not harm water quality. Act § 44.

Should you have any additional questions or concerns, please let us know. Thank you.



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June 11, 2026

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Public Utilities Regulatory Authority
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Re: Docket No. 25-12-12 – Application of Aquarion Water Company of Connecticut to Amend its Rate Schedules; Comment in Opposition

Dear Executive Secretary Gaudiosi:

We submit this comment in strong opposition to the Notice of Intent filed by Aquarion Water Company of Connecticut ("Aquarion" or the "Company") on December 15, 2025, in which the Company announced its intention to seek a staggering rate increase of approximately \$88 million — roughly 42 percent — over currently authorized revenues. We urge the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority ("PURA") to subject this application to the most rigorous scrutiny possible, reject every single dollar of it that is not justified, and protect the nearly 688,000 Connecticut residents who depend on Aquarion for safe and affordable drinking water.

I. A 42 Percent Rate Increase Is Unsustainable for Connecticut Ratepayers.

Connecticut families are already struggling with the rising cost of living. Groceries, housing, energy, and healthcare costs have all increased substantially in recent years, straining household budgets particularly for low- and moderate-income residents. A 42 percent increase in water rates would seriously compound these hardships, especially for the most vulnerable members of our communities. Water is not a discretionary expense. It is a fundamental human need and a public health necessity. PURA must not treat this proceeding as a routine rate case. The scale of what Aquarion is asking for demands exceptional scrutiny.

The requested \$88 million in total new revenues comprises \$72 million to address claimed operating revenue deficiencies and an additional \$16 million in plant addition revenues. This is one of the largest utility rate filings Connecticut has seen in memory. We are deeply concerned that the burden of Aquarion's financial and operational decisions will fall squarely on the backs of ordinary ratepayers rather than on the Company's current corporate parent, Eversource Energy, and its shareholders.

Notably, Eversource posted a \$1.69 billion profit last year, delivered a 23 percent increase in

shareholder returns, and paid its chief executive \$14.99 million, a roughly 20 percent raise.¹ One of the most profitable utility companies in America — led by one of the highest-paid utility CEOs — should not be wringing yet more profit from Connecticut families already struggling to make ends meet.

II. PURA’s 2022 Rate Decrease Was a Legitimate Exercise of Regulatory Authority and Is Not a Justifiable Basis for an Increase Now.

Aquarion’s Notice seeks to relitigate the 2022 rate case, framing PURA’s decision to order a \$4 million rate decrease as a mistake that “pushed costs down the road” and now forces this filing. We firmly disagree with that characterization. PURA’s decision rejecting Aquarion’s requested \$35.3 million increase and ordering its rates reduced was based on a thorough review of the record and the Company’s actual demonstrated costs.

Aquarion now argues that the interval between its 2013 and 2022 rate filings was driven by favorable tax developments that only temporarily suppressed costs. It does not adequately explain this claim. Even if it were true, it does not excuse the Company from proper regulatory accountability. A regulated utility that enjoys a period of reduced costs should pass those savings to ratepayers — as PURA effectively ordered — not treat them as a private windfall to be recovered through future rate increases when conditions become less favorable. PURA should reject any attempt by the Company to use this proceeding to effectively re-open and reverse the 2022 decision.

III. The Failed First Attempt at an AWA Transaction Does Not Justify Higher Rates.

Aquarion’s Notice conspicuously highlights PURA’s November 2025 denial of the proposed sale to the Aquarion Water Authority (“AWA”), a not-for-profit entity created by Special Act in 2024. It argues that this denial “left” the Company with no option but to seek an immediate and dramatic rate increase. This framing should not be credited.

First, the sale has now been approved by PURA.² This should void any associated arguments for a rate increase. It also erases the claimed urgency of this application’s rate increase.

Second, PURA denied the AWA transaction based on its own — in our opinion, correct³ — independent regulatory assessment. That decision was PURA’s prerogative. It would be deeply

¹ Eversource, Eversource Energy Reports Full-Year & Fourth Quarter 2025 Results (Feb. 12, 2026), <https://investors.eversource.com/news-releases/news-release-details/eversource-energy-reports-full-year-fourth-quarter-2025-results>; Dallas Gagnon, *Utility CEOs made \$626M in 2025 — while millions of customers fell behind on their bills*, MASSLIVE (May 7, 2026), <https://www.masslive.com/news/2026/05/utility-ceos-made-626m-in-2025-while-millions-of-customers-fell-behind-on-their-bills.html>.

² Decision: Joint Applic’n of Aquarion Water Authority *et al.*, PURA Docket 25-04-03 (Mar. 25, 2026), [https://www.dpuc.state.ct.us/dockcurr.nsf/8e6fc37a54110e3e852576190052b64d/24f73b2f5b948aab85258dc5004aebfa/\\$FILE/250403-032526.pdf](https://www.dpuc.state.ct.us/dockcurr.nsf/8e6fc37a54110e3e852576190052b64d/24f73b2f5b948aab85258dc5004aebfa/$FILE/250403-032526.pdf)

³ Corres. 03/05/2026 [25-04-03] (Representative Steinberg, et al.) – Letter re: Delay of Final Decision Pending Legislative Clarification and/or Appellate Review, available at [https://www.dpuc.state.ct.us/dockcurr.nsf/96796b033566aeb85256b0400682d36/3aff2c23df6c80d985258db1004c19aa/\\$FILE/47159196.pdf](https://www.dpuc.state.ct.us/dockcurr.nsf/96796b033566aeb85256b0400682d36/3aff2c23df6c80d985258db1004c19aa/$FILE/47159196.pdf).

inappropriate for the same Company to now use PURA's denial as leverage in a rate proceeding, suggesting (for unclear reasons) that had PURA approved the sale, customers would have faced only an \$18 million increase rather than an \$88 million one. PURA should not allow the rate case to be shaped by what amounts to a threat: approve future transactions (and this one, should it be reevaluated) or bear responsibility for large rate increases. Ratepayers should not pay a penalty because PURA exercises its independent authority.

We also note that the AWA proposal itself raised serious questions in the legislative process about governance, accountability, and long-term affordability for ratepayers. The mere fact that AWA projected a lower initial rate increase does not mean that its formation and operation would have served the public interest. PURA's decisions on that transaction deserve respect, not second-guessing through the back door of a rate case.

IV. Capital Investment Costs Demand Full and Independent Verification.

Aquarion states that since 2022 it has invested more than \$448 million in water utility infrastructure improvements that are not currently reflected in rates. The Company cites investments in mains, storage tanks, treatment plant upgrades, dam improvements, and pump stations.

However, the magnitude of these claimed investments — nearly half a billion dollars — requires independent and rigorous verification by PURA's technical staff and the Office of Consumer Counsel. PURA should scrutinize whether each investment was prudently incurred, whether costs were reasonable and competitive, and whether any expenditures were duplicative, premature, or otherwise not the product of sound utility management. Ratepayers cannot be expected simply to take the Company's word that \$448 million in spending was necessary and efficient.

We also urge PURA to examine whether any portion of these investment costs reflect expenses that were, or should have been, driven by decisions made at the parent-company level by Eversource. Connecticut ratepayers should not subsidize corporate investment strategies or shareholder returns. The prudence of each capital project must be evaluated on its own merits under Connecticut standards, not merely accepted because the Company asserts it was necessary.

V. PFAS Compliance Costs Must Be Allocated Fairly and Pursued Through Other Available Remedies.

Aquarion's Notice points to new per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) requirements as a driver of increased costs. PFAS contamination is a genuine and serious public health problem. However, Eversource does not explain how these claimed costs justify the requested rate increase. Additionally, PURA should examine whether, and to what extent, Aquarion has pursued all available legal remedies — including potential litigation against PFAS manufacturers — to recover PFAS remediation costs before seeking to pass those costs entirely to ratepayers.

PFAS contamination was caused by the manufacturers and users of these chemicals, not by Connecticut water customers. To the extent Aquarion has viable claims against polluters, it should be required to pursue them aggressively before asking ratepayers to absorb the full cost of remediation. PURA should condition any recovery of PFAS-related costs on a demonstrated

showing that Aquarion has maximized its pursuit of third-party recovery and the cost-effectiveness of its remedial measures.

VI. The Affordability of Water for Connecticut's Most Vulnerable Residents Must Be Paramount.

Aquarion's Notice briefly acknowledges customer hardship and states that the Company will "continue to maintain existing tiered rate design offerings and offer other initiatives designed to more equitably allocate system costs." This is wholly inadequate in the face of a proposed 42 percent average rate increase.

A utility serving 688,000 customers across 57 municipalities in Connecticut — including cities like Bridgeport, Stamford, Norwalk, and Danbury with significant low-income and working-class populations — has an obligation to ensure that its rates do not render water unaffordable to those who need it most. Maintaining existing tiered rates is the bare minimum.

PURA should also evaluate whether the rate design Aquarion proposes distributes the burden of any authorized increase equitably across customer classes, and whether residential customers — particularly those at the lowest income levels — are protected from bearing a disproportionate share.

VII. Such an Extraordinary Rate-Increase Request Requires Extraordinary Scrutiny.

Given the size and scope of this proposed rate increase, we urge PURA to conduct robust public hearings in communities across Aquarion's service territory, including in Bridgeport, Stamford, Danbury, Norwalk, and other cities and towns where ratepayers will be most acutely affected. Residents deserve the opportunity to testify in their own communities about the impact of these increases on their lives, and PURA must take those voices seriously in its deliberations.

We also encourage PURA to ensure that the Office of Consumer Counsel is fully resourced to participate meaningfully in this proceeding and to advocate vigorously on behalf of residential ratepayers. The interests of Aquarion's shareholders and its corporate parent must not be allowed to outweigh the interests of the Connecticut public.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments and your service to our state.

Respectfully submitted,



Representative Matt Blumenthal
147th District – Stamford

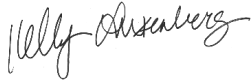


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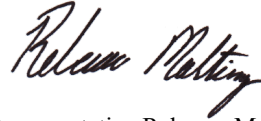
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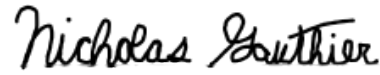
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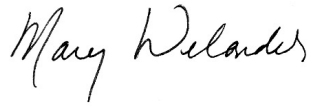
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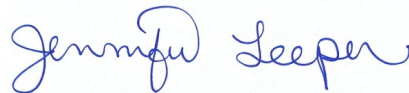
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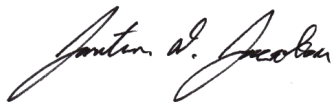
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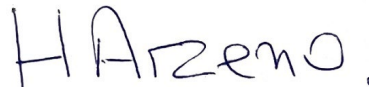
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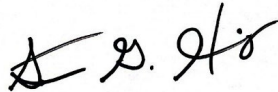
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August 19, 2026

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Mr. Moderator,

As you may know, the CT General Assembly has created an Aquarion Water Authority with a Representative Policy Board (RPB). With representatives from each municipality in Aquarion's service area, it is responsible for approving water rates and overseeing key aspects of the Authority's governance. Each community may appoint one person to this policy board. I am pleased to submit the appointment of Jonathan Steinberg to serve as Westport's representative. Approval of the RTM is required under the statute.

Mr. Steinberg, currently our State Representative and not seeking reelection this November, is a highly qualified candidate. As Co-Chair of the General Assembly's Energy & Technology Committee, he brings extensive knowledge of utility regulation, public policy, and issues directly relevant to the work of the RPB. His experience and dedication to serving our Town make him an ideal candidate to represent Westport on the Board.

Please assign this to the appropriate RTM committees and, if possible, schedule a full RTM vote in September. The RPB is anticipated to commence its work very soon. I have asked the Town Attorney's office to provide the RTM with full background information, and, of course, I am also available for questions.

Thank you,

Kevin Christie
First Selectman

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Jonathan Steinberg

Biography

Jonathan Steinberg was first elected to serve as State Representative in the 136th Assembly District of Westport in 2010. The district includes most of Westport.

He serves as House Chair of the Legislature's Energy & Technology Committee. Jonathan also serves on the Public Health and Environment Committees.

He is a member of the Advanced Manufacturing, Tourism, Long Island Sound, and Intellectual Disabilities Caucuses and is now Co-Chair of the Bioscience Caucus.

Years of Public Service to Westport

Jonathan was first elected to Westport's Representative Town Meeting, the town's legislative body, in 2003. During his seven-year tenure, he was elected unanimously as Deputy Moderator three times and, at various times, chaired four RTM committees: Health & Human Services, Information Technology, Library Museum & the Arts, and the ad hoc Communications Committee.

In addition to his RTM roles, Jonathan Steinberg has also been more broadly involved in town affairs. He served on a number of town groups appointed by Westport's First Selectman: the Town Plan Implementation Committee and its Downtown Plan Subcommittee (which he chaired), the Wastewater Management Committee and its Septic System Education Taskforce (which he co-chaired), as well as the Celebrate Westport Committee and the Longshore 50th Anniversary Committee.

Other Volunteer Interests

Jonathan is co-founder of the Westport Cinema Initiative, dedicated to bringing a movie theater back to Westport. He has been a supporter of the Wakeman Town Farm and is an active member of Westport's League of Women Voters. Jonathan is also a former board member of the Suzuki Music School of Westport.

Career Background

A marketing executive for over 25 years, working primarily in New York City, Jonathan was employed by several Fortune 100 companies such as, Bristol-Myers Squibb, American Home Products/Wyeth, and Revlon, in product marketing and new product development roles. Jonathan also worked for several healthcare organizations such as Mount Sinai Medical Center and The Jewish Home Lifecare System, where he was Senior Vice President for Marketing and Communications.

Education

Jonathan is a product of Westport's excellent public schools; he is a graduate of Hillspoint Elementary, Coleytown Junior High and Staples High School (Class of 1974). Jonathan graduated from Yale University with a B.A. in Psychology, and N.Y.U.'s Stern School of Business with an M.B.A. in Marketing with Honors. He is also certified to teach History/Social Studies in Connecticut public schools as a graduate of the Department of Higher Education's Alternate Route to Certification (ARC) Program.

Family

Jonathan returned to Westport in 1996 with his wife, Nancy, to raise their family in his hometown. They have three daughters, all products of Westport schools.



Lucy A. Teixeira
President

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July 21, 2026

Dear First Selectman Christie:

Now that the transition to the Aquarion Water Authority is complete, I wanted to reach out with an important update and share what comes next.

For our customers, day-to-day operations will remain the same. Our experienced employees will continue operating and maintaining our water systems, and our commitment to providing safe, reliable drinking water is unchanged.

Municipalities now play a direct role in helping govern the Authority through its Representative Policy Board (RPB). The RPB is comprised of appointees from every municipality within our service area and is responsible for approving water rates and overseeing other key aspects of the Authority's governance.

If you have not yet nominated a representative, I encourage you to begin that process as soon as possible. The election form is included with this letter. If a representative has already been appointed or the appointment is currently being finalized, please email me the selected individual's contact information at your earliest convenience.

In the coming weeks, a member of our team will contact you to help answer any questions you may have. We welcome the opportunity to meet with you, discuss the Authority, and hear your thoughts as we begin this new chapter.

Thank you for your continued partnership and for your service to your community. I look forward to working together to ensure the Aquarion Water Authority remains a trusted partner.

Sincerely,

Lucy A. Teixeira
President
Aquarion Water Authority

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AQUARION WATER AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the *(City or Town Name:)* _____ is entitled to representation on the Representative Policy Board of the Aquarion Water Authority; and

WHEREAS, the *(Mayor or First Selectman or Chair:)* _____ has submitted the appointment of *(First and Last Name:)* _____ to serve as the *(City or Town:)* _____ of *(City or Town Name:)* _____'s representative; and

WHEREAS, the *(City or Town:)* _____ Council has reviewed said appointment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the *(City or Town:)* _____ Council of the *(City or Town Name:)* _____ that the appointment of *(First and Last Name:)* _____ to the Representative Policy Board of the Aquarion Water Authority is hereby confirmed for a term ending *(Date in Month/Day/Year:)* _____, or until a successor is duly appointed and confirmed.

Duly adopted by the *(City or Town:)* _____ Council of the *(City or Town Name:)* _____ on the *(Day:)* _____ day of *(Month:)* _____, *(Year)* _____.

ATTEST:

(Signature:) _____

(Print Name:) _____

(Print Title:) _____

(Signature:) _____

(Print Name:) _____

(Print Title:) _____

Approved as to Form:

(Signature:) _____

(Print Name:) _____

(Print Title:) _____

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WHEREAS, the (City or Town Name:) Town of Pleasantville is entitled to representation on the Representative Policy Board of the Aquarion Water Authority; and

WHEREAS, the (Mayor or First Selectman or Chair:) First Selectwoman has submitted the appointment of (First and Last Name:) Jane Smith to serve as the (City or Town:) TOWN of (City or Town Name:) TOWN OF Pleasantville's representative; and

WHEREAS, the (City or Town:) TOWN Council has reviewed said appointment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the (City or Town:) TOWN Council of the (City or Town Name:) TOWN OF Pleasantville that the appointment of (First and Last Name:) Jane Smith to the Representative Policy Board of the Aquarion Water Authority is hereby confirmed for a term ending (Date in Month/Day/Year:) 12/31/2027, or until a successor is duly appointed and confirmed.

Duly adopted by the (City or Town:) TOWN Council of the (City or Town Name:) TOWN OF Pleasantville on the (Day:) 21st day of (Month:) JULY, (Year) 2026.

ATTEST:

(Signature:) X X
(Print Name:) Greg Jones
(Print Title:) Town Clerk

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(Signature:) X X
(Print Name:) John Williams
(Print Title:) First Selectman, Town Council

Approved as to Form:

(Signature:) X X
(Print Name:) Susan Johnson
(Print Title:) Corporation Counsel

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