

Special MetroCOG Board Meeting  
Thursday, March 18, 2025 10:00 am  
Connecticut Metropolitan Council of Governments  
1000 Lafayette Boulevard, Bridgeport, Connecticut 06604

Name

Representing

Joseph Ganim, Mayor, (Proxy, Ken Flatto), Remote	Bridgeport
David Bindelglass, First Selectman, Remote	Easton
William Gerber, First Selectman, Remote	Fairfield
Laura Hoydick, Mayor, Remote	Stratford
Vicki Tesoro, First Selectman, Remote	Trumbull
Terry Rooney, First Selectman, Remote	Monroe
Patrick Carleton, Deputy Director	MetroCOG
Matthew Fulda, Executive Director	MetroCOG
Colleen Kelleher, Finance Director	MetroCOG
Constance Vickers, Remote	Bridgeport
Christine Brown, Remote	Fairfield
Lucy Teixeira, Remote	Aquarion
Jay Malsinski	RWA
John Harkins	RSLK
Sunny Lakshminarayanan, Remote	RWA
Mike Smith, Remote	RSLK
Rochelle Kowalski, Remote	RWA

## Minutes

### I. **Call to Order**

The special meeting was called to order by the chair First Selectman Tesoro at 10:07.

Mr. Fulda performed a roll call.

### II. **Public Participation**

There was no public participation.

### III. **Presentation**

#### **a. Aquarion Water Authority**

Members of Aquarion and Regional Water Authorities introduced themselves.

Ms. Teixeira provided a brief presentation explaining the Water Authority acquisition, the governance structure and the benefits of the transaction.

Mr. Flatto requested clarification on the PILOT tax structure.

Ms. Kowalski explained that there would be no reduction in taxes.

First Selectman Gerber inquired about the debt structure.

Ms. Kowalski noted that it was what was announced in the press release. And noted there was extensive modeling performed.

There was a brief discussion regarding the PILOT structure and disposal requirements for class 1 and 2 lands. Mr. Lakshminarayanan explained that the authorities were created to protect the land and AWA can't sell the land or build on it without approval.

First Selectman Gerber verified that AWA and RWA were not combining operations and were keeping the current employees in place. Ms. Teixeira confirmed there would be two boards. There was a brief discussion regarding the board structure.

### IV. **Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made at 11:15am