

FISCAL COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COURT  
MINUTES  
July 22, 2022

The Fiscal Committee of the General Court met on Friday, July 22, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 210-211 of the Legislative Office Building.

Members in attendance were as follows:

Representative Karen Umberger, Chairman  
Representative Tracy Emerick  
Representative Joseph Pitre (Alternate for Representative Edwards)  
Representative Mary Jane Wallner (Alternate for Representative Erf)  
Representative Peter Leishman  
Senator Gary Daniels  
Senate President Chuck Morse  
Senator James Gray  
Senator Cindy Rosenwald  
Senator Lou D'Allesandro

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Senator D'Allesandro, seconded by Senator Daniels, that the Committee approve the minutes of the June 17, 2022 meeting. MOTION ADOPTED. (10-Yes; 0-No)

OLD BUSINESS:

FIS 22-023 Department of Health and Human Services – authorization to accept and expend \$350,000 in other funds through June 30, 2023, tabled January 21, 2022. NO ACTION TAKEN.

NEW BUSINESS:

CONSENT CALENDAR

As announced by the Chair, the following items were removed from the Consent Calendar to be acted on individually;

- Tab 3 Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI.  
FIS 22-244, 22-255, 22-256
- Tab 5 Pursuant to ARPA RSA 14:30-a, VI.  
FIS 22-247, 22-250, 22-263, 22-264

On a motion by Representative Pitre, seconded by Senator D'Allesandro, that the Committee approve the remaining requests under the Consent Calendar as submitted. [TAB 3

pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI., FIS 22-248 Department of Education – authorization to accept and expend \$125,000 in other funds through June 30, 2023, FIS 22-259 Department of Natural and Cultural Resources – authorization to accept and expend \$370,300 in other funds and establish a new appropriation class through June 30, 2023, and FIS 22-262 Department of Safety – authorization to amend FIS 21-311, approved October 22, 2021, by reallocating \$50,000 in federal funds through June 30, 2023; TAB 4 pursuant to RSA 124:15, FIS 22-258 Department of Safety – authorization to amend FIS 22-141, approved April 15, 2022, by changing the classification of one temporary full time position from Assistant Chief Emergency Management Specialist (LG23) to Accountant IV (LG23) through June 30, 2023; TAB 5 pursuant to ARPA RSA 14:30-a, VI., FIS 22-246 Department of Business and Economic Affairs – authorization to amend FIS 22-010, approved January 21, 2022, to transfer \$217,218 in federal funds and create new expenditure class codes through June 30, 2023, FIS 22-252 Department of Health and Human Services – authorization to amend FIS 22-068, approved February 18, 2022, by transferring \$2,000,000 in federal funds between class lines through June 30, 2023 (Originally approved (FIS 21-242) on August 20, 2021), FIS 22-253 Department of Justice – authorization to amend FIS 21-168, approved June 18, 2021 and subsequently amended (FIS 22-065) on February 18, 2022, by transferring \$46,954 in federal funds between classes through June 30, 2023, FIS 22-254 Department of Justice – authorization to amend FIS 21-252, approved September 17, 2021, and subsequently amended (FIS 22-065) on February 18, 2022, by transferring \$78,000 in federal funds between classes through June 30, 2023, FIS 22-266 Department of Natural and Cultural Resources – authorization to accept and expend \$4,045,000 in federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds through June 30, 2023, and FIS 22-267 Department of Administrative Services – authorization to accept and expend \$20,000,000 in federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) State and Local Recovery Funds (FRF) through June 30, 2023; TAB 6 pursuant to ARPA RSA 14:30-a, VI. and RSA 124:15, FIS 22-249 Department of Education – authorization through June 30, 2023 to; 1) amend FIS 22-236, approved June 17, 2022, to reallocate \$125,400 in federal funds, and 2) contingent upon approval of Request #1, establish one (1) temporary full-time Administrator II position, and FIS 22-265 Department of Information Technology – authorization through June 30, 2023 to; 1) accept and expend \$3,944,440 in federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF), and 2) contingent upon approval of Request #1, establish Class 046 Consultants]

A roll call was taken, and the results were as follows:

Representative Emerick – Yes  
Representative Leishman – Yes  
Representative Pitre (Alternate) – Yes  
Representative Wallner (Alternate) – Yes  
Senator Daniels – Yes  
Senator Morse – Yes  
Senator Gray – Yes  
Senator Rosenwald – Yes  
Senator D’Allesandro – Yes  
Representative Umberger – Yes (10-Yes; 0-No)  
MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 14:30-a, VI FISCAL COMMITTEE APPROVAL REQUIRED FOR ACCEPTANCE AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS OVER \$100,000 FROM ANY NON-STATE SOURCE:

CONSENT CALENDAR

FIS 22-244 Department of Health and Human Services – Nathan White, Chief Financial Officer, and Patricia Tilley, Director of Public Health, Department of Health and Human Services responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator D’Allesandro, seconded by Representative Leishman, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to accept and expend \$1,425,230 in federal funds through June 30, 2023.

A roll call was taken, and the results were as follows:

Representative Emerick – Yes  
Representative Leishman – Yes  
Representative Pitre (Alternate) – Yes  
Representative Wallner (Alternate) – Yes  
Senator Daniels – No  
Senator Morse – Yes  
Senator Gray – Yes  
Senator Rosenwald – Yes  
Senator D’Allesandro – Yes  
Representative Umberger – Yes (9-Yes; 1-No)  
MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 22-255 Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services – Major General David Mikolaities, Adjutant General, and Colonel Richard Oberman, Wellness Program Director, Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services responded to question of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator D’Allesandro, seconded by Senator Daniels, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services to accept and expend \$179,461 in federal funds through June 30, 2023.

A roll call was taken, and the results were as follows:

Representative Emerick – Yes  
Representative Leishman – Yes  
Representative Pitre (Alternate) – Yes  
Representative Wallner (Alternate) – Yes  
Senator Daniels – Yes  
Senator Morse – Yes  
Senator Gray – Yes  
Senator Rosenwald – Yes

Senator D'Allesandro – Yes  
Representative Umberger – Yes (10-Yes; 0-No)  
MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 22-256 Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services – Major General David Mikolaities, Adjutant General, and Colonel Richard Oberman, Wellness Program Director, Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services responded to question of the Committee. Lori Shibinette, Commissioner, Department of Health and Human Services was also present to respond to Committee questions.

On a motion by Senator D'Allesandro, seconded by Representative Pitre, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services to accept and expend \$500,000 in other funds through June 30, 2023.

A roll call was taken, and the results were as follows:

Representative Emerick – Yes  
Representative Leishman – Yes  
Representative Pitre (Alternate) – Yes  
Representative Wallner (Alternate) – Yes  
Senator Daniels – Yes  
Senator Morse – Yes  
Senator Gray – Yes  
Senator Rosenwald – Yes  
Senator D'Allesandro – Yes  
Representative Umberger – Yes (10-Yes; 0-No)  
MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 14:30-a. VI FISCAL COMMITTEE APPROVAL REQUIRED FOR ACCEPTANCE AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS OVER \$100,000 FROM ANY NON-STATE SOURCE:

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN 2021  
CONSENT CALENDAR

FIS 22-247 Department of Business and Economic Affairs – Mark Laliberte, Broadband Project Manager, Department of Business and Economic Affairs responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator Rosenwald, seconded by Senator D'Allesandro, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Business and Economic Affairs to accept and expend \$51,728,530 in federal Coronavirus Capital Projects Funds through June 30, 2023.

A roll call was taken, and the results were as follows:

Representative Emerick – Yes  
Representative Leishman – Yes  
Representative Pitre (Alternate) – Yes  
Representative Wallner (Alternate) – Yes  
Senator Daniels – Yes  
Senator Morse – Yes  
Senator Gray – Yes  
Senator Rosenwald – Yes  
Senator D’Allesandro – Yes  
Representative Umberger – Yes (10-Yes; 0-No)  
MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 22-250 Department of Environmental Services – Robert Scott, Commissioner, and Brandon Kernen, Administrator, Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau, Department of Environmental Services responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator Morse, seconded by Senator Rosenwald, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Environmental Services to amend FIS 21-138, approved June 8, 2021 and as amended by FIS 22-111, March 3, 2022, by transferring \$4,000,000 in federal funds between class lines through June 30, 2023.

A roll call was taken, and the results were as follows:

Representative Emerick – Yes  
Representative Leishman – Yes  
Representative Pitre (Alternate) – Yes  
Representative Wallner (Alternate) – Yes  
Senator Daniels – Yes  
Senator Morse – Yes  
Senator Gray – Yes  
Senator Rosenwald – Yes  
Senator D’Allesandro – Yes  
Representative Umberger – Yes (10-Yes; 0-No)  
MOTION ADOPTED.

The Chair requested that the Department of Environmental Services come to the September meeting and speak to the Committee on the PFAS problems in local landfills.

FIS 22-263 Governor’s Office for Emergency Relief And Recovery – Chase Hagaman, Deputy Director, Governor’s Office for Emergency Relief And Recovery, responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Leishman, seconded by Senator D'Allesandro, that the Committee approve the request of the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief And Recovery through June 30, 3023 to; 1) budget and expend \$4,536,279 in prior year carryforward federal funds, and 2) amend FIS 22-203, approved May 20, 2022, and FIS 22-040, approved January 21, 2022, to transfer \$2,631,129 in prior year carryforward funds in and among classes.

A roll call was taken, and the results were as follows:

Representative Emerick – Yes  
Representative Leishman – Yes  
Representative Pitre (Alternate) – Yes  
Representative Wallner (Alternate) – Yes  
Senator Daniels – Yes  
Senator Morse – Yes  
Senator Gray – Yes  
Senator Rosenwald – Yes  
Senator D'Allesandro – Yes  
Representative Umberger – Yes (10-Yes; 0-No)  
MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 22-264 Governor's Office for Emergency Relief And Recovery – On a motion by Senator D'Allesandro, seconded by Senator Gray, that the Committee approve the request of the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief And Recovery to accept and expend \$34,631,630 in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA2) funds through June 30, 2023.

A roll call was taken, and the results were as follows:

Representative Emerick – Yes  
Representative Leishman – Yes  
Representative Pitre (Alternate) – Yes  
Representative Wallner (Alternate) – Yes  
Senator Daniels – Yes  
Senator Morse – Yes  
Senator Gray – Yes  
Senator Rosenwald – Yes  
Senator D'Allesandro – Yes  
Representative Umberger – Yes (10-Yes; 0-No)  
MOTION ADOPTED.

LATE ITEMS:

FIS 22-268 Governor's Office for Emergency Relief And Recovery – Chase Hagaman, Deputy Director, Governor's Office for Emergency Relief And Recovery responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator D'Allesandro, seconded by Senator Gray, that the Committee approve the request of the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief And Recovery to accept and expend \$7,467,460 in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds through June 30, 2023.

A roll call was taken, and the results were as follows:

Representative Emerick – Yes  
Representative Leishman – Yes  
Representative Pitre (Alternate) – Yes  
Representative Wallner (Alternate) – Yes  
Senator Daniels – Yes  
Senator Morse – Yes  
Senator Gray – Yes  
Senator Rosenwald – Yes  
Senator D'Allesandro – Yes  
Representative Umberger – Yes (10-Yes; 0-No)  
MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 22-269 Department of Health and Human Services – Katja Fox, Director, Division for Behavioral Health, Nathan White, Chief Financial Officer, and Dr. Jonathan Ballard, Chief Medical Officer, Department of Health and Human Services, responded to questions of the Committee.

Senator Daniels questioned the availability of documentation on the success of the program.

On a motion by Senator D'Allesandro, seconded by Senator Gray, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to accept and expend \$757,500 in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds through June 30, 2023.

A roll call was taken, and the results were as follows:

Representative Emerick – Yes  
Representative Leishman – Yes  
Representative Pitre (Alternate) – Yes  
Representative Wallner (Alternate) – Yes  
Senator Daniels – Yes  
Senator Morse – Yes

Senator Gray – Yes  
Senator Rosenwald – Yes  
Senator D’Allesandro – Yes  
Representative Umberger – Yes (10-Yes; 0-No)  
MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 22-270 Department of Safety – Steven Lavoie, Director of Administration, and Lieutenant Joseph Villers, Division of State Police, Department of Safety responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Leishman, seconded by Senator D’Allesandro, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Safety to accept and expend \$500,500 in federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (FRF) through June 30, 2023.

A roll call was taken, and the results were as follows:

Representative Emerick – Yes  
Representative Leishman – Yes  
Representative Pitre (Alternate) – Yes  
Representative Wallner (Alternate) – Yes  
Senator Daniels – Yes  
Senator Morse – Yes  
Senator Gray – Yes  
Senator Rosenwald – Yes  
Senator D’Allesandro – Yes  
Representative Umberger – Yes (10-Yes; 0-No)  
MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 22-271 Governor’s Office for Emergency Relief And Recovery – Informational item to inform you of a change of purpose or use of a portion of \$25,075,050 accept and expend funds (FIS 21-283) approved October 22, 2021. No discussion held.

INFORMATIONAL:

FIS 22-257 Department of Administrative Services – Chapter 319:32, Laws of 2003 – State Employee Health Insurance – report regarding the self-funded Health Benefits Plan from July 1, 2021 through May 31, 2022. The Chair announced that the Department of Administrative Services will provide a presentation in September on how health insurance for employees is managed.



FIS 22-260 Department of Environmental Services – Chapter 306:2, Laws of 2018 – Status Report through March 2022 on the Occurrence of Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substance (PFAS) Contamination in New Hampshire. As mentioned earlier in the meeting, the Chair requested the Department of Environmental Services come to the September meeting and speak to the Committee on the PFAS problems in local landfills.

The informational items were accepted and placed on file.

AUDITS:

State of New Hampshire, Single Audit of Federal Financial Assistance Programs For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021 and State of New Hampshire, Management Letter, For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021 – Stephen Smith, Director of Audits, Audit Division, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant, and Brock Romano, KPMG Partner, and Bryanne Orisko, Senior Audit Manager, KPMG, presented the reports and responded to questions of the Committee. Charles Arlinghaus, Commissioner, and Dana Call, State Comptroller, Department of Administrative Services were also present to respond to Committee questions.

On a motion by Senator D’Allesandro, seconded by Representative Emerick, that the reports be accepted, placed on file, and released in the usual manner. MOTION ADOPTED. (9-Yes; 0-No)

DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT:

The Chair previously scheduled a Special Meeting of the Fiscal Committee for Wednesday, August 10, 2022 at 10:00 a.m., and future regular business meetings were previously scheduled for Friday; September 9, 2022, October 14, 2022, and November 18, 2022 to be held in Room 210-211 of the Legislative Office Building.

As announced by the Chair the meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

  
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Representative Tracy Emerick, Clerk