

FISCAL COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COURT  
MINUTES

February 16, 2018

The Fiscal Committee of the General Court met on Friday, February 16, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 210-211 of the Legislative Office Building.

Members in attendance were as follows:

Representative Lynne Ober  
Representative Karen Umberger (Alternate)  
Representative Frank Byron (Alternate)  
Representative Mary Jane Wallner  
Representative Daniel Eaton  
Senator Gary Daniels  
Senate President Chuck Morse  
Senator Lou D'Allesandro  
Senator Regina Birdsell (Alternate)  
Senator Bob Giuda (Alternate)

Vice-Chairman Daniels opened the meeting at 10:07 a.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Senator D'Allesandro, seconded by Senator Birdsell, that the minutes of the January 19, 2018 meeting be accepted as written. MOTION ADOPTED.

OLD BUSINESS:

FIS 18-003 Additional Information #2 Department of Corrections – dated January 31, 2018, in response to Committee questions and FIS 18-003 Additional Information – dated January 17, 2018, providing supplemental information on request FIS 18-003 Department of Corrections – authorization through June 30, 2019 to; 1) accept and expend \$900,000 in other funds, and contingent upon approval of #1, 2) authorization to establish one (1) full-time temporary Program Coordinator (LG 26) position. Tabled 01/19/18

On a motion by Senator D'Allesandro, seconded by Senator Morse, that the item be removed from the table. MOTION ADOPTED. (8-Yes, 2-No)

Helen Hanks, Commissioner, and Robin Maddaus, Director of Administration, Department of Corrections, responded to questions of the Committee.

The Committee recessed at 10:28 a.m., and reconvened at 10:34 a.m.

On a motion by Senator D'Allesandro, seconded by Representative Wallner, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Corrections through June 30, 2019 to; 1) accept and expend \$900,000 in other funds, and contingent upon approval of #1, 2) authorization

to establish one (1) full-time temporary Program Coordinator (LG 26) position. MOTION ADOPTED. (8-Yes, 2-No)

RSA 9:16-a, TRANSFERS AUTHORIZED AND 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

At the request of Representative Ober, FIS 18-028 Department of Health and Human Services was removed from the Consent Calendar.

On a motion by Senator D'Allesandro, seconded by Representative Wallner, that the Committee approve the remaining request under this section as submitted. MOTION ADOPTED. [ FIS 18-029 Department of Health and Human Services – authorization to transfer \$3,973,879 in general funds, decrease related federal revenues in the amount of \$242,800 and increase related other revenues in the amount of \$76,884 through June 30, 2018]

FIS 18-028 Replacement Department of Health and Human Services – Jeffrey Meyers, Commissioner, and Mary Calise, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Department of Health and Human Services, presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator D'Allesandro, seconded by Representative Ober, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to transfer \$8,939,307 in general funds, increase related federal revenues in the amount of \$2,750,495 and decrease related other revenues in the amount of \$14,387 through June 30, 2018. 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

Representative Byron and Representative Umberger, respectively, requested that FIS 18-018 Department of Health and Human Services and FIS 18-032 Department of Health and Human Services be removed from the Consent Calendar.

On a motion by Representative Ober, seconded by Senator D'Allesandro, that the Committee approve the remaining request under this section as submitted. MOTION ADOPTED. [ FIS 18-031 Department of Health and Human Services – authorization to accept and expend \$772,000 in other funds]

FIS 18-018 Department of Health and Human Services – Jeffrey Meyers, Commissioner, and Mary Calise, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Department of Health and Human Services, presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Ober, seconded by Senator Giuda, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to accept and expend \$326,407 in federal funds through June 30, 2018. MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 18-032 Department of Health and Human Services – Jeffrey Meyers, Commissioner, and Mary Calise, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Department of Health and Human Services, presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator D’Allesandro, seconded by Representative Ober, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to accept and expend \$13,313,800 in federal funds through June 30, 2018. 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 AND RSA 124:15 POSITIONS AUTHORIZED:

CONSENT CALENDAR

At the request of Representative Ober, FIS 18-019 Department of Safety was removed from the Consent Calendar.

On a motion by Representative Ober, seconded by Senator D’Allesandro, that the Committee approve the remaining requests under this section as submitted. MOTION ADOPTED. [FIS 18-030 Department of Health and Human Services – authorization through June 30, 2018 to; 1) accept and expend \$13,028,118 in federal funds, and contingent upon approval of #1, 2) increase Class 046-Consultants, and FIS 18-037 Department of Environmental Services – authorization to; 1) retroactively accept and expend \$625,824 in other funds effective as of October 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018, and 2) establish five (5) full-time temporary positions through June 30, 2019 consisting of; an Administrator III (LG 31), Hydrogeologist III (LG 27), Sanitary Engineer III (LG 31), Environmental Technician III (LG 14), and a Program Assistant I (LG 12)]

FIS 18-019 Department of Safety – Steven Lavoie, Director of Administration, Department of Safety, presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Ober, seconded by Representative Umberger, that the Committee table the request of the Department of Safety through June 30, 2019 to; 1) accept and expend \$657,188 in federal funds, and 2) establish one (1) temporary full-time Senior Management Analyst (LG 26) position. MOTION FAILED. (3-Yes, 7-No)

On a motion by Senator D’Allesandro, seconded by Senator Giuda, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Safety through June 30, 2019 to; 1) accept and expend \$657,188 in federal funds, and 2) establish one (1) temporary full-time Senior Management Analyst (LG 26) position. MOTION ADOPTED. (9-Yes, 1-No)

The Committee requested the Department review their process relative to grant funds which impact the Judicial Council.

RSA 21-I:19-g, III, USE OF STATE-OWNED VEHICLES:

FIS 18-034 Department of Administrative Services – On a motion by Representative Ober, seconded by Senator Giuda, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Administrative Services for approval of agency requests for waivers to retain 71 State owned passenger vehicles which fall below the break-even mileage for FY 2017. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 198:15-y, III, PUBLIC SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND:

FIS 18-035 Office of The Governor – On a motion by Representative Ober, seconded by Senator Birdsell, that the Committee approve the request of the Office of The Governor to authorize general fund expenditures from the Public School Infrastructure Fund in the amount of \$3,629,363 through June 30, 2019. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 228:12 TRANSFERS FROM HIGHWAY SURPLUS ACCOUNT:

FIS 18-020 Department of Transportation – On a motion by Representative Ober, seconded by Senator D’Allesandro, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Transportation to transfer \$6,245,000 in highway funds from Highway Surplus to fund winter maintenance activities through June 30, 2018. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 622:28-a INDUSTRIES INVENTORY ACCOUNT:

FIS 18-021 Department of Corrections – On a motion by Representative Ober, seconded by Senator D’Allesandro, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Corrections to purchase a Gravograph-New Hermes LS100ex Computerized Laser Engraving System for an amount not to exceed \$15,000 in other funds through June 30, 2018. MOTION ADOPTED.

INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS:

The informational items were accepted and placed on file.

10:30 a.m.

Audits:

The Unique College Investing Plan, Annual Report, September 30, 2017 and The Fidelity Advisor 529 Plan, Annual Report, September 30, 2017 – Stephen Smith, Director of Audits, Audit Division, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant, Declan Byrne, Partner, PricewaterhouseCoopers, and William Dwyer, State Treasurer, presented the report and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Umberger, seconded by Representative Ober, that The Unique College Investing Plan, Annual Report be accepted, placed on file, and released in the

usual manner. MOTION ADOPTED.

On a motion by Representative Umberger, seconded by Senator Birdsell, that The Fidelity Advisor 529 Plan, Annual Report be accepted, placed on file, and released in the usual manner. MOTION ADOPTED.

State of New Hampshire, Lottery Commission, Management Letter For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017 – Stephen Smith, Director of Audits, and James LaRiviere, Senior Audit Manager, Audit Division, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant presented the report and responded to questions of the Committee. Charles McIntyre, Executive Director, New Hampshire Lottery Commission, was present to respond to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Umberger, seconded by Senator Birdsell, that the report be accepted, placed on file, and released in the usual manner. MOTION ADOPTED.

State of New Hampshire, Liquor Commission, Management Letter For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017 – Stephen Smith, Director of Audits, and Jean Mitchell, Senior Audit Manager, Audit Division, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant presented the report and responded to questions of the Committee. Daniel St. Hilaire, Chief Operating Officer and Director of Administration, and Christina Demers, Chief Financial Officer, New Hampshire Liquor Commission, were present to respond to questions of the Committee.

The Committee requested the Liquor Commission provide a copy of the Berry Dunn McNeil & Parker report and follow-up on the audit recommendations.

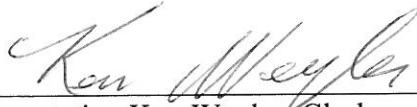
On a motion by Representative Umberger, seconded by Representative Byron, that the report be accepted, placed on file, and released in the usual manner. MOTION ADOPTED.

The Committee requested the Office of Legislative Budget Assistant review Appendices in the Audit Reports relative to the current status of observations contained in previous Audits and report back to the Committee at the next meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT:

The next meeting of the Fiscal Committee was previously set for Friday, March 16, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

On a motion by Representative Byron, seconded by Representative Eaton, that the meeting adjourn. MOTION ADOPTED. (Whereupon the meeting adjourned at 11:44 a.m.)

  
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Representative Ken Weyler, Clerk