

FISCAL COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COURT  
MINUTES

October 19, 2018

The Fiscal Committee of the General Court met on Friday, October 19, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 210-211 of the Legislative Office Building.

Members in attendance were as follows:

Representative Neal Kurk, Chairman  
Representative Frank Byron (Alternate)  
Representative Lynne Ober  
Representative Mary Jane Wallner  
Representative Daniel Eaton  
Senator Gary Daniels  
Senator Bob Giuda  
Senator Lou D'Allesandro  
Senator Regina Birdsell  
Senator John Reagan

Chairman Kurk opened the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Senator Daniels, seconded by Representative Eaton, that the minutes of the September 21, 2018 meeting be accepted as written. MOTION ADOPTED.

NEW BUSINESS:

RSA 9:16-a, TRANSFERS AUTHORIZED:

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Chair announced that all items under this section would be taken up individually.

FIS 18-192 Department of Transportation – On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Senator D'Allesandro, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Transportation to transfer \$105,000,000 in federal/highway/other funds between various classes through June 30, 2019. MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 18-193 Department of Health and Human Services – Kerrin Rounds, Chief Financial Officer, 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 Senator Birdsell, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to transfer \$1,469,859 in general funds between various payroll class lines and decrease federal revenues in the amount of \$98,893 and create new expenditure class codes through June 30, 2019. MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 18-208 Department of Health and Human Services – Kerrin Rounds, 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 Wallner, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to transfer \$6,571,453 in general funds between various class lines, increase federal revenues in the amount of \$2,422,908, increase related other revenues in the amount of \$29,945 and create new expenditure class codes through June 30, 2019. MOTION ADOPTED.

The Committee requested the Department provide additional conference details to the Office of Legislative Budget Assistant.

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

The Chair announced that Department of Health and Human Services requests FIS 18-196 and FIS 18-197 would be removed from the consent calendar.

On a motion by Representative Ober, seconded by Senator Reagan, that the Committee approve the remaining requests under this section as submitted. MOTION ADOPTED. [FIS 18-188 Department of Safety – authorization to accept and expend \$8,076,055 in federal funds through June 30, 2019, FIS 18-194 Replacement Department of Environmental Services – authorization to budget and expend \$240,000 in prior year carry forward other funds through June 30, 2019, FIS 18-195 Department of Health and Human Services – authorization to accept and expend \$4,249,168 in federal funds through June 30, 2019, FIS 18-198 Department of Safety – authorization to accept and expend \$335,900 in prior year carry forward other funds through June 30, 2019, and FIS 18-209 Department of Health and Human Services – authorization to accept and expend \$3,535,326 in federal funds through June 30, 2019]

FIS 18-196 Department of Health and Human Services – Christine Santaniello, Controller, Division of Developmental Services, Wendi Aultman, Director of Transitional Assistance, and Kerrin Rounds, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Health and Human Services presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Byron, seconded by Senator Daniels, that the Committee deny the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to accept and expend \$323,967 in federal funds through June 30, 2019. MOTION ADOPTED. (6-Yes, 4-No)

FIS 18-197 Department of Health and Human Services – Christine Santaniello, Controller, Division of Developmental Services, and Kerrin Rounds, 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 Senator Giuda, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to accept and expend \$708,909 in federal funds through June 30, 2019. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 124:15 POSITIONS AUTHORIZED:

CONSENT CALENDAR

FIS 18-189 Department of Safety was removed from the consent calendar.

FIS 18-189 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 Senator Birdsell, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Safety to; 1) retroactively hire six temporary consultants for the period of September 10, 2018 through June 30, 2019. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 9:16-c, I, TRANSFER OF FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS AND RSA 124:15 POSITIONS AUTHORIZED:

CONSENT CALENDAR

On a motion by Representative Ober, seconded by Senator Birdsell, that the Committee approve the request under this section as submitted. MOTION ADOPTED. [FIS 18-200 Department of Safety – authorization through June 30, 2019 to; 1) establish a class 046 and transfer \$40,000 in federal funds, and 2) contingent upon approval of Request #1, authorization to hire six (6) temporary consultants]

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 9:16-a TRANSFERS AUTHORIZED:

CONSENT CALENDAR

On a motion by Senator D'Allesandro, seconded by Senator Birdsell, that the Committee approve the request under this section as submitted. MOTION ADOPTED. [FIS 18-199 Department of Health and Human Services – authorization through June 30, 2019 to; 1) accept and expend \$786,449 in other funds, and 2) transfer \$786,449 in general funds, and 3) contingent upon approval of Request #2, authorization to accept and expend \$2,359,346 in federal funds]

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

On a motion by Senator Reagan, seconded by Senator Birdsell, that the Committee approve the request under this section as submitted. MOTION ADOPTED. [FIS 18-187 New Hampshire Insurance Department – authorization through June 30, 2019 to; 1) accept and expend \$280,076.12 in federal funds, and 2) to establish a Class 046 (Consultants) to enter into contracts for consulting services with various vendors]

RSA 162-H:8-a, III. APPLICATION AND FILING FEES:

FIS 18-201 Site Evaluation Committee – Martin Honigberg, Chair, Site Evaluation Committee, and Robert Scott, Commissioner, Department of Environmental Services and Vice-Chair Site Evaluation Committee, presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee. Eunice Landry, Business Administrator, Public Utilities Commission, was also present to respond to Committee questions.

On a motion by Senator D’Allesandro, seconded by Representative Eaton, that the Committee approve the request of the Site Evaluation Committee to increase all application and filing fees specified in RSA 162-H:8-a, II, by twenty percent (20%) effective upon Fiscal Committee approval.

At the request of Representative Ober, a roll call was taken and the results were as follows:

Representative Weyler – Absent  
Representative Ober – No  
Representative Wallner – Yes  
Representative Eaton – Yes  
Representative Byron – Yes  
Senator Daniels – No  
Senator Giuda – No  
Senator D’Allesandro – Yes  
Senator Birdsell – Yes  
Senator Reagan – Yes  
Representative Kurk – Yes                   (7-Yes; 3-No)  
MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 162-H:21, III. FUND ESTABLISHED; FUNDING PLAN:

FIS 18-202 Site Evaluation Committee – Martin Honigberg, Chair, Site Evaluation Committee, and Robert Scott, Commissioner, Department of Environmental Services and Vice-Chair Site Evaluation Committee, presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Senator Birdsell, that the Committee approve the request of the Site Evaluation Committee to accept a transfer of funds from the Renewable Energy Fund in the amount of \$480,000 through June 30, 2019. MOTION ADOPTED.

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

FIS 18-210 Office of The Governor – Perry Plummer, Director, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, Department of Safety, and Frank Edelblut, Commissioner, Department of Education presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Senator Daniels, 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 \$1,953,697 through June 30, 2019. MOTION ADOPTED.

CHAPTER 355:3, LAWS OF 2018 TRANSFER; DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES:

FIS 18-204 Additional Information Department of Health and Human Services – submitted a request, dated October 17, 2018, to withdraw request FIS 18-204 Department of Health and Human Services – seeking authorization to transfer \$900,000 in general funds through June 30, 2019. WITHDRAWN BY AGENCY.

MISCELLANEOUS:

FIS 18-203 State Treasury – On a motion by Representative Byron, seconded by Senator Daniels, that the Committee approve the request of the State Treasury on behalf of the College Tuition Savings Plan Advisory Commission, requesting authorization for the release and distribution of the audited financial statements of the UNIQUE College Investing Plan and Fidelity Advisor 529 Plan for the year ended September 30, 2018 upon completion of the audits and prior to the presentation of the audit results to the Fiscal Committee. MOTION ADOPTED.

INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS:

The informational items were accepted and placed on file.

AUDITS:

KPMG Independent Accountants' Report, State of New Hampshire, Department of Education, total, Supportable and Unsupportable Payroll Costs For, Title I Part A, Title II, Title III And School Improvement Grant Federal Programs, For The Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2016, 2015 and 2014 – Shawn Warren, KPMG Partner, and Karen Farrell, KPMG Senior Audit

Manager, presented the report and responded to questions of the Committee. Frank Edelblut, Commissioner, Department of Education was also present to respond to questions of the Committee.


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

State of New Hampshire, Internal Control Review, New Hampshire Veterans' Home, Members' Administration Account, October 2018 – 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. Margaret Labreque, Commandant, New Hampshire Veterans' Home, was present to respond to questions of the Committee.

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

DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT:

The next regular meeting of the Fiscal Committee was set for Friday, November 16, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. (Whereupon the meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.)

  
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Representative ~~Ken Weyler~~, Clerk  
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