

FISCAL COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COURT
MINUTES

December 21, 2012

The Fiscal Committee of the General Court met on Friday, December 21 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 210-211 of the Legislative Office Building.

Members in attendance were as follows:

Representative Mary Jane Wallner, Chairman
Representative Cindy Rosenwald
Representative Daniel Eaton
Representative Peter Leishman
Representative Ken Weyler
Representative Neal Kurk, Alternate
Senator Chuck Morse
Senator Bob Odell
Senator Sylvia Larsen
Senator Jeanie Forrester
Senator Andy Sanborn

Chairman Wallner opened the meeting at 10:17 a.m.

ORGANIZATION OF COMMITTEE:

On a motion by Senator Larsen, seconded by Representative Eaton, that Senator Morse be nominated as Vice Chairman of the Fiscal Committee.

No other nominations were received. The Chairman closed nominations and by unanimous vote Senator Morse was named Vice Chairman of the Fiscal Committee.

On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Representative Rosenwald, that Representative Weyler be nominated as Clerk of the Fiscal Committee.

No other nominations were received. The Chairman closed nominations and by unanimous vote Representative Weyler was named Clerk of the Fiscal Committee.

RSA 14:30 APPOINTMENT AND COMPENSATION OF LEGISLATIVE BUDGET ASSISTANT:

On a motion by Representative Weyler, seconded by Representative Eaton, that Jeffrey Pattison be appointed as the Legislative Budget Assistant, pursuant to the provisions of RSA 14:30, for a two-year term at Salary Grade R. MOTION ADOPTED.

ADOPTION OF FISCAL COMMITTEE RULES AND PROCEDURES:

Chairman Wallner requested that Jeffry Pattison, Legislative Budget Assistant brief the Committee on the suggested motions that would continue the past practices of the Fiscal Committee.

On a motion by Senator Morse, seconded by Representative Eaton, that the Committee accept the following committee rules and procedures:

- 1) The Fiscal Committee require that any request made to the Committee pursuant to RSA 124:15, establishing any new position or continuation of an existing position, either full-time or part-time, or the hiring of consultants be for the current biennium only.
- 2) The Fiscal Committee require that any requests made to the Committee pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, the Acceptance and Expenditure of Funds Over \$100,000 from any Non-State Source be for the current biennium only.
- 3) That any request made to the Committee under the following statutes, either individually or a combination thereof will be placed on a consent calendar and voted on as a block. Any member may request that any item be removed from the consent calendar for further discussion and/or clarification prior to or during the Fiscal Committee meeting.
 - RSA 9:16-a – Transfers Authorized,
 - RSA 9:16-c – Transfers of Federal Grant Funds,
 - RSA 9:17-d – Transfer of Appropriations, Judicial Branch, (NEW)
 - RSA 14:30-a – Acceptance and Expenditure of Funds Over \$100,000 from an Non-State Source, and
 - RSA 124:15 – Positions Restricted
- 4) Authorize the Legislative Budget Assistant to:
 - Effective December 1, 2012, grant step increases for employees of the LBA Office on the employee's anniversary dates, and at such other times for exceptional service, as determined by the Legislative Budget Assistant. The Legislative Budget Assistant will inform the Fiscal Committee in writing, when these step increases have been granted,
 - Further, when any LBA employee is promoted from one position to another, the Legislative Budget Assistant will seek approval from the Chairman of the Fiscal Committee,
 - And hiring a new individual in the LBA Office would be brought before the full Fiscal Committee for approval. MOTION ADOPTED

Jeffry Pattison, Legislative Budget Assistant, updated the Committee on new enhancements and transparency improvements to the Office of Legislative Budget Assistant website.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Senator Morse, that the minutes of the November 8, 2012 meeting be accepted as written. MOTION ADOPTED.

NEW BUSINESS:

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

On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Representative Rosenwald, that the Committee approve the requests under this section as submitted. MOTION ADOPTED. [FIS 12-365 Department of Environmental Services – authorization for the Oil Fund Disbursement Board to budget and expend \$2,000,000 in prior year carry forward other funds through June 30, 2013, FIS 12-366 Department of Safety – accept and expend \$5,000,000]

RSA 12-L:14, II, MCAULIFFE-SHEPARD DISCOVERY CENTER BOARD:

FIS 12-359 McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center – On a motion by Senator Morse, seconded by Senator Odell that the Committee table the request of the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center for approval of the business plan for the operation of the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center. MOTION ADOPTED

CHAPTER 224:14, II, LAWS OF 2011, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES; PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY; ADDITIONAL REVENUES; TRANSFER AMONG ACCOUNTS:

FIS 12-360 Department of Health and Human Services – On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Senator Larsen, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to accept and expend \$784,428 in federal funds through June 30, 2013. MOTION ADOPTED.

LATE ITEM:

FIS 12-372 Department of Administrative Services – Linda Hodgdon, Commissioner, and Edgar Carter, Comptroller, Department of Administrative Services, presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Senator Larsen, that the Committee **amend** and approve the request of the Department of Administrative Services for an extension of the release of the FY 2012 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (“CAFR”) from December 31, 2012 to such time as the auditor’s report is completed and can be included with the CAFR, **to a date no later than February 1, 2013**. MOTION ADOPTED.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Jeffrey Pattison, Legislative Budget Assistant, requested authorization by the Committee to release publicly, as soon as they are available, the: FY 2012 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the State of New Hampshire; the FY 2012 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Turnpike System; the FY 2012 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Lottery System; the FY 2012 Annual Reports of the UNIQUE College Investing Plan and the Fidelity Advisor 529 Plan; and an Independent Accountant's Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures for the Lottery Commission Lucky for Life game.

On a motion by Senator Larsen, seconded by Representative Rosenwald, that the Committee approve the request of the Legislative Budget Assistant to release publicly, as soon as they are available, the: FY 2012 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the State of New Hampshire; the FY 2012 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Turnpike System; the FY 2012 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Lottery System; the FY 2012 Annual Reports of the UNIQUE College Investing Plan and the Fidelity Advisor 529 Plan; and an Independent Accountant's Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures for the Lottery Commission Lucky for Life game. MOTION ADOPTED.

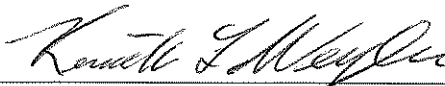
INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS:

The informational items were accepted and placed on file.

ADJOURNMENT:

The next regular meeting of the Fiscal Committee will be Friday, February 1, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Senator Morse, that the meeting adjourn. (Whereupon the meeting adjourned at 10:39 a.m.)



Representative Ken Weyler, Clerk