

FISCAL COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COURT

MINUTES

June 17, 2022

The Fiscal Committee of the General Court met on Friday, June 17, 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 Jess Edwards
Representative Keith Erf
Representative Peter Leishman
Representative Joseph Pitre (Alternate)
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 10:02 a.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Senator D'Allesandro, seconded by Representative Edwards, that the Committee approve the minutes of the May 20, 2022 meeting. MOTION ADOPTED. (8-Yes; 1-Abstained)

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 4 Pursuant to RSA 9:16-c, I.
FIS 22-223
- Tab 5 Pursuant to RSA 14:30-A, VI.
FIS 22-224
- Tab 7 Pursuant to ARPA RSA 14:30-a, VI.
FIS 22-236, 22-237, 22-238, 22-240

On a motion by Senator Rosenwald, seconded by Senator D'Allesandro, that the Committee approve the remaining requests under the Consent Calendar as submitted. [TAB 3 pursuant to RSA 9:16-a, I, FIS 22-206 Department of Health and Human Services – authorization to transfer \$300,000 in federal/general funds through June 30, 2023, FIS 22-219 Department of Corrections – authorization to transfer \$939,244 in general funds through June 30, 2022, FIS 22-220 Department of Environmental Services – authorization to transfer \$1,000 in other funds in and among classes within an accounting unit and create new unbudgeted classes through June 30, 2023, FIS 22-221 Department of Transportation – authorization to establish non-budgeted classes and to transfer \$22,755 in FY22 and \$22,755 in FY23 for a total of \$45,510 in other funds between various classes through June 30, 2023, and FIS 22-222 Department of Transportation – authorization to transfer \$76,500 between various accounting units and classes through June 30, 2022; TAB 5 pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI., FIS 22-207 Department of Business and Economic Affairs – authorization to amend FIS 21-175, approved August 20, 2021, by reallocating \$18,750 in federal funds through June 30, 2023, FIS 22-208 Department of Health and Human Services – authorization to accept and expend \$3,000,000 in other funds through June 30, 2023, FIS 22-210 Department of Health and Human Services – authorization to accept and expend \$217,076 in additional federal funds through June 30, 2023, FIS 22-211 State Treasury – authorization to accept and expend up to \$3,500,000 in other funds through June 30, 2022, FIS 22-226 Department of Natural and Cultural Resources – authorization to accept and expend \$2,400,000 in other funds through June 30, 2023, and FIS 22-232 Department of Environmental Services – authorization to accept and expend \$5,000,000 in Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust funds through June 30, 2023; TAB 6 pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI. and RSA 124:15, FIS 22-212 Department of Energy – authorization through June 30, 2023 to; 1) accept and expend \$108,830 in federal funds, and 2) contingent upon the approval of Request #1, establish one (1) temporary full-time Program Specialist II position, FIS 22-213 Department of Health and Human Services – authorization effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 to; 1) accept and expend \$337,090 in federal funds, and 2) contingent upon approval of Request #1, authorization to create a full-time temporary Viral Hepatitis Epidemiologist, Program Specialist IV (LG 25) position, and FIS 22-214 Department of Safety – authorization through June 30, 2023 to; 1) to extend the end date from June 30, 2022 to June 30, 2023 (originally approved (FIS 21-296) October 27, 2021), and 2) contingent upon approval of Request #1, authorization to continue one (1) temporary full-time Program Specialist III (LG 23) position and two (2) temporary part-time Program Specialist II (LG21) positions; and TAB 7 pursuant to ARPA RSA 14:30-a, VI., FIS 22-209 Department of Health and Human Services – authorization to accept and expend \$571,277 in additional federal American Rescue Plan Act funds effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, FIS 22-230 Department of Health and Human Services – authorization to amend FIS 21-169, approved June 18, 2021, by accepting and expending \$3,003,000 in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds through June 30, 2023, FIS 22-234 Pease Development Authority, Division of Ports and Harbors – authorization to accept and expend \$2,820,310 in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) through June 30, 2023, and FIS 22-235 Department of Safety – authorization to accept and expend \$200,000 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 Edwards – Yes
Representative Emerick – Yes
Representative Erf – Yes
Representative Leishman – Yes
Senator Daniels – Yes
Senator Morse – Not present

Senator Gray – Yes
Senator Rosenwald – Yes
Senator D’Allesandro – Yes
Representative Umberger – Yes (9-Yes; 0-No)
MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 9:16-c. I. TRANSFER OF FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS:

CONSENT CALENDAR

FIS 22-223 Department of Education – Frank Edelblut, Commissioner, and Tammy Vaillancourt, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Education 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 Education to transfer \$580,000 in federal funds in and among classes within an accounting unit through August 30, 2022.

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

Representative Edwards – Yes
Representative Emerick – Yes
Representative Erf – Yes
Representative Leishman – 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:

FIS 22-224 Department of Environmental Services – Robert Scott, Commissioner, and Susan Carlson, Chief Operating Officer, Department of Environmental Services presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator Morse, seconded by Representative Edwards, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Environmental Services to accept and expend \$500,000 in Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust funds through June 30, 2023.

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

Representative Edwards – Yes
Representative Emerick – Yes
Representative Erf – Yes
Representative Leishman – 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 22-236 Department of Education – Frank Edelblut, Commissioner, Department of Education, and Jen Harper, Director of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, Department of Safety, responded to questions of the Committee.

The Committee asked if a list has been compiled of all the schools that initially received money and what projects it was used for, to which the Department of Education stated that they will provide a list.

On a motion by Senator Daniels, seconded by Senator Gray, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Education to accept and expend \$10,260,000 in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) through June 30, 2023.

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

Representative Edwards – Yes
Representative Emerick – Yes
Representative Erf – Yes
Representative Leishman – 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 22-237 Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery – Taylor Caswell, Executive Director, and Chase Hagaman, Deputy Director, Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery responded to questions of the Committee.

The Committee requested data supporting energy efficiency projects mitigating against viral transmission and showing backup data supporting the energy efficiency of new air handling systems.

On a motion by Senator Gray, seconded by Representative Emerick, that the Committee approve the request of the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery to accept and expend \$50,075,000 in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) through June 30, 2023.

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

Representative Edwards – Yes
Representative Emerick – Yes
Representative Erf – Yes
Representative Leishman – 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 22-238 Department of Information Technology – Denis Goulet, Commissioner, Department of Information Technology and David Weeders, Director, Information Services, Department of Health and Human Services responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Edwards, seconded by Senator Rosenwald, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Information Technology to accept and expend \$462,860 in federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) through June 30, 2023.

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

Representative Edwards – Yes
Representative Emerick – Yes
Representative Erf – No
Representative Leishman – Yes
Senator Daniels – No
Senator Morse – Yes

Senator Gray – Yes
Senator Rosenwald – Yes
Senator D’Allesandro – Yes
Representative Umberger – Yes (8-Yes; 2-No)
MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 22-240 Department of Administrative Services – Charles Arlinghaus, Commissioner, Department of Administrative Services responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator D’Allesandro, seconded by Senator Rosenwald, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Administrative Services to accept and expend \$4,235,300 in federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) State and Local Recovery Fund (FRF) through June 30, 2023.

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

Representative Edwards – Yes
Representative Emerick – Yes
Representative Erf – Yes
Representative Leishman – 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 AND RSA 21-I:42, VI., DIVISION OF PERSONNEL:

Charles Arlinghaus, Commissioner, Department of Administrative Services, responds to questions of the Committee regarding request FIS 22-242 under Tab 8, and requests FIS 22-239 and FIS 22-241 under Tab 9.

On a motion by Representative Leishman, seconded by Senator D’Allesandro, that the Committee approve as a block the requests of the Department of Administrative Services. [TAB 8, FIS 22-242 Department of Administrative Services – to accept and expend \$1,307,450 in federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) State and Local Recovery Funds (FRF) through June 30, 2023; and TAB 9, FIS 22-239 Department of Administrative Services – to develop and implement an Employee Retention Incentive Program for Executive Branch agencies and FIS 22-241 Department of Administrative Services – authorization to develop and implement a Recruitment Referral Incentive Program.]

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

Representative Edwards – Yes
Representative Emerick – Yes
Representative Erf – Yes
Representative Leishman – 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.

CHAPTER 91:17, LAWS OF 2021, JUDICIAL BRANCH; TRANSFER AMONG ACCOUNTS AND CLASSES:

FIS 22-233 Judicial Branch – Dianne Martin, Executive Director, and Donna Raymond, Fiscal Manager, Judicial Branch responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator D’Allesandro, seconded by Senator Rosenwald, that the Committee approve the request of the Judicial Branch to transfer \$404,750 in general funds between expenditure classes through June 30, 2022.

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

Representative Edwards – Yes
Representative Emerick – Yes
Representative Erf – Yes
Representative Leishman – 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.

CHAPTER 91:70, LAWS OF 2021 DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS; TRANSFER AUTHORITY:

FIS 22-228 Department of Corrections – Helen Hanks, Commissioner, and Jonathan Hanson, Director of Administration, Department of Corrections responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator Daniels, seconded by Representative Edwards, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Corrections to transfer \$5,819,473 in general funds among accounts through June 30, 2022.

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

Representative Edwards – Yes
Representative Emerick – Yes
Representative Erf – Yes
Representative Leishman – 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 ITEM:

FIS 22-243 Governor’s Office for Emergency Relief And Recovery – Taylor Caswell, Executive Director, Governor’s Office for Emergency Relief And Recovery responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator Daniels, seconded by Senator Rosenwald, that the Committee approve the request of the Governor’s Office for Emergency Relief And Recovery to transfer \$5,819,473 in general funds among accounts through June 30, 2022.

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

Representative Edwards – Yes
Representative Emerick – Yes
Representative Erf – Yes
Representative Leishman – 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.

INFORMATIONAL:

The Department of Health and Human Services withdrew informational item FIS 22-227 Department of Health and Human Services – informational update on FIS 21-139, approved June 8, 2021, of funds approved from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). WITHDRAWN BY AGENCY.

The informational items were accepted and placed on file.

AUDIT INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS:

FIS 22-217 New Hampshire Liquor Commission – Rosemary Wiant, Director of Administration, and Danielle Ellston, Deputy Director of Enforcement, New Hampshire Liquor Commission responded to Committee questions on the Quarterly status update to the Corrective Action Plan of the February 2021 Performance Audit of the NHLIC Division of Enforcement and Licensing, dated June 1, 2022.

FIS 22-218 Department of Health and Human Services – Joseph Ribsam, Director, Division Children, Youth and Families, Department of Health and Human Services responded to questions of the Committee on the Status update report of the Sununu Youth Services Center LBA audit findings, dated June 1, 2022.

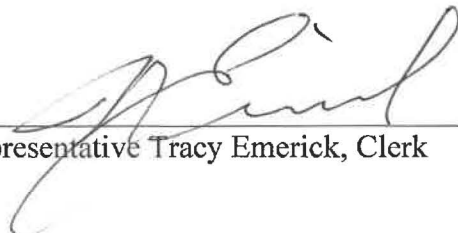
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES UPDATE:

Charles Arlinghaus, Commissioner, and Kate Mulleavey, Human Resources Specialist, and Matthew Mavrogeorge, Deputy Director of Personnel, Department of Administrative Services, presented handouts and updated the Committee on the status of recruitment.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT:

The Chair previously scheduled the next regular meetings of the Fiscal Committee for Friday, July 22, 2022, September 9, 2022, October 14, 2022 and November 18, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. to be held in Room 210-211 of the Legislative Office Building.

On a motion by Representative Leishman, seconded by Representative Emerick, that the meeting adjourn. (Whereupon the meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m.)



Representative Tracy Emerick, Clerk