

FISCAL COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COURT  
MINUTES  
February 17, 2023

The Fiscal Committee of the General Court met on Friday, February 17, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 210-211 of the Legislative Office Building.

Members in attendance were as follows:

Representative Ken Weyler, Chairman  
Representative Keith Erf  
Representative Jess Edwards  
Representative Mary Jane Wallner  
Representative Peter Leishman  
Representative Maureen Mooney (Alternate)  
Representative Mary Heath (Alternate)  
Representative Gerald Griffin (Alternate)  
Senator James Gray  
Senate President Jeb Bradley  
Senator Regina Birdsell  
Senator Lou D'Allesandro  
Senator Cindy Rosenwald

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Representative Edwards, seconded by Senator Gray, that the Committee approve the minutes of the January 27, 2023 meeting as written. MOTION ADOPTED.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- Tab 5 Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI.  
FIS 23-064
- Tab 8 Pursuant to RSA 9:16-c, I. and RSA 124:15  
FIS 23-058
- Tab 9 Pursuant to ARPA RSA 14:30-a, VI.  
FIS 23-044, FIS 23-050

The Governor's Office for Emergency Relief And Recovery withdrew request FIS 23-053 requesting to accept and expend \$2,263,510 in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) through June 30, 2023. WITHDRAWN BY AGENCY.

On a motion by Senator Gray, seconded by Senator Bradley, that the Committee approve the remaining requests under the Consent Calendar, Tabs 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, and 10, as submitted. MOTION ADOPTED. [TAB 3 pursuant to RSA 9:16-a, I, FIS 23-042 Department of Transportation – authorization to transfer \$1,198,000 in turnpike funds between various accounts and classes through June 30, 2023, and FIS 23-049 Department of Administrative Services – authorization to transfer \$135,000 in other funds through June 30, 2023; TAB 4 pursuant to RSA 9:16-c, I, FIS 23-051 Department of Education – authorization to transfer \$55,000 in federal funds through June 30, 2023, and FIS 23-063 Department of Environmental Services – authorization to transfer \$23,000 in federal funds in and among classes within an accounting unit through June 30, 2023; TAB 5 pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI., FIS 23-055 Department of Safety – authorization to accept and expend \$439,258 in federal funds through June 30, 2023; TAB 6 pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI. and RSA 124:15, FIS 23-059 Department of Safety – authorization through June 30, 2023 to; 1) accept and expend \$2,378,761 in federal funds, and 2) contingent upon approval of Request #1, establish Class 046 – Consultants; TAB 7 pursuant to RSA 124:15, FIS 23-045 Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food – authorization to; 1) establish a temporary part-time Agricultural Intern (LG 12) through June 30, 2023, FIS 23-046 Police Standards and Training Council – authorization to; 1) establish a Class 046-Consultants through June 30, 2023, and FIS 23-066 Department of Environmental Services – authorization to; 1) establish one (1) full time temporary Environmentalist III (LG 23) position through June 30, 2023; TAB 9 pursuant to ARPA RSA 14:30-a, VI., FIS 23-043 Department of Administrative Services – authorization to amend FIS 21-135, approved June 8, 2021, by reallocating \$4,008,614 in federal funds through June 30, 2023, FIS 23-052 Department of Education – authorization to accept and expend \$132,083 in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Child Nutrition National School Lunch Program Equipment Assistance funds through June 30, 2023, FIS 23-054 Governor's Office for Emergency Relief And Recovery – authorization to amend FIS 22-078, approved February 18, 2022, to make program changes to the New Hampshire Homeowner Assistance Fund (NH HAF) program through June 30, 2023, with no increase in funding, FIS 23-056 Department of Justice – authorization to accept and expend \$5,000,000 in federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) through June 30, 2023, and FIS 23-057 Department of Justice – authorization to amend FIS 21-142, approved June 8, 2021, by transferring \$55,000 in federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) between classes through June 30, 2023; and TAB 10 pursuant to ARPA RSA 14:30-a, VI. and RSA 124:15, FIS 23-060 Department of Administrative Services – authorization through June 30, 2023 to; 1) amend FIS 22-081, approved February 18, 2022, to accept and expend an additional \$500,000 in federal American Rescue Plan (ARPA) State and Local Recovery Funds (SFRF), and 2) contingent upon approval of Request #1, establish one (1) temporary full-time Human Resource Coordinator II (LG 23) position]

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 23-064 Department of Transportation – Andre Briere, Deputy Commissioner, and Michael Servetas, Director of Operations, Department of Transportation, responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator Gray, seconded by Senator Rosenwald, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Transportation to accept and expend \$10,457,500 in federal funds through June 30, 2023. MOTION ADOPTED.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

FIS 23-058 Department of Health and Human Services – Nathan White, Chief Financial Officer, and Melissa Hardy, Director, Division of Long Term Supports and Services, Department of Health and Human Services responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Edwards, seconded by Representative Leishman, that the Committee disapprove the Department of Health and Human Services request through June 30, 2023 to; 1) transfer \$18,775 in federal funds, and 2) contingent upon approval of Request #1, establish one (1) temporary full-time Program Assistant II (LG 15) position. No Action Taken.

Representatives Edwards and Leishman, respectively, withdrew the motion to disapprove FIS 23-058.

On a motion by Representative Edwards that the Committee table the request of the Department of Health and Human Services through June 30, 2023 to; 1) transfer \$18,775 in federal funds, and 2) contingent upon approval of Request #1, establish one (1) temporary full-time Program Assistant II (LG 15) position. Due to the lack of a second, the MOTION FAILED.

On a motion by Senator Gray, seconded by Senator Rosenwald, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services request through June 30, 2023 to; 1) transfer \$18,775 in federal funds, and 2) contingent upon approval of Request #1, establish one (1) temporary full-time Program Assistant II (LG 15) position. MOTION ADOPTED. (9-Yes; 1-No)

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 23-044 Department of Health and Human Services – Nathan White, Chief Financial Officer, and Henry Lipman, Director, Division of Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Edwards, seconded by Senator D'Allesandro, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to accept and expend \$51,508,288 in additional federal funds through June 30, 2023. MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 23-050 Department of Administrative Services – Sheri Rockburn, Assistant Commissioner, Department of Administrative Services and Denis Goulet, Commissioner, Department of Information Technology, responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator Gray, seconded by Senator D'Allesandro, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Administrative Services to accept and expend \$15,000,000 in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State and Local Recovery Funds (SFRF) through June 30, 2023. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 106-H:9, I. (e) FUNDING: FUND ESTABLISHED:

REGULAR CALENDAR

FIS 23-061 Department of Safety – On a motion by Representative Leishman, seconded by Senator Birdsell, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Safety to budget and expend \$360,000 in other funds from the Prior Year Carry Forward Balance of the Enhanced 911 System Fund through June 30, 2023. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 228:12 TRANSFERS FROM HIGHWAY SURPLUS ACCOUNT:

REGULAR CALENDAR

FIS 23-065 Department of Transportation – Andre Briere, Deputy Commissioner, and Michael Servetas, Director of Operations, Department of Transportation, responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator Gray, seconded by Senator Birdsell, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Transportation to transfer \$3,590,000 in highway funds from the Highway Surplus Account to fund winter maintenance activities through June 30, 2023. MOTION ADOPTED.

The Department will provide more detail regarding stipends for employees providing State winter maintenance.

MISCELLANEOUS:

INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS:

FIS 22-429 Joint Legislative Performance Audit and Oversight Committee – The Committee congratulated Vilay Skidds, Senior Audit Manager, Paige Lorenz, Audit Manager,

and Jay Henry, Audit Supervisor (who was unable to be present), from the Office of Legislative Budget Assistant, Audit Division, for their work as recognized by the National Conference of State Legislature, National Legislative Program Evaluation Society, 2022 Certificate of Impact presented to the New Hampshire Office of the Legislative Budget Assistant, Audit Division for its 2019 performance audit on the Adult Parole Board.

The informational items were accepted and placed on file.

AUDITS:

The UNIQUE College Investing Plan, Annual Report, September 30, 2022 and The Fidelity Advisor 529 Plan, Annual Report, September 30, 2022 – Stephen Smith, Director of Audits, Audit Division, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant, Declan Byrne, Partner, PricewaterhouseCoopers, and Monica Mezzapelle, State Treasurer, Treasury Department, presented the reports and responded to questions of the Committee.

This report was accepted, placed on file and released at the November 18, 2022 meeting of the Fiscal Committee.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT:

The next regular meeting of the Fiscal Committee was scheduled for Friday, March 24, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

On a motion by Senator D'Allesandro, seconded by Senator Gray, that the meeting adjourn. MOTION ADOPTED. (Whereupon the meeting adjourned at 11:11 a.m.)

  
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Representative Keith Erf, Clerk