

FISCAL COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COURT  
MINUTES  
April 21, 2023

The Fiscal Committee of the General Court met on Friday, April 21, 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 Maureen Mooney (Alternate)  
Representative Mary Heath (Alternate)  
Representative Peter Leishman  
Representative Gerald Griffin (Alternate)  
Representative David Huot (Alternate)  
Senator James Gray  
Senate President Jeb Bradley  
Senator Daniel Innis (Alternate)  
Senator Lou D'Allesandro  
Senator Cindy Rosenwald

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

FISCAL COMMITTEE RULES AND PROCEDURES:

On a motion by Senator Bradley, seconded by Senator Rosenwald, that the Committee approve the Revised Proposed Amendment, Option #2, of the Fiscal Committee Rules and Procedures as adopted on January 27, 2023 (Appendix A), by adding after item 2 the following: 2a) The Committee will permit any items submitted pursuant to RSA 124:15 or RSA 14:30-a, VI, that utilize funding from the American Rescue Plan (ARP), the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) or any other previously enacted federal relief bills related to the COVID-19 pandemic to be authorized through June 30, 2025. MOTION ADOPTED.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Senator Gray, seconded by Senator Bradley, that the Committee approve the minutes of the March 24, 2023 meeting as written. MOTION ADOPTED.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- Tab 6 Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI.  
FIS 23-110, 23-111, 23-122, 23-137, 23-138
- Tab 7 Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI. and RSA 9:16-c  
FIS 23-128
- Tab 8 Pursuant to RSA 124:15  
FIS 23-112
- Tab 9 Pursuant to ARPA RSA 14:30-a, VI.  
FIS 23-124

The Governor's Office for Emergency Relief And Recovery withdrew request FIS 23-123 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 WITHDRAWN BY AGENCY.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 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9, as submitted. MOTION ADOPTED. [TAB 4 pursuant to RSA 9:16-a, I, FIS 23-107 New Hampshire Veterans Home – authorization to transfer \$140,000 in general funds through June 30, 2023, FIS 23-118 Department of Transportation – authorization to transfer \$175,000 in highway funds between various accounting units and classes through June 30, 2023, FIS 23-119 Department of Transportation – authorization to transfer \$30,000 in highway/federal/other funds between various classes through June 30, 2023, FIS 23-120 Department of Transportation – authorization to transfer \$275,000 in federal funds between classes through June 30, 2023, FIS 23-121 Department of Transportation – authorization to transfer \$184,505 in turnpike funds between various accounts and classes through June 30, 2023, and FIS 23-130 Department of Environmental Services – authorization to transfer \$3,036,553 in other/general funds between classes within an accounting unit through June 30, 2023; TAB 5 pursuant to RSA 9:16-c, I, FIS 23-108 Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services – authorization to transfer \$532,000 in federal funds through June 30, 2023; TAB 6 pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI., FIS 23-109 Department of Administrative Services – authorization to amend FIS 21-225, approved August 20, 2021, by reallocating \$80,770 in other funds through June 30, 2023, FIS 23-125 Department of Information Technology – authorization to accept and expend \$100,705 in other funds in State Fiscal Year 2023 through June 30, 2023, FIS 23-127 Department of Safety – authorization to accept and expend \$138,136 in other funds through June 30, 2023, FIS 23-131 Department of Natural and Cultural Resources – authorization to budget and expend \$525,000 in other prior year carry forward funds through June 30, 2023, and FIS 23-136 New Hampshire Fish and Game Department – authorization through June 30, 2023 to; 1) accept and expend \$1,499,970 in federal funds, and 2) contingent upon approval of Request #1, authorization to accept and expend \$200,000 in other funds; TAB 7 pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI. and RSA 9:16-c, FIS 23-129 Department of Environmental Services – authorization through June 30, 2023 to; 1) accept \$810,733 in other funds, and 2) contingent upon approval of Request #1, authorization to establish Class

046-Consultants; TAB 8 pursuant to RSA 124:15, FIS 23-132 New Hampshire Fish and Game Department – authorization through June 30, 2023 to; 1) establish a temporary full-time Biologist I (LG 21) position; TAB 9 pursuant to ARPA RSA 14:30-a, VI., FIS 23-126 Department of Natural and Cultural Resources – authorization through June 30, 2023 to; 1) accept and expend \$500,000 in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF), and 2) contingent upon approval of Request #1, authorization to amend FIS 22-082, approved February 18, 2022, to repurposed \$251,000 in federal American Rescue Plan (ARPA) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF)]

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 23-110 Department of Business and Economic Affairs – Taylor Caswell, Commissioner, Department of Business and Economic Affairs, responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Erf, seconded by Senator Bradley, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Business and Economic Affairs to accept and expend \$525,033 in federal funds through June 30, 2023. MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 23-111 Department of Health and Human Services – Nathan White, Chief Financial Officer, and Patricia Tilley, Director, Division of Public Health Services, Department of Health and Human Services responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Leishman, seconded by Senator Bradley, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to accept and expend \$2,000,000 in federal funds through June 30, 2023. MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 23-122 Department of Business and Economic Affairs – Taylor Caswell, Commissioner, Department of Business and Economic Affairs, responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Erf, seconded by Senator Bradley, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Business and Economic Affairs to accept and expend \$2,000,000 in federal funds through June 30, 2023. MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 23-137 Department of Administrative Services – Sheri Rockburn, Assistant Commissioner, Department of Administrative Services, responded to questions of the Committee.

The Department will provide the Committee with information on the mechanics of the program and the formula used.

On a motion by Senator D'Allesandro, seconded by Senator Bradley, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Administrative Services to accept and expend \$179,329 in federal funds through June 30, 2023. MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 23-138 Department of Health and Human Services – Nathan White, Chief Financial Officer, Katja Fox, Director, Division for Behavioral Health, 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 Erf, seconded by Senator D'Allesandro, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to accept and expend \$873,500 in federal funds and create new expenditure class codes through June 30, 2023. 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

FIS 23-128 Department of Energy – Joshua Elliott, Director of Policy and Programs, Department of Energy responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator Bradley, seconded by Senator Rosenwald, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Energy through June 30, 2023 to; 1) accept and expend \$4,232,260 in federal funds, and 2) contingent upon approval of Request #1, authorization to create one (1) temporary full-time Program Specialist II (LG 21) position. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 124:15, I, POSITIONS AUTHORIZED:

CONSENT CALENDAR

FIS 23-112 Department of Health and Human Services – Nathan White, Chief Financial Officer, and Joseph Ribsam, Director, Division for Children, Youth, and Families, Department of Health and Human Services responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator Gray, seconded by Senator Bradley, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services through June 30, 2023 to; 1) establish one (1) temporary full-time Program Specialist IV (LG 25) 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 23-124 Department of Health and Human Services – Nathan White, Chief Financial Officer, and Karen Hebert, Director, Division of Economic Stability, Department of Health and Human Services responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator Gray, seconded by Senator Bradley, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to accept and expend \$3,600,000 in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) through June 30, 2023. MOTION ADOPTED. (8-Yes; 2-No)

RSA 9:16-a. I. TRANSFERS AUTHORIZED, RSA 9:16-c. TRANSFER OF FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS, RSA 14:30-a. VI. FISCAL COMMITTEE APPROVAL REQUIRED FOR ACCEPTANCE AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS OVER \$100,000 FROM ANY NON-STATE SOURCE, RSA 9:17-a. III. LIMITATIONS, AND CHAPTER 91:35, LAWS OF 2021 CHANGE IN FEDERAL MATCH REVENUE:

REGULAR CALENDAR

FIS 23-134 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 Senator Gray, seconded by Senator Bradley, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to transfer \$18,964,840 in general funds between various class lines, decrease Federal revenues in the amount of \$10,092,294, increase related Other revenues in the amount of \$100,000, and create new expenditure class codes through June 30, 2023. MOTION ADOPTED. (9-Yes; 1-No)

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

REGULAR CALENDAR

FIS 23-114 Department of Administrative Services – Sheri Rockburn, Assistant Commissioner, Department of Administrative Services, responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Leishman, seconded by Senator D’Allesandro, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Administrative Services request for a waiver for 119 of the 152 vehicles which fall below the break-even mileage for Fiscal Year 2022. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 177:2 CLOSING OF STATE STORES:

REGULAR CALENDAR

FIS 23-115 New Hampshire Liquor Commission – Joseph Mollica, Chairman, James Vara, Chief Operating Officer, and Tina Demers, Chief Financial Officer, New Hampshire Liquor Commission responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator D’Allesandro, seconded by Senator Bradley, that the Committee approve the request of the New Hampshire Liquor Commission reporting the closure of New Hampshire Liquor and Wine Outlet #63, 30 Warwick Road, Suite 1, Winchester and requesting approval of the Indirect Cost Allocation Plan for State Fiscal Year 2022. MOTION ADOPTED. (9-Yes; 1-No)

RSA 216-A:3-g FEES FOR PARK SYSTEM:

REGULAR CALENDAR

FIS 23-139 Department of Natural and Cultural Resources – On a motion by Senator Bradley, seconded by Senator Innis, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources to; 1) request approval for a \$1.00 increase to the hourly metered parking rates at the seacoast parking facilities during peak season, effective beginning May 1, 2023, and 2) further request approval to change its seasonal operations dates for metered parking from the current Peak Season dates of May 1 through October 1 to the new Peak Season dates of May 1 through September 30; and from the current Off-Season dates of October 2 through April 30 to the new Off-Season dates of November 1 through March 31; and adding a Shoulder Season as the months of April and October, effective beginning May 1, 2023. MOTION ADOPTED.

CHAPTER 91:121, LAWS OF 2021, NEW HAMPSHIRE VETERANS' HOME; TRANSFER AMONG ACCOUNTS AND CLASSES:

REGULAR CALENDAR

FIS 23-116 New Hampshire Veterans Home – On a motion by Representative Leishman, seconded by Senator D’Allesandro, that the Committee approve the request of the New Hampshire Veterans Home to transfer \$1,710,000 in general/federal/other funds between expenditure classes through June 30, 2023. MOTION ADOPTED.

LATE ITEM:

FIS 23-141 New Hampshire Fish and Game Department – On a motion by Senator D’Allesandro, seconded by Senator Bradley, that the Committee approve the request of the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department, pursuant to the provisions of RSA 206:3-b, to transfer \$115,000 from the NH Fish and Game Fund Reserve to the Fish and Game FY 2023 Operating Budget through June 30, 2023. MOTION ADOPTED.

LATE INFORMATION ITEM:

FIS 23-140 New Hampshire Youth Development Center Claims Administrations and Settlement Fund – The Honorable John Broderick spoke to the Administrator’s Quarterly Report for the YDC Claims Administration and Settlement Fund 2023 for Quarter One.

INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS:

The informational items were accepted and placed on file.

AUDITS:

State of New Hampshire, Single Audit Of Federal Financial Assistance Programs, For The Year Ended June 30, 2022 – Stephen Smith, Director of Audits, Audit Division, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant, and Marie Zimmerman, KPMG Partner, presented the report and responded to questions of the Committee. Dana Call, State Comptroller, Department of Administrative Services was also present to respond to Committee questions.

On a motion by Representative Erf, seconded by Senator Gray, that the audit 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 scheduled for Friday, May 19, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. (Whereupon the meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m.)

  
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Representative Keith Erf, Clerk