

FISCAL COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COURT  
MINUTES  
November 9, 2023

The Fiscal Committee of the General Court met on Thursday, November 9, 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, Clerk  
Representative Jess Edwards  
Representative Mary Jane Wallner  
Representative Mary Heath (Alternate)  
Representative Maureen Mooney (Alternate)  
Representative David Huot (Alternate)  
Representative Gerald Griffin (Alternate)  
Senator James Gray, Vice Chairman  
Senate President Jeb Bradley  
Senator Regina Birdsell  
Senator Lou D'Allesandro  
Senator Donna Soucy (Alternate)

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m., welcoming Senator Soucy filling in for Senator Rosenwald, and Representative Heath filling in for Representative Leishman.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Senator Gray, seconded by Senator Bradley, that the Committee approve the minutes of the October 19, 2023 meeting as written. MOTION ADOPTED. (9-Yes; 0-No)

Senator D'Allesandro joined the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

CONSENT CALENDAR

On a motion by Senator Bradley, seconded by Senator Gray, that the Committee approve all the requests under the Consent Calendar, Tabs 3, 4, 5, and 6, as submitted. MOTION ADOPTED. [TAB 3 pursuant to RSA 9:16-a. II, FIS 23-332 Department of Transportation – authorization to transfer \$1,500,768 in federal funds between various accounting units and classes through June 30, 2025, FIS 23-333 Department of Transportation – authorization to transfer \$40,000 in highway funds and create a new expenditure class code through June 30, 2024, and FIS 23-334

Department of Safety – authorization to transfer \$474,509 in other funds and establish a new expenditure class code through June 30, 2025; TAB 4 pursuant to RSA 9:16-c. I, FIS 23-316 Department of Natural and Cultural Resources – authorization to transfer \$172,034 in federal funds and establish 9 new appropriation classes through June 30, 2025, and FIS 23-337 Department of Safety – authorization to transfer \$189,532 in federal funds and establish a new expenditure class code through June 30, 2025; TAB 5 pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI, FIS 23-318 Department of Health and Human Services – authorization to accept and expend \$150,228 in federal funds through June 30, 2025, FIS 23-319 Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services – authorization to accept and expend \$3,304,046 in federal funds through September 30, 2024, FIS 23-320 Department of Natural and Cultural Resources – authorization to; 1) retroactively amend FIS 23-098, approved March 24, 2023, by extending the end date from June 30, 2023 to June 30, 2025, and 2) contingent upon approval of Request #1, accept and expend \$106,066 in federal funds through June 30, 2025, FIS 23-335 Department of Education – authorization to accept and expend \$3,364,124 in federal funds through September 30, 2024, FIS 23-336 Department of Safety – authorization to accept and expend \$243,555 in federal funds through June 30, 2025, and FIS 23-338 Department of Health and Human Services – authorization to accept and expend \$181,057 in federal funds through June 30, 2024; and TAB 6 pursuant to ARPA RSA 14:30-a, VI, FIS 23-317 Governor’s Office for Emergency Relief And Recovery – authorization to amend FIS 21-172, approved June 18, 2021, with subsequent approval May 19, 2023 (FIS 23-166) to adjust funds in the amount of \$382,000 in federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) funds between class lines and to create additional class lines and to extend the end date from June 30, 2024 to June 30, 2025, and FIS 23-321 Department of Natural and Cultural Resources – authorization to amend FIS 21-143, approved June 8, 2021, with subsequent action (FIS 22-322) on September 9, 2022 and (FIS 23-166) on May 19, 2023, by transferring \$20,313 in federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) funds in and among classes within an accounting unit through June 30, 2024]

#### REGULAR CALENDAR

RSA 9:16-a, 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, AND RSA 9:17-a, III, LIMITATIONS:

FIS 23-339 Department of Health and Human Services – On a motion by Senator D’Allesandro, seconded by Senator Gray, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to transfer \$15,310,992 in general funds between various class lines, decrease federal revenues in the amount of \$2,124,905, decrease related other revenues in the amount of \$929 and create new expenditure class codes through June 30, 2025. MOTION ADOPTED.

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

FIS 23-322 Office Of The Governor – On a motion by Senator D’Allesandro, seconded by Senator Gray, that the Committee approve the request of the Office Of The Governor to amend a grant award to Compass Classical Academy Charter School by increasing the award amount by \$73,031.55 from \$18,786.55 to \$91,818.10 for school security improvement projects

through June 30, 2025 (Originally approved (FIS 22-303) on September 9, 2022 with subsequent action (FIS 23-235) on August 11, 2023). MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 206:33-b TRANSFERS FROM FISH AND GAME FUND:

FIS 23-323 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 to transfer \$35,000 from the New Hampshire Fish and Game Fund Reserve to the Fish and Game FY 2024 Operating Budget through June 30, 2024. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 215-A:23, IX. AND RSA 215-C:39, X. REGISTRATION FEES:

FIS 23-325 New Hampshire Fish and Game Department – Scott Mason, Executive Director, New Hampshire Fish and Game Department responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator Gray, seconded by Senator Bradley, that the Committee approve the request of the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department to transfer \$25,000 of unexpended funds from Excess Registration Fees to the Fish and Game OHRV Fiscal Year 2024 Operating Budget through June 30, 2024. MOTION ADOPTED.

MISCELLANEOUS:

FIS 23-326 State Treasury – On a motion by Senator D’Allesandro, seconded by Senator Soucy, that the Committee approve the request of the State Treasury, on behalf of the College Tuition Savings Plan Advisory Commission requests 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, 2023 upon completion of the audits and prior to the presentation of the audit results to the Fiscal Committee of the General Court. MOTION ADOPTED.

LATE ITEM:

FIS 23-340 Department of Health and Human Services – Lori Weaver, Commissioner, and Nathan White, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Health and Human Services responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator Bradley, seconded by Senator D’Allesandro, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to amend FIS 22-361, approved October 14, 2022, with subsequent action (FIS 23-166) May 19, 2023, by repurposing \$6,523,363 in federal ARPA SFRF funds and by extending the end date from June 30, 2024 to June 30, 2025. MOTION ADOPTED. (9-Yes; 1-No)

INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS:

No discussion was held. The informational items were accepted and placed on file.

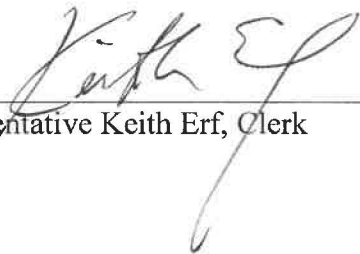
DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next regular meeting of the Fiscal Committee was scheduled for Friday, December 15, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

The Committee recessed at 10:45 a.m., returning at 12:00 noon.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

  
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Representative Keith Erf, Clerk