

CAPITAL BUDGET OVERVIEW COMMITTEE

Legislative Office Building, Room 201-203

Concord, NH

Wednesday, March 15, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rep. Gene Chandler, Chair
Rep. John Cloutier
Rep. Mark McConkey
Rep. Frank Byron
Rep. David Danielson
Rep. Dan Eaton
Sen. Gary Daniels, Vice-Chair
Sen. Lou D'Allesandro
Sen. Regina Birdsell

(The meeting convened at 3:30 p.m.)

(1) Organization of Committee:

(2) Committee Orientation:

GENE CHANDLER, State Representative, Carroll County,
District #01: The time being 3:30, we will -- am I supposed to
start this or what? I guess someone's got to; right?

MICHAEL HOFFMAN, Senior Budget Officer, Office of
Legislative Budget Assistant: Sure.

JOHN CLOUTIER, State Representative, Sullivan County,
District #10: I'm the clerk, but I'm not the official clerk yet.
I was clerk last time.

DANIEL EATON, State Representative, Cheshire County,
District #03: We didn't do that at the December meeting?

REP. CLOUTIER: No.

REP. EATON: I thought we elected you Chair in December?

CHAIRMAN CHANDLER: So I guess before we go any further --

REP. CLOUTIER: I don't think we had a meeting in December.

CHAIRMAN CHANDLER: Okay. We need -- so, obviously, we need a Chairman, Vice-Chair, and Clerk.

MR. HOFFMAN: Since you're the Chair of Public Works, you'll be the Chair of Capital Budget Overview.

CHAIRMAN CHANDLER: Okay. Thanks. Do we elect the Vice-Chair?

DAVID DANIELSON, State Representative, Hillsborough County, District #07: Mr. Chairman, I nominate Representative Cloutier as Clerk.

CHAIRMAN CHANDLER: Let me get on the Vice-Chairman. We have a Vice-Chairman. Would that be the Senate?

MR. HOFFMAN: That would be a nomination for Vice-Chair.

CHAIRMAN CHANDLER: So Senator Daniels.

REP. EATON: Second.

CHAIRMAN CHANDLER: Has been moved and seconded.

REP. CLOUTIER: Who made the motion to nominate Senator Daniels?

CHAIRMAN CHANDLER: I don't know. Representative McConkey, seconded by Representative Eaton.

REP. CLOUTIER: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN CHANDLER: All those in favor of Senator Daniels for Vice-Chair say aye? Those opposed? Motion carries.

***** {MOTION ADOPTED}**

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CHAIRMAN CHANDLER: Clerk.

** REP. DANIELSON: Make a motion for Representative Cloutier to be named Clerk.

CHAIRMAN CHANDLER: Motion by Representative Danielson Representative Cloutier to be named the Clerk. Is there a second?

REGINA BIRDSELL, State Senator, Senate District #19:
Second:

CHAIRMAN CHANDLER: Anyone else wish to be nominated? I'm surprised.

REP. CLOUTIER: Who made the motion?

REP. DANIELSON: I made the motion.

REP. CLOUTIER: I'm going to write down Danielson. Senator Birdsell. Sorry. I just wanted to know.

CHAIRMAN CHANDLER: All those in favor? Okay. That's it.

*** {MOTION ADOPTED}

(3) Acceptance of Minutes of the November 30, 2016 meeting

CHAIRMAN CHANDLER: So we have the minutes of the November 30th, meeting.

** REP. EATON: Move approval.

CHAIRMAN CHANDLER: It's been moved. Do I have a second?

SEN. BIRDSELL: Second.

CHAIRMAN CHANDLER: We have a second. Any questions, discussions, additions or deletions? If not, all those in favor

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of approving the minutes of November 30th, signify by saying aye? Opposed? Motion carries.

***** {MOTION ADOPTED}**

CHAIRMAN CHANDLER: Now we -- you remember the names since most of the people here --

(The court reporter responds she remembers the names of the committee members.)

(4) Old Business:

(5) New Business:

(6) Miscellaneous:

(7) Informational:

CHAIRMAN CHANDLER: And we have -- we have nothing really. I guess the only thing we have before you is just informational items; is that correct?

REP. DANIELSON: Yes.

CHAIRMAN CHANDLER: Does anyone -- I will ask Mr. Herlihy -- Patrick, if you have -- why don't you mention what you mentioned to me so I don't have to go on the authority just by myself to do away with that.

PATRICK HERLIHY, Director, Bureau of Aeronautics, Rail and Transit, Department of Transportation: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN CHANDLER: There was a question on one of the reports that they do, which is really kind of -- is a little bit outdated now. That way if someone on the Committee wants to still get it, they can.

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MR. HERLIHY: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, Members of the Committee. For the record, my name is Patrick Herlihy. I'm the Director of Aeronautics, Rail, and Transit at the Department of Transportation. What I'm referring to is CAP 17-002, which is a Quarterly status report of all federal/local airport projects. This report came about as a budget footnote many years ago on an account which is our 2021 org code account which is for any money that we receive above and beyond what we had budgeted in the Capital Budget for FAA appropriations. We happen to have gotten two of those in the last, I don't know, probably 10 to 15 years. So these reports have been generated each quarter for that. I don't know if they're of any use to the Committee. We asked -- when we were asked to the Governor's Budget phase when we started the operating budget, we were asked were there any laws or footnotes we'd like to change. We put that in. It didn't make it through the Governor's phase. It was kept in there.

So we asked Finance Division II last week if they had an issue with us removing the budget footnote that requires this report, and they said that I should talk to Representative Chandler. So I talked to Representative Chandler and here I am now.

CHAIRMAN CHANDLER: I said it was okay; but then since we are having a meeting, I figure we might as well ask the other members.

MR. HERLIHY: Right now we have one project on here. It's going to be completed on June 30th. We won't have any other projects in the foreseeable future on this. If the report is still something you'd be interested in, we could certainly do it if we get another project.

CHAIRMAN CHANDLER: That's what I was going to suggest. Why don't you -- any members have any problems with that?

MR. HERLIHY: I've never been questioned about this report. It's always just been an informational item, and there's never been any issue on it.

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CHAIRMAN CHANDLER: Anyone has a problem with taking that out and then just providing information when and if you do have a project? Okay.

FRANK BYRON, State Representative, Hillsborough County, District #20: Just a question, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN CHANDLER: Yes.

REP. BYRON: Does this report go to anybody else other than this Committee?

MR. HERLIHY: Just this Committee.

CHAIRMAN CHANDLER: Okay. Go back to whoever you were speaking to in Finance and tell them to go ahead and take it out.

REP. EATON: Message delivered.

MR. HERLIHY: Okay. Take it -- take the budget footnote out with the understanding that we'll still do a report if we get another project.

CHAIRMAN CHANDLER: Yes.

MR. HERLIHY: Do you want to see additional reports on this project as we go forward? I mean, it should be done by June 30th which would be the end of this biennium any way. So there is one more report that's coming.

CHAIRMAN CHANDLER: Right. That will be good. Just do that. That will be good.

MR. HERLIHY: Okay.

CHAIRMAN CHANDLER: Thanks.

MR. HERLIHY: Thank you.

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(7) **Date of Next Meeting and Adjournment:**

CHAIRMAN CHANDLER: Anything else the Committee desires? You have a few things, reports to look at. And if you have any questions on those that need further clarification at our next meeting, just let me know and we can get them on the agenda. Anything else? Okay. We'll recess till the call of the Chair.

(The meeting recessed to the call of the Chair at 3:39 p.m.)

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CERTIFICATION

I, Cecelia A. Trask, a Licensed Court Reporter-Shorthand, do hereby certify that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate transcript from my shorthand notes taken on said date to the best of my ability, skill, knowledge and judgment.

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