

FISCAL COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COURT

MINUTES

February 8, 2019

The Fiscal Committee of the General Court met on Friday, February 8, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 210-211 of the Legislative Office Building.

Members in attendance were as follows:

Representative Mary Jane Wallner, Chairman
Representative Ken Weyler
Representative Susan Ford
Representative Erin Hennessey (Alternate)
Representative Patricia Lovejoy (Alternate)
Senator Lou D'Allesandro
Senator Dan Feltes
Senate President Donna Soucy
Senator Bob Giuda (Alternate)
Senator Jay Kahn (Alternate)

Chairman Wallner opened the meeting at 10:06 a.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Senator D'Allesandro, seconded by Representative Weyler, that the minutes of the January 4, 2019 meeting be accepted as written. MOTION ADOPTED.

NEW BUSINESS:

RSA 9:16-a, TRANSFERS AUTHORIZED:

CONSENT CALENDAR

At the request of Senator Kahn, FIS 19-027 Office of Strategic Initiatives was removed from the Consent Calendar.

On a motion by Senator D'Allesandro, seconded by Representative Weyler, that the Committee approve the remaining requests under this section as submitted. MOTION ADOPTED. [FIS 19-026 Department of Safety – authorization to transfer \$2,050,000 in general funds through June 30, 2019, FIS 19-042 Department of Health and Human Services – authorization to transfer \$4,311,185 in general funds, decrease federal revenues in the amount of \$6,196, and decrease other revenues in the amount of \$9,644 and create new expenditure class codes through June 30, 2019, and FIS 19-055 New Hampshire Lottery Commission – authorization to create a new class code and transfer \$81,800 in lottery funds through June 30, 2019]

FIS 19-027 Office of Strategic Initiatives – Jared Chicoine, Director, and Jane Lemire, Business Director, Office of Strategic Initiatives presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator D’Allesandro, seconded by Senator Kahn, that the Committee approve the request of the Office of Strategic Initiatives to transfer \$5,000,000 in general funds through June 30, 2019. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 9:16-c, I, TRANSFER OF FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS:
CONSENT CALENDAR

On a motion by Senator D’Allesandro, seconded by Senator Giuda, that the Committee approve the requests under this section as submitted. MOTION ADOPTED. [FIS 19-028 The Adjutant General’s Department – authorization to transfer \$575,000 in federal funds through June 30, 2019, and FIS 19-029 Council on Developmental Disabilities – authorization to transfer \$12,000 in federal funds through June 30, 2019]

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

At the request of Senator Kahn and Senator Feltes respectively, FIS 19-045 Department of Environmental Services and FIS 19-046 Department of Health and Human Services were removed from the Consent Calendar.

On a motion by Senator D’Allesandro, seconded by Senator Kahn, that the Committee approve the remaining requests under this section as submitted. MOTION ADOPTED. [FIS 19-030 Department of Environmental Services – authorization to; 1) retroactively amend FIS 17-107, approved August 25, 2017, by extending the end date from December 31, 2018 to June 30, 2019, and 2) further amend FIS 17-107, approved August 25, 2017, by reallocating \$31,687 in other funds through June 30, 2019, FIS 19-031 Fish and Game Department – authorization to accept and expend \$3,618,424 in federal funds and \$475,000 in other funds for a total of \$4,093,424 through June 30, 2019, FIS 19-044 Department of Environmental Services – authorization to accept and expend \$138,064 in other funds through June 30, 2019, FIS 19-047 Department of Natural and Cultural Resources – authorization to budget and expend \$200,000 in other funds through June 30, 2019, and FIS 19-050 Department of Transportation – authorization through June 30, 2019 to; accept and expend \$3,915,983 in other funds and further authorization to accept and expend \$284,681 in other funds]

FIS 19-045 Department of Environmental Services – Susan Carlson, Chief Operations Officer, Department of Environmental Services responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator D’Allesandro, seconded by Senator Kahn, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Environmental Services for authorization through June 30, 2019 to; 1) accept and expend \$275,985 in federal funds, and 2) accept and expend \$500,350 in other funds. MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 19-046 Department of Health and Human Services – Kerrin Rounds, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Health and Human Services presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator Feltes, seconded by Senator Soucy, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to accept and expend \$11,111,100 in federal funds through June 30, 2019. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 9:16-a, TRANSFERS AUTHORIZED AND 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

At the request of Senator Kahn, FIS 19-043 Department of Health and Human Services was removed from the Consent Calendar.

FIS 19-043 Department of Health and Human Services – Kerrin Rounds, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Health and Human Services responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator Kahn, seconded by Senator D’Allesandro, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to transfer \$17,548,824 in general funds, increase federal revenues in the amount of \$7,376,565, and increase related other revenues in the amount of \$4,830, and create new expenditure class codes through June 30, 2019. 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

At the requests of Representative Weyler and Senator Kahn, respectively, FIS 19-032 Department of Corrections and FIS 19-033 Department of Education were removed from the Consent Calendar.

On a motion by Senator D’Allesandro, seconded by Senator Kahn, that the Committee approve the remaining requests under this section as submitted. MOTION ADOPTED. [FIS 19-034 Department of Health and Human Services – authorization through June 30, 2019 to; 1) accept and expend \$354,470 in federal funds, and 2) contingent upon approval of Request #1, establish six (6) full-time temporary positions consisting of; two Senior Management Analysts (LG 26), one Program Specialist IV (LG 25), one Administrator I (LG 27), one Programs Information Officer (LG 23), and one Business Systems Analyst I (LG 28), FIS 19-051 Department of Health and Human Services – authorization through June 30, 2019 to; 1) accept and expend \$282,829 in federal funds, and 2) contingent upon approval of Request #1, establish one (1) temporary part-time Public Health Nurse Coordinator (LG 23) position, and FIS 19-052 Office of Professional Licensure and Certification – authorization through June 30, 2019 to; 1) accept and expend an amount not to exceed \$218,376 in other

funds, and 2) contingent upon approval of Request #1, establish two (2) temporary part-time positions consisting of; a Compliance Investigator/Inspector (LG 27) and an Assistant Inspector/ Program Specialist (LG 19)]

FIS 19-032 Department of Corrections – Helen Hanks, Commissioner, and Robin Maddaus, Director of Administration, Department of Corrections, responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Weyler, seconded by Senator Soucy, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Corrections for authorization through June 30, 2019 to; 1) amend FIS 18-003, approved February 16, 2018, to reallocate \$8,020 in other funds and create a new class code, and 2) accept and expend \$535,149 in other funds, and 3) contingent upon approval of Request #2, authorization to establish two (2) full-time temporary Program Coordinator (LG 26) positions. MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 19-033 Department of Education – Frank Edelblut, Commissioner, and Kelly Untiet, Bureau of Student Wellness, Department of Education presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator D’Allesandro, seconded by Senator Giuda, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Education for authorization through June 30, 2019 to; 1) accept and expend \$399,625 in federal funds and 2) establish three (3) full-time temporary Program Specialist IV (LG 25) positions. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 126-A:75, EXCESS APPROPRIATION ALLOCATION ACCOUNT:

FIS 19-035 Department of Health and Human Services – On a motion by Senator D’Allesandro, seconded by Senator Feltes, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to accept \$5,379,386 in additional federal funds through June 30, 2019. MOTION ADOPTED.

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

FIS 19-036 New Hampshire Fish and Game Department – On a motion by Senator D’Allesandro, seconded by Senator Soucy, that the Committee approve the request of the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department to transfer \$380,070 in unexpended funds from Excess Registration Fees, to the Fish and Game OHRV Fiscal Year 2019 Operating Budget through June 30, 2019. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 604-A: 1-b, ADDITIONAL FUNDING:

FIS 19-037 Judicial Council – On a motion by Senator Soucy, seconded by Senator Feltes, that the Committee approve the request of the Judicial Council to receive an additional

appropriation from funds not otherwise appropriated in the amount of \$750,000 in general funds through June 30, 2019. MOTION ADOPTED.

MISCELLANEOUS:

FIS 19-038 Office of Legislative Budget Assistant – On a motion by Senator D’Allesandro, seconded by Senator Soucy, that the Committee approve the request of the Office of Legislative Budget Assistant for approval to include LBA employees under the new employer-paid Short Term Disability Income Protection Program. MOTION ADOPTED.

INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS:

The informational items were accepted and placed on file.

AUDITS:

On a motion by Representative Weyler, seconded by Representative Ford, that the Committee accept the eight (8) audits on the agenda consisting of; The Unique College Investing Plan, Annual Report, September 30, 2018; The Fidelity Advisor 529 Plan, Annual Report, September 30, 2018; State of New Hampshire, Highway Fund (Fund 15), Audited Financial Statements, For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2018; Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2018, New Hampshire Lottery Commission, A Department of the State of New Hampshire; 2018 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, New Hampshire State Liquor Commission, A Department Of The State Of New Hampshire; State of New Hampshire, Fish and Game Fund, Audited Financial Statements For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2018; State of New Hampshire, New Hampshire Banking Department, Financial Audit Report, Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2018; and State of New Hampshire, Police Standards and Training Council, Performance Audit, February 2019, place on file, and release in the usual manner. MOTION ADOPTED.

The Unique College Investing Plan, Annual Report, September 30, 2018 and The Fidelity Advisor 529 Plan, Annual Report, September 30, 2018 and State of New Hampshire, Comprehensive Annual Financial Report For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2018 – Stephen Smith, Director of Audits, Audit Division, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant, Declan Byrne, Partner, PricewaterhouseCoopers, and William Dwyer, State Treasurer, presented the reports and responded to questions of the Committee.

State of New Hampshire, Department of Transportation, Turnpike System, Annual Financial Report For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2018 – Stephen Smith, Director of Audits, Audit Division, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant, Jayme Silva, Partner, KPMG, and Karen Farrell, Manager, KPMG presented the report and responded to questions of the Committee. Marie Mullen, Director of Finance, Department of Transportation was also present to respond to questions of the Committee.

Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2018, New Hampshire Lottery Commission, A Department of the State of New Hampshire – Stephen Smith, Director of Audits, and James LaRiviere, Senior Audit Manager, Audit Division, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant, presented the report and responded to questions of the Committee. James Duris, Chief Financial Officer, New Hampshire Lottery Commission was also present to respond to questions of the Committee.

2018 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, New Hampshire Liquor Commission, A Department of the State of New Hampshire – Stephen Smith, Director of Audits, and Jean Mitchell, Senior Audit Manager, Audit Division, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant, presented the report and responded to questions of the Committee. Joseph Mollica, Chairman, and Christina Demers, Chief Financial Officer, New Hampshire Liquor Commission were also present to respond to questions of the Committee.

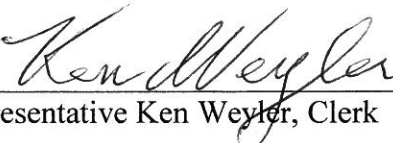
State of New Hampshire, Fish and Game Fund, Audited Financial Statements For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2018 – Stephen Smith, Director of Audits, and Pamela Veeder, Senior Audit Manager, Audit Division, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant, presented the report and responded to questions of the Committee. Glenn Normandeau, Executive Director, New Hampshire Fish and Game Department was also present to respond to questions of the Committee.

State of New Hampshire, New Hampshire Banking Department, Financial Audit Report, Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2018 – Stephen Smith, Director of Audits, and Jean Mitchell, Senior Audit Manager, Audit Division, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant, presented the report and responded to questions of the Committee. Gerald Little, Commissioner, and Emelia Galdieri, Deputy Commissioner, New Hampshire Banking Department were also present to respond to questions of the Committee.

State of New Hampshire, Police Standards and Training Council, Performance Audit, February 2019 – Stephen Smith, Director of Audits, and John Clinch, Senior Audit Manager, Audit Division, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant, presented the report and responded to questions of the Committee. Chief David Cahill, Chairman, and Timothy Merrill, Executive Officer, Police Standards and Training Council were also present to respond to questions of the Committee.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT:

The next regular meeting of the Fiscal Committee was previously scheduled for Friday, March 8, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. and will be scheduled on the second Friday of each month thereafter. (Whereupon the meeting adjourned at 11:59 a.m.)



Representative Ken Weyler, Clerk