

FISCAL COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COURT  
MINUTES  
March 21, 2014

The Fiscal Committee of the General Court met on Friday, March 21, 2014 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, Clerk  
Representative Peter Leishman  
Representative Sharon Nordgren (Alternate)  
Representative Daniel Eaton  
Senate President Chuck Morse  
Senator Bob Odell  
Senator Sylvia Larsen  
Senator Andy Sanborn

Chairman Wallner opened the meeting at 10:08 a.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Senator Morse, that the minutes of the February 14, 2014 and March 10, 2014 meetings be accepted as written. MOTION ADOPTED.

OLD BUSINESS:

FIS 13-081 Additional Information – request from the Members of the Joint Legislative Performance Audit and Oversight Committee, dated December 6, 2013, requesting that the proposed Police Standards and Training Council audit be removed from the table and voted on (FIS 13-081 Letter from Representative Lucy McVitty Weber, Chairman of the Legislative Performance Audit and Oversight Committee relative to the recommendation of the performance audit topics for 5) Police Standards and Training Council, The Council in Performance of its Charter. Tabled 03/08/13.) No Action Taken.

OLD INFORMATIONAL ITEM:

FIS 14-006 Department of Health and Human Services – Mary Ann Cooney, Associate Commissioner, and Maggie Bishop, Director, Division of Children, Youth and Families, Department of Health and Human Services spoke to the informational item, held over from the February 14, 2014 meeting, and responded to questions of the Committee regarding the January 2014 report of the Department's assessment as to the most appropriate, cost effective, long and short-term uses of the Sununu Youth Services Center.

NEW BUSINESS:

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**

On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Senator Larsen, that the Committee approve the requests under this section as submitted. MOTION ADOPTED. [FIS 14-022 Department of Health and Human Services – accept and expend \$422,249 in federal funds retroactive from September 30, 2013 through September 29, 2014, FIS 14-033 Department of Education – authorization to retroactively amend the end date, with no increase in funding, from January 31, 2014 to September 30, 2014 (FIS 10-237 originally approved July 20, 2010, amended (FIS 12-283) on September 14, 2012, and subsequently amended (FIS 13-129) on June 7, 2013), and FIS 14-035 Department of Justice – accept and expend \$300,000]

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 RESTRICTED:

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Senator Larsen, that the Committee approve the requests under this section as submitted. MOTION ADOPTED. [FIS 14-026 Department of Education – authorization to 1) accept and expend \$4,222,476 in federal funds through June 30, 2015, and to 2) establish three (3) full-time temporary positions to consist of; and Administrator II, a Program Specialist III, and a Program Assistant II, and further authorization to 3) establish a part-time temporary Program Specialist III position through June 30, 2015, FIS 14-028 Department of Cultural Resources – authorization to 1) accept and expend \$114,625 in other funds through June 30, 2015, and 2) establish class 046 consultant positions through June 30, 2015, FIS 14-029 Department of Cultural Resources – authorization to 1) accept and expend \$697,919 in federal funds through June 30, 2015, and 2) establish one (1) part-time temporary Grants Program Coordinator position and two (2) part-time temporary Program Specialist I positions through June 30, 2015, FIS 14-034 Department of Safety – authorization to 1) accept and expend \$955,095 in other funds through September 30, 2014, and further authorization to 2) establish class 046 consultant positions through September 30, 2014, and FIS 14-036 Department of Transportation – authorization to 1) accept and expend \$624,755 in private local funds from the State of Maine, and \$641,819 in private local funds from the State of Vermont through June 30, 2015, and further authorization to 2) establish class 046 consultant positions through June 30, 2015]

RSA 124:15 POSITIONS RESTRICTED:

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

On a motion by Representative Leishman, seconded by Representative Eaton, that the Committee approve the request under this section as submitted. MOTION ADOPTED. [FIS 14-027 Department of Justice – authorization to establish one (1) full-time temporary Paralegal II position through June 30, 2015]

RSA 21-I:56, II, RECLASSIFICATION OF POSITIONS OR INCREASES:

FIS 14-038 Department of Safety – On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Senator Larsen, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Safety to reclassify Position #40583 from Information Technology Manager V, labor grade 34, step 8, to Assistant Director of Emergency Services and Communications, labor grade 35, step 8. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 21-P:12-d, FIRE STANDARDS AND TRAINING AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FUND:

FIS 14-037 Department of Safety – On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Senator Larsen, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Safety to transfer \$390,000 Fire and EMS funds through June 30, 2014. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 228:12, TRANSFERS FROM HIGHWAY SURPLUS ACCOUNT:

FIS 14-039 Department of Transportation – On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Senator Morse, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Transportation to transfer \$7,768,000 from Highway Surplus to fund winter maintenance activities through June 30, 2014. MOTION ADOPTED.

CHAPTER 143:3, LAWS OF 2013, ASSIGNMENT OF OFFICE SPACE:

FIS 14-031 Governor's Commission on Disability – On a motion by Senator Larsen, seconded by Representative Eaton, that the Committee approve the request of the Governor's Commission on Disability to relocate its offices from 57 Regional Drive, Concord to the Anna Philbrook Building, 121 South Fruit Street, Concord, effective December 9, 2013. MOTION ADOPTED.

CHAPTER 143:31, DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES; TRANSFER AMONG ACCOUNTS AND CLASSES:

FIS 14-040 Department of Administrative Services – On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Senator Larsen, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Administrative Services to transfer \$256,682 in and among accounting units and to create four new expenditure classes through June 30, 2014. MOTION ADOPTED.

CHAPTER 144:95, LAWS OF 2013, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; TRANSFER OF FUNDS:

FIS 14-030 Department of Transportation – On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Senator Larsen, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Transportation to transfer \$10,050 between Highway Fund accounts and classes through June 30, 2014. MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 14-041 Department of Transportation – On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Senator Larsen, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Transportation to transfer \$10,676 between Bureau of Rail and Transit accounts and classes through June 30, 2014. MOTION ADOPTED. (8-Yes, 1-Abstain)

MISCELLANEOUS:

Office of Legislative Budget Assistant – Jeffrey Pattison, Legislative Budget Assistant, requested approval of the Committee to fill one (1) vacant performance audit position in the Office of Legislative Budget Assistant, Audit Division.

On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Senator Sanborn, that the Committee approve the request of the Office of Legislative Budget Assistant, Audit Division, to fill one (1) vacant performance audit position. MOTION ADOPTED.

INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS:

The informational items were accepted and placed on file.

10:30 a.m.

Audits:

State of New Hampshire, Lottery Commission, Management Letter For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2013 – Richard Mahoney, 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. Charles McIntyre, Executive Director, and Lynda Plante, Deputy Director, New Hampshire Lottery Commission, were also present to respond to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Weyler, seconded by Representative Eaton, that the report be accepted, placed on file, and released in the usual manner. MOTION ADOPTED.

State of New Hampshire, Liquor Commission, Management Letter For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2013 – Richard Mahoney, 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. Steve Kiander, Chief Financial Officer, and Craig Bulkley, Chief Operating Officer, New Hampshire Liquor Commission, were also present to respond to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Weyler, seconded by Representative Eaton, that the report be accepted, placed on file, and released in the usual manner. MOTION ADOPTED.

State of New Hampshire, Turnpike System, Management Letter For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2013 – Richard Mahoney, 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. Patrick McKenna, Deputy Commissioner, and Marie Mullen, Senior Administrator, Department of Transportation, were also present to respond to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Weyler, seconded by Representative Eaton, that the report be accepted, placed on file, and released in the usual manner. MOTION ADOPTED.

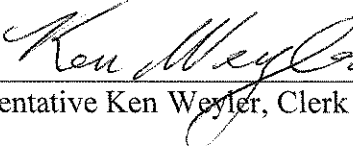
State of New Hampshire, State Treasury, Financial Audit Report For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2013 – Richard Mahoney, Director of Audits, and Monica Mezzapelle, Audit Manager, Audit Division, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant presented the report and responded to questions of the Committee. Catherine Provencher, State Treasurer, and William Dwyer, Deputy State Treasurer, Treasury Department, were also present to respond to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Weyler, seconded by Representative Eaton, that the report be accepted, placed on file, and released in the usual manner. MOTION ADOPTED.

ADJOURNMENT:

The next regular meeting of the Fiscal Committee was set for Friday, April 25, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

On a motion by Representative Eaton that the meeting adjourn. (Whereupon the meeting adjourned at 11:36 a.m.)

  
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Representative Ken Weyler, Clerk