

FISCAL COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COURT

MINUTES

September 6, 2022

The Fiscal Committee of the General Court met on Tuesday, September 6, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 210-211 of the Legislative Office Building.

Members in attendance were as follows:

Representative Karen Umberger, Chairman  
Representative Tracy Emerick  
Representative Bob Lynn (Alternate)  
Representative Keith Erf  
Representative Mary Jane Wallner (Alternate)  
Representative Jess Edwards  
Representative Joseph Pitre (Alternate)  
Senator Gary Daniels  
Senator Jeb Bradley (Alternate)  
Senator James Gray  
Senator Cindy Rosenwald  
Senator Donna Soucy (Alternate)

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

OLD BUSINESS:

FIS 22-272 Withdrawn by Agency – Department of Justice requested, August 12, 2022, to withdraw FIS 22-272 Department of Justice – requesting approval, in substantially similar form, of the enclosed claims process documents developed by the DOJ for use in the submission, administration, settlement, and resolution of claims of abuse of former Youth Development Center (“YDC”) residents from the YDC settlement fund, and further requests permission to make non-substantive changes to the documents, once approved, to enhance their readability and accessibility to the potential claimant population, to incorporate the most trauma-informed and victim-centered language achievable, and to make other non-substantive changes thereto. Tabled 08/10/2022. WITHDRAWN BY AGENCY.

NEW BUSINESS:

RSA 21-M:11-a, IV, BUREAU OF CIVIL LAW:

FIS 22-307, 22-308, 22-309 and 22-310 Department of Justice – John Formella, Attorney General, presented the requests and responded to questions of the Committee. Also present were Jennifer Ramsey, Senior Attorney General, Department of Justice, and Helen Hanks, Commissioner, Department of Corrections to respond to Committee questions.

On a motion by Senator Daniels, seconded by Representative Lynn, that, as a block the Committee **approve as amended** the requests from the Department of Justice, **with the ability to correct typographical errors, and notification of the Chair of any corrections made.** [FIS 22-307 Department of Justice – requests approval, in substantially similar form, of the enclosed Claims Process for Administration of the YDC Settlement Fund developed by DOJ for use in the submission, administration, settlement, and resolution of claims of abuse of former Youth Development Center (“YDC”) residents from the YDC settlement fund; FIS 22-308 Department of Justice – requests approval, in substantially similar form, of the enclosed Guidance to Administrator for Publishing Notice of Claims Process developed by DOJ for use in the submission, administration, settlement, and resolution of claims of abuse of former Youth Development Center (“YDC”) residents from the YDC settlement fund; FIS 22-309 Department of Justice – requests approval, in substantially similar form, of the enclosed Guidelines for Valuing Claims for Settlement Purposes developed by DOJ for use in the submission, administration, settlement, and resolution of claims of abuse of former Youth Development Center (“YDC”) residents from the YDC settlement fund; and FIS 22-310 Department of Justice – requests approval, in substantially similar form, of the enclosed Claim Packet developed by DOJ for use in the submission, administration, settlement, and resolution of claims of abuse of former Youth Development Center (“YDC”) residents from the YDC settlement fund]

A roll call was taken, and the results were as follows:

Representative Emerick – Yes  
Representative Erf – Yes  
Representative Lynn – Yes  
Representative Wallner (Alternate) – No  
Senator Daniels – Yes  
Senator Bradley (Alternate) – Yes  
Senator Gray – Yes  
Senator Rosenwald – No  
Senator Soucy (Alternate) – No  
Representative Umberger – Yes (7-Yes; 3-No)  
MOTION ADOPTED.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT:

The Chair previously scheduled future regular business meetings for Friday; September 9, 2022, October 14, 2022, and November 18, 2022 to be held in Room 210-211 of the Legislative Office Building.

As announced by the Chair the meeting adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

  
Representative Tracy Emerick, Clerk