

FISCAL COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COURT  
MINUTES  
March 24, 2023

The Fiscal Committee of the General Court met on Friday, March 24, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. in Room 210-211 of the Legislative Office Building.

Members in attendance were as follows:

Representative Ken Weyler, Chairman  
Representative Keith Erf  
Representative Jess Edwards  
Representative Mary Heath (Alternate)  
Representative Peter Leishman  
Representative Gerald Griffin (Alternate)  
Senator James Gray  
Senate President Jeb Bradley  
Senator Regina Birdsell  
Senator Lou D'Allesandro  
Senator Cindy Rosenwald

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Senator Gray, seconded by Senator D'Allesandro, that the Committee approve the minutes of the February 17, 2023 meeting as written. MOTION ADOPTED.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

As announced by the Chair, the following items were removed from the Consent Calendar to be acted on individually;

- Tab 4 Pursuant to RSA 9:16-c, I.  
FIS 23-079
- Tab 6 Pursuant RSA 14:30-a, VI. and RSA 9:16-c, I.  
FIS 23-099
- Tab 8 Pursuant to ARPA RSA 14:30-a, VI.  
FIS 23-082

On a motion by Senator Bradley, seconded by Senator D'Allesandro, that the Committee approve the remaining requests under the Consent Calendar, Tabs 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, and 9, as submitted. MOTION ADOPTED. [TAB 3 pursuant to RSA 9:16-a. I, FIS 23-077 Department of

Safety – authorization to transfer \$254,281 in general/highway funds through June 30, 2023, FIS 23-078 Department of Safety – authorization to transfer \$157,000 in other funds through June 30, 2023, and FIS 23-103 Department of Transportation – authorization to transfer \$875,000 in Turnpike funds between various accounts and classes through June 30, 2023; TAB 4 pursuant to RSA 9:16-c, I, FIS 23-067 Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services – authorization to transfer \$16,000 in federal funds and create a new class 030-Equipment through June 30, 2023 and FIS 23-080 Department of Education – authorization to transfer \$186,690 in federal funds in and among classes within an accounting unit through June 30, 2023; TAB 5 pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI., FIS 23-068 Department of Education – authorization to accept and expend \$4,116,357 in federal funds through June 30, 2023, FIS 23-069 Department of Environmental Services – authorization to budget and expend prior year carry forward funds in the amount of \$775,000 in other funds through June 30, 2023, FIS 23-070 Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services – authorization to accept and expend \$2,904,000 in federal funds through June 30, 2023, FIS 23-071 Department of Information Technology – authorization to; 1) accept and expend \$250,000 in other funds in State Fiscal Year 2023 through June 30, 2023, FIS 23-083 Department of Health and Human Services – authorization to accept and expend \$835,265 in additional federal funds through June 30, 2023, FIS 23-084 Department of Health and Human Services – authorization to accept and expend \$487,727 in federal funds through June 30, 2023, FIS 23-087 Department of Business and Economic Affairs – authorization to accept and expend \$218,000 in federal funds through June 30, 2023, FIS 23-088 Office of Professional Licensure and Certification – authorization to budget and expend \$1,345,417 in other prior year carryforward funds through June 30, 2023, FIS 23-097 Department of Natural and Cultural Resources – authorization to accept and expend \$270,999 in federal funds through June 30, 2023, FIS 23-098 Department of Natural and Cultural Resources – authorization to accept and expend \$102,645 in federal funds through June 30, 2023, FIS 23-104 Department of Transportation – authorization to accept and expend \$2,200,000 in other funds through June 30, 2023, and FIS 23-105 Department of Transportation – authorization to budget and expend \$2,200,000 in other funds through June 30, 2023; TAB 7 pursuant to RSA 124:15, FIS 23-089 Department of Business and Economic Affairs – authorization to; 1) establish two (2) full-time temporary Business Administrator II (LG 24) positions through June 30, 2023; TAB 8 pursuant to ARPA RSA 14:30-a, VI., FIS 23-081 Department of Education – authorization to accept and expend \$114,054 in federal Farm to School State Agency Formula Grant, American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Program funds through June 30, 2023, FIS 23-085 Department of Energy – authorization to retroactively amend FIS 21-295, approved October 22, 2021, by extending the end date from September 30, 2022 to June 30, 2023, FIS 23-096 Department of Business and Economic Affairs – authorization to amend FIS 21-136, approved June 8, 2021, by transferring \$1,000 in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) between classes through June 30, 2023, and FIS 23-106 Department of Health and Human Services – authorization to accept and expend \$5,505,500 in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) through June 30, 2023; and TAB 9 pursuant to ARPA RSA 14:30-a, VI. and RSA 124:15, FIS 23-100 Department of Justice – authorization through June 30, 2023 to; 1) accept and expend \$195,000 in federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF), and 2) contingent upon approval of Request #1, authorization to establish Class 046 – Consultants]

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

FIS 23-079 Department of Education – Frank Edelblut, Commissioner, and Tammy Vaillancourt, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Education responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator Rosenwald, seconded by Senator Gray, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Education to transfer \$738,920 in federal funds in and among classes within an accounting unit through June 30, 2023. 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 9:16-c, I. TRANSFER OF FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS:  
CONSENT CALENDAR

FIS 23-099 Department of Energy – Joshua Elliott, Director of Policy and Programs, Department of Energy responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator Birdsell, seconded by Senator Rosenwald, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Energy through June 30, 2023 to; 1) accept and expend \$16,497,794 in additional federal funds, and 2) transfer \$57,218 in federal funds in and among classes within an accounting unit. 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:  
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN 2021  
CONSENT CALENDAR

FIS 23-082 Department of Administrative Services – Charles Arlinghaus, Commissioner, and Karen Rantamaki, Director, Plant and Property, Department of Administrative Services, responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator Birdsell, seconded by Senator Rosenwald, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Administrative Services to amend FIS 22-267; approved July 22, 2022, by reallocating \$2,750,000 in federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) through June 30, 2023. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 9:16-a, I. TRANSFERS AUTHORIZED, AND RSA 9:17-a, III. LIMITATIONS:  
REGULAR CALENDAR

FIS 23-086 Department of Health and Human Services – Nathan White, Chief Financial Officer, and Ellen LaPointe, New Hampshire Hospital Chief Executive Officer, Department of Health and Human Services, responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator Rosenwald, seconded by Senator D'Allesandro, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to transfer \$959,000 in general/other funds between various class lines June 30, 2023. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 228:12 TRANSFERS FROM HIGHWAY SURPLUS ACCOUNT:  
REGULAR CALENDAR

FIS 23-090 Department of Safety – Steven Lavoie, Director of Administration, Department of Safety, responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator Gray, seconded by Senator Bradley, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Safety to transfer \$270,000 in other funds from the Highway Surplus Account through June 30, 2023. MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 23-102 Department of Transportation – Andre Briere, Deputy Commissioner, Danielle Chandonnet, Director of Finance, and Alan Hanscom, Administrator, Bureau of Highway Maintenance, Department of Transportation responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator Bradley, seconded by Senator Gray, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Transportation to transfer \$6,105,000 in highway funds from the Highway Surplus Account to fund winter maintenance activities through June 30, 2023. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 604-A:1-b ADDITIONAL FUNDING:

FIS 23-073 Judicial Council – On a motion by Senator D’Allesandro, seconded by Senator Bradley, that the Committee approve the request of the Judicial Council to receive an additional appropriation from funds not otherwise appropriated in the total amount of \$299,000 in general funds through June 30, 2023. MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 23-074 Judicial Council – On a motion by Senator D’Allesandro, seconded by Representative Heath, that the Committee approve the request of the Judicial Council to receive an additional appropriation from funds not otherwise appropriated in the total amount of \$187,500 in general funds through June 30, 2023. MOTION ADOPTED.

CHAPTER 90, LAWS OF 2021, AGENCY FOOTNOTE:

FIS 23-091 Department of Corrections – Helen Hanks, Commissioner, and Paula Mattis, Director, Medical and Forensic Services, Department of Corrections responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator Rosenwald, seconded by Senator D’Allesandro, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Corrections for additional funding of \$5,690,234 in general funds for medical payments to providers to cover projected shortfalls for the remainder of state fiscal year 2023. MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 23-092 Department of Administrative Services – Charles Arlinghaus, Commissioner, Department of Administrative Services responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator Bradley, seconded by Senator Rosenwald, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Administrative Services for a warrant to be drawn from money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated in the amount of \$1,365,000 to cover an anticipated utility appropriation shortfall due to unanticipated increases in electricity, natural gas, and water and sewer in FY23 through June 30, 2023. MOTION ADOPTED.

CHAPTER 91:70, LAWS OF 2021, DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS; TRANSFER AUTHORITY:

FIS 23-072 Department of Corrections - Helen Hanks, Commissioner, Department of Corrections, responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Leishman, seconded by Representative Health, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Corrections to transfer \$8,722,394 in general funds among accounts to reallocate appropriations and cover overtime shortfalls through June 30, 2023. MOTION ADOPTED.

MISCELLANEOUS :

None

INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS:

The informational items were accepted and placed on file.

AUDITS:

On a motion by Senator Gray, seconded by Senator Rosenwald, that the three audit reports be accepted, placed on file, and released in the usual manner. MOTION ADOPTED.

State of New Hampshire, Department of Energy, Weatherization Assistance Program, Performance Audit Report, March 2023 – 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. Joshua Elliott, Director of Policy and Programs, Department of Energy, was also present to address the Committee and respond to questions.

State of New Hampshire, Lottery Commission, Management Letter For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022 – Stephen Smith, Director of Audits, and Kimberly Bisson, 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 James Duris, Chief of Administration, New Hampshire Lottery Commission were also present to respond to Committee questions.

State of New Hampshire, Liquor Commission, Management Letter For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022 – 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. Joseph Mollica, Chairman, and James Vara, Chief Operating Officer, New Hampshire Liquor Commission were also present to respond to Committee questions.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT:

The next regular meeting of the Fiscal Committee was scheduled for Friday, April 21, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

On a motion by Senator D'Allesandro, seconded by Senator Bradley, that the meeting adjourn. MOTION ADOPTED. (Whereupon the meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.)

  
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Representative Keith Erf, Clerk