

FISCAL COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COURT  
MINUTES  
April 18, 2025

The Fiscal Committee of the General Court met on Friday, April 18, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. Room 210-211 of the Legislative Office Building.

Members in attendance were as follows:

Representative Ken Weyler, Chairman  
Representative Keith Erf, Clerk  
Representative Jess Edwards  
Representative Mary Jane Wallner  
Representative Peter Leishman  
Representative Gerald Griffin (Alternate)  
Senator James Gray, Vice Chairman  
Senate President Sharon Carson  
Senator Regina Birdsell  
Senator Cindy Rosenwald  
Senator David Watters

The Chair called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Senator Gray, seconded by Senator Carson, that the Committee approve the minutes of the March 21, 2025 meeting as written. MOTION ADOPTED. (10-Yes; 0-No)

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Chair announced that the Department of Safety withdrew request FIS 25-094 and issued a replacement for FIS 25-080.

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

Tab 3 Pursuant to RSA 9:16-a  
FIS 25-077, 25-106  
Tab 7 Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI.  
FIS 25-087, 25-088

On a motion by Senator Gray, seconded by Senator Rosenwald, that the Committee approve all the remaining requests as submitted under the Consent Calendar, Tabs 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8. MOTION ADOPTED. (10-Yes; 0-No) [TAB 3 pursuant to RSA 9:16-a., FIS 25-076 Department of Justice – authorization to transfer \$500,000 in general funds and create two (2) new class lines through June 30, 2025, FIS 25-078 Police Standards and Training Council – authorization to transfer \$6,550 in general funds and create a new expenditure class code through June 30, 2025, FIS 25-079 Department of Safety – authorization to transfer \$156,000 in general/highway funds through June 30, 2025, FIS 25-080 Department of Safety Replacement – authorization to transfer \$55,000 in general/other funds among accounts through June 30, 2025, FIS 25-081 Department of Safety – authorization to transfer \$48,000 in general/highway /turnpike funds among accounts through June 30, 2025, FIS 25-082 Department of Transportation – authorization to transfer \$115,000 in federal/other/highway funds between various accounting units and classes through June 30, 2025, FIS 25-083 Department of Transportation – authorization to transfer \$61,500 in federal/ other/highway funds between various accounting units and classes through June 30, 2025, and FIS 25-100 Department of Information Technology – authorization on behalf of the Department of Transportation to transfer \$350,000 in other funds through June 30, 2025; and TAB 4 pursuant to RSA 9:16-c, FIS 25-085 Department of Energy – authorization to transfer \$100,000 in federal funds through June 30, 2025, FIS 25-086 Department of Environmental Services – authorization to transfer \$69,438 in federal funds in and among classes within an accounting unit through June 30, 2025, FIS 25-101 Department of Environmental Services – authorization to transfer \$114,157 in federal funds in and among classes within an accounting unit through June 30, 2025, and FIS 25-105 Department of Corrections – authorization to establish new expenditure classes and transfer \$182,750 in other funds through June 30, 2025, and TAB 5 pursuant to RSA 9:16-a and RSA 9:16-c, FIS 25-084 New Hampshire Veterans Home – authorization to transfer \$162,738 in general funds between expenditure classes, increase and decrease Federal revenues resulting in a net decrease of \$701, and increase and decrease Other revenues resulting in a net decrease of \$601 through June 30, 2025, and TAB 6 pursuant to RSA 9:17-d, FIS 25-107 Judicial Branch – authorization to transfer \$2,672,060 in general funds between expenditure classes through June 30, 2025, and TAB 7 pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI., FIS 25-089 New Hampshire Fish and Game Department – authorization to accept and expend \$368,755 in federal funds through June 30, 2025, FIS 25-090 Department of Information Technology – authorization to accept and expend \$3,828,075 in other funds through June 30, 2025, FIS 25-091 Department of Natural and Cultural Resources – authorization to accept and expend \$160,000 in other funds through June 30, 2025, FIS 25-092 Department of Natural and Cultural Resources – authorization to accept and expend \$2,000,000 in federal funds through June 30, 2025, FIS 25-093 Police Standards and Training Council – authorization to retroactively amend FIS 24-339, approved October 18, 2024, by extending the end date only from February 28, 2025 to June 30, 2025, with no change to the price limitation of \$75,000, FIS 25-095 Department of Safety – authorization to accept and expend \$200,912 in other funds through June 30, 2025, FIS 25-096 Department of Safety – authorization to accept and expend \$488,933 in federal funds through June 30, 2025, and FIS 25-102 Department of Justice – authorization through June 30, 2025 to; 1) accept and expend \$69,750 in registration fees and further accept and expend \$38,000 in federal funds for a total of \$107,750 in other/federal funds, and TAB 8 pursuant to RSA 124:15, FIS 25-097 Department of Education – authorization through June 30, 2025 to; 1) to establish a temporary full-time 13-1190 MISC BUS OPS SPECS-4 (SOC 13, Pay Band 5) position]

RSA 21-M:11-a, XII(a) AND (c), YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER CLAIMS  
ADMINISTRATION AND SETTLEMENT FUND:

REGULAR CALENDAR

FIS 25-103 New Hampshire Youth Development Center Claims Administration and Settlement Fund – On a motion by Senator Gray, seconded by Senator Carson, that the Committee table the request of the New Hampshire Youth Development Center Claims Administration and Settlement Fund to receive an additional appropriation from general funds not otherwise appropriated in the amount of \$10,000,000 for FY 2025 through June 30, 2025. MOTION ADOPTED BY HAND COUNT. (6-Yes as voted by Representatives Weyler, Edwards, Erf, and Senators Gray, Carson, Birdsell; 4-No as voted by Representatives Leishman, Wallner, and Senators Rosenwald, Watters)

RSA 9:16-a, TRANSFERS AUTHORIZED:

CONSENT CALENDAR

FIS 25-077 Police Standards and Training Council – John Scippa, Director, and Max Schultz, Business Manager, Police Standards and Training Council, responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator Gray, seconded by Representative Edwards, that the Committee approve the request of the Police Standards and Training Council to transfer \$308,532 in general funds between various accounting units and classes through June 30, 2025. MOTION ADOPTED. (10-Yes; 0-No)

FIS 25-106 Department of Natural and Cultural Resources – Sarah Stewart, Commissioner, Department of Natural and Cultural Resources responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator Gray, seconded by Senator Rosenwald, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources to transfer \$167,000 in general funds between and among accounting units through June 30, 2025. MOTION ADOPTED. (10-Yes; 0-No)

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

FIS 25-087 Department of Energy – Joshua Elliott, Director, Division of Policy and Programs, Department of Energy, responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator Gray, seconded by Senator Watters, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Energy to accept and expend \$831,100 in federal funds through June 30, 2025. MOTION ADOPTED. (10-Yes; 0-No)

FIS 25-088 Department of Energy – Joshua Elliott, Director, Division of Policy and Programs, Department of Energy, responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator Watters, seconded by Senator Gray, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Energy to accept and expend \$9,092,218 in federal funds through June 30, 2025. MOTION ADOPTED. (10-Yes; 0-No)

MISCELLANEOUS:

Senate President’s Letter to the Legislative Budget Assistant – Request from the Joint Legislative Fiscal Committee requesting more information concerning the operations and finances of the New Hampshire Youth Development Center Claims Administration and Settlement Fund, dated April 18, 2025 from Senate President Carson.

Senate President Carson felt that before more money was put into the fund the Committee needed to make sure that the fund was victim centered and that victims are treated appropriately, felt there needed to be more reporting requirements to include more detail, and stated for the record that she wanted the Committee to look at the overhead and administrative costs.

Representative Edwards requested the quarterly report be modified to include the term over which the attorney fee is paid.

On a motion by Senator Gray, seconded by Senator Rosenwald, that the LBA conduct the audit as described in Senator Carson’s letter including items discussed at the April 18, 2025 Fiscal Committee meeting. MOTION ADOPTED. (10-Yes; 0-No)

INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS:

Nathan White, Chief Financial Officer, and Chris Santaniello, Associate Commissioner, Department of Health and Human Services responded to questions pertaining to; FIS 25-099 Department of Health and Human Services – Operating Statistics Dashboard SFY25 report through February 28, 2025, with the exception of data for the Division for Children, Youth and Families staffing data, and BDS Early Supports and Services, which is through December 31, 2024, and Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Caseloads available through January 31, 2025.

Senator Rosenwald questioned why the Glencliff census was down, to which the Department responded they will send a detailed assessment.

AUDITS:

*As adopted January 30, 2025 under the Fiscal Committee Rules and Procedures (#5) and pursuant to RSA 14:31-a, II, the following audit reports have been accepted, placed on file and released to the public.*

State Of New Hampshire, Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024 – Christine Young, Director of Audits, Audit Division, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant, Jane Letts, Partner, KPMG, and Allison Hines, Senior Audit Manager, KPMG, presented the report and responded to questions of the Committee. Charles Arlinghaus, Commissioner, and Dana Call, State Comptroller, Department of Administrative Services were present to respond to Committee questions.

State Of New Hampshire, Single Audit Of Federal Assistance Programs, For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024 – Christine Young, Director of Audits, Audit Division, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant, Jane Letts, Partner, KPMG, and Allison Hines, Senior Audit Manager, KPMG, presented the report and responded to questions of the Committee. Charles Arlinghaus, Commissioner, and Dana Call, State Comptroller, Department of Administrative Services were present to respond to Committee questions. Also present to respond to Committee questions were Stephanie Simek, Executive Director, and Kathy LaBonte, Chief of the Financial Division, New Hampshire Fish and Game Department.

Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024, New Hampshire Liquor Commission, A Department Of The State Of New Hampshire – Christine Young, Director of Audits, and James LaRivier, Senior Audit Manager, Audit Division, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant, presented the reports and responded to questions of the Committee. Joseph Molica, Chairman, and Tina Demers, Chief Financial Officer, New Hampshire Liquor Commission were also present to respond to Committee questions.

State of New Hampshire, Lottery Commission, Management Letter, For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024 - Christine Young, 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, Cooley Arroyo, Chief Compliance Officer, and James Duris, Chief Operating Officer, New Hampshire Lottery Commission were also present to respond to questions of the Committee.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next regular meeting of the Fiscal Committee was scheduled for Friday, May 16, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. to be held in Room 210-211 of the Legislative Office Building.

The Chair moved that the meeting adjourn. (Whereupon the meeting adjourned at 12:43 p.m.)



---

Representative Keith Erf, Clerk