

FISCAL COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COURT
MINUTES
September 5, 2025

The Fiscal Committee of the General Court met on Friday, September 5, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. Room 100 of the State House.

Members in attendance were as follows:

Representative Ken Weyler, Chairman
Representative Keith Erf, Clerk
Representative Maureen Mooney
Representative Mary Jane Wallner
Representative Karen Ebel (Alternate)
Representative Gerald Griffin (Alternate)
Representative Gary Daniels (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 1:02 p.m.

Representative Ebel was the alternate for Representative Leishman.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Senator Gray, seconded by Senator Birdsell, that the Committee approve the minutes of the June 20, 2025 meeting as written. MOTION ADOPTED. (9-Yes; 0-No; 1-Abstained)

OLD BUSINESS:

FIS 25-103 New Hampshire Youth Development Center Claims Administration and Settlement Fund – request authorization 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. **Tabled April 18, 2025** FIS 25-103 Additional Information – dated 5/15/2025.

Per Michael Kane, Legislative Budget Assistant, the tabled request, FIS 25-103 New Hampshire Youth Development Center Claims Administration and Settlement Fund, will be removed from the next agenda as the request was for 2025 funds. No further action is required.

NEW BUSINESS:

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- Tab 5 Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI.
FIS 25-223, FIS 25-224
- Tab 6 Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI. and RSA 124:15
FIS 25-222
- Tab 7 Pursuant to ARPA RSA 14:30-a, VI.
FIS 25-231

On a motion by Senator Gray, seconded by Senator Birsdell, 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 25-220 Department of Health and Human Services – authorization to transfer \$4,062,358 in federal funds through June 30, 2027; TAB 4 pursuant to RSA 9:16-c, FIS 25-189 Department of Agriculture, Markets and Food – authorization to transfer funds in and among classes within an accounting unit and to create a new class code in the amount of \$71,750 in federal funds through June 30, 2027, and FIS 25-221 Department of Natural and Cultural Resources – authorization to transfer \$129,625 in federal funds in and among classes and establish new classes within an accounting unit through June 30, 2027; TAB 5 pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI., FIS 25-169 Department of Agriculture, Markets and Food – authorization to retroactively amend FIS 23-210, approved August 11, 2023, by extending the end date from June 30, 2025 to September 29, 2025 to accept and expend \$33,489 in federal funds (Originally approved (FIS 22-021) January 21, 2022), FIS 25-171 Department of Energy – authorization to retroactively amend FIS 25-123, approved May 16, 2025, by extending the end date from June 30, 2025 to March 31, 2027 to accept and expend \$1,259,230 in federal funds, FIS 25-172 Department of Energy – authorization to retroactively amend FIS 25-087, approved April 18, 2025, by extending the end date from June 30, 2025 to June 30, 2027 to accept and expend \$831,100 in federal funds, FIS 25-173 Department of Energy – authorization to retroactively amend FIS 24-240, approved August 16, 2024, by extending the end date from June 30, 2025 to June 30, 2027 to accept and expend \$158,087 in federal funds, FIS 25-179 Department of Safety – authorization to retroactively amend the accept and expend of \$4,878,000 of federal funds by extending the end date from June 30, 2025 to March 31, 2026 (Originally approved (FIS 25-012) January 30, 2025), FIS 25-183 Department of Safety – authorization to retroactively amend the accept and expend of \$488,933 of federal funds by extending the end date from June 30, 2025 to June 30, 2027 (Originally approved (FIS 25-096) April 18, 2025), FIS 25-184 Department of Safety – authorization to accept and expend \$6,510,995 in federal funds through June 30, 2027, FIS 25-194 Department of Agriculture, Markets and Food – authorization to retroactively amend FIS 24-403, approved November 15, 2024, by extending the end date from June 30, 2025 to October 31, 2025 to accept and expend \$439,353 in federal funds (Originally approved (FIS 23-006) January 26, 2023), FIS 25-201 Department of Environmental Services – authorization to accept and expend \$234,324 in federal funds through June 30, 2027, FIS 25-204 Department of Business and Economic Affairs – authorization to retroactively amend FIS 24-331, approved October 18, 2024, by extending the end date from June 30, 2025 to September 29, 2026, and to accept and expend \$500,000 in federal funds, FIS 25-206 Department of Natural and Cultural Resources – authorization to retroactively amend FIS 25-064, approved March 21, 2025, by extending the end date

from June 30, 2025 to June 30, 2027, FIS 25-207 Department of Natural and Cultural Resources – authorization to retroactively amend FIS 25-092, approved April 18, 2025, by extending the end date from June 30, 2025 to June 30, 2027, FIS 25-208 Department of Natural and Cultural Resources – authorization to accept and expend \$665,500 in federal funds through June 30, 2027, FIS 25-209 Department of Natural and Cultural Resources – authorization to accept and expend \$400,000 in federal funds through June 30, 2027, FIS 25-210 Department of Information Technology – authorization to accept and expend \$650,000 in other funds in State Fiscal Year 2026 and \$655,000 in other funds in State Fiscal Year 2027 through June 30, 2027, FIS 25-211 Department of Administrative Services – authorization to accept and expend \$280,511 in other funds through June 30, 2026, FIS 25-213 Department of Natural and Cultural Resources – authorization to retroactively amend FIS 24-309, approved September 13, 2024, by extending the end date from June 30, 2025 to June 30, 2027 for grant funds in the amount of \$28,217 in federal funds, FIS 25-214 Department of Business and Economic Affairs – authorization to retroactively amend FIS 22-135, approved October 14, 2022, with subsequent approval (FIS 23-213) on August 11, 2023, by extending the end date from June 30, 2025 to September 29, 2025 to accept and expend \$11,848 in federal funds, FIS 25-215 Department of Business and Economic Affairs – authorization to retroactively amend FIS 23-344, approved January 19, 2024, by extending the end date from June 30, 2025 to September 29, 2025 to accept and expend \$16,335 in federal funds, FIS 25-216 Department of Business and Economic Affairs – authorization to retroactively amend FIS 21-328, approved November 19, 2021, with subsequent approval (FIS 23-211) August 11, 2023, by extending the end date from June 30, 2025 to September 30, 2026 to accept and expend \$55,029 in federal funds, FIS 25-217 Department of Natural and Cultural Resources – authorization to retroactively amend FIS 25-127, approved May 16, 2025, by extending the end date from June 30, 2025 to June 30, 2027 to accept and expend \$22,024 in federal funds, FIS 25-218 Department of Business and Economic Affairs – authorization to retroactively amend FIS 24-031, approved January 19, 2024, by extending the end date from June 30, 2025 to June 30, 2027 to accept and expend \$29,714 in federal funds, FIS 25-219 Department of Natural and Cultural Resources – authorization to retroactively amend FIS 23-231, approved August 11, 2023, by extending the end date from June 30, 2025 to November 23, 2026 to accept and expend \$211,815 in federal funds (Originally approved (FIS 21-298) October 22, 2021), and FIS 25-225 Department of Health and Human Services – authorization to accept and expend \$379,535 in federal funds through June 30, 2026; TAB 6 pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI. and RSA 124:15, FIS 25-174 Department of Energy – authorization to; 1) retroactively amend FIS 23-299, approved October 19, 2023, by extending the end date from June 30, 2025 to June 30, 2027 to accept and expend \$6,520,974 in federal funds, and 2) retroactively amend FIS 24-332, approved October 18, 2024, by extending the end date from June 30, 2025 to June 30, 2027 to accept and expend \$2,471,268 in federal funds, and 3) contingent upon approval of Request #1, retroactively amend FIS 23-299, approved October 19, 2023, by extending the end date from June 30, 2025 to June 30, 2027 to continue the temporary full time position #9T3336, FIS 25-175 Department of Energy – authorization to retroactively amend FIS 24-241, approved August 16, 2024; 1) by extending the end date from June 30, 2025 to December 5, 2025 to accept and expend \$8,622,066 in federal funds and 2) contingent upon approval of Request #1, authorization to extend the end date from June 30, 2025 to December 5, 2025 for the purpose of continuing two temporary full-time positions 9T3366 and 9T3365 and one compliance position 9T3364, and extending Class 046-Consultants, FIS 25-176 Department of Energy – authorization to; 1) retroactively amend FIS 25-139, approved May 16, 2025, by extending the end date from June 30, 2025 to June 30, 2027 to accept and expend \$34,598,819 in federal funds, 2) retroactively amend FIS 24-239, approved August 16, 2024, by extending the end date from June 30, 2025 to June 30, 2027 to accept and expend \$158,072 in federal funds (Originally approved (FIS 23-300) October 19, 2023), 3) retroactively amend FIS 24-354, approved October 18, 2024, by extending the end date from June 30, 2025 to June 30,

2027 to accept and expend \$8,403,395 in federal funds, 4) contingent upon approval of Requests #1, #2 and #3, authorization to retroactively amend FIS 23-300, approved October 19, 2023, by extending the end date from June 30, 2025 to June 30, 2027 for the purpose of continuing two temporary full-time positions 9T3337 and 9T3338 and 5) contingent upon approval of Requests #2 and #3, authorization to retroactively amend FIS 24-354, approved October 18, 2024, by extending the end date from June 30, 2025 to June 30, 2027 for the purpose of continuing temporary full-time position 9T3371, FIS 25-177 Department of Energy – authorization to retroactively amend FIS 23-218, approved August 11, 2023, by; 1) extending the end date from June 30, 2025 to June 30, 2027 to accept and expend \$2,352,716 in federal funds, and 2) contingent upon approval of Request #1, by extending the end date from June 30, 2025 to June 30, 2027 for the purpose of continuing positions 9T3315 and 9T3316. Position 9T3317 is not being extended, FIS 25-193 Insurance Department – authorization to; 1) retroactively amend FIS 24-412, approved November 15, 2024, by extending the end date from June 30, 2025 to June 30, 2027 to accept and expend \$610,871 in federal funds, and 2) contingent upon approval of Request #1, authorization to establish Class 046-Consultants through June 30, 2027, FIS 25-196 Department of Environmental Services – authorization to budget and expend prior year carry forward funds in the amount of \$40,950,025 through June 30, 2027, FIS 25-197 Department of Health and Human Services – authorization to accept and expend \$287,819 in federal funds through June 30, 2027, and FIS 25-199 Department of Transportation – authorization to accept and expend \$459,284 in federal funds through June 30, 2026; TAB 7 pursuant to ARPA RSA 14:30-a, VI., FIS 25-170 Department of Agriculture, Markets and Food – authorization to retroactively amend FIS 24-002, approved January 19, 2024, by extending the end date from June 30, 2025 to May 24, 2027 to accept and expend \$2,099,688 in federal American Rescue Plan funds (Originally approved (FIS 23-209) August 11, 2023), FIS 25-180 Department of Safety – authorization to retroactively amend the accept and expend in the amount of \$81,218,500 in federal funds by extending the end date from June 30, 2025 to June 30, 2027 (Originally approved (FIS 21-183) August 20, 2021, with subsequent approval (FIS 23-167) May 19, 2023), FIS 25-181 Department of Safety – authorization to retroactively amend the accept and expend in the amount of \$116,409,642 in federal funds by extending the end date from June 30, 2025 to June 30, 2027 (Originally approved (FIS 23-012) January 27, 2023, with subsequent approval (FIS 23-167) May 19, 2023), FIS 25-182 Department of Safety – authorization to retroactively amend the accept and expend in the amount of \$10,236,362 in federal funds by extending the end date from June 30, 2025 to June 30, 2027 (Originally approved (FIS 21-375) December 17, 2021, with subsequent approval (FIS 23-167) May 19, 2023), FIS 25-202 Department of Environmental Services – authorization to amend FIS 22-406, approved November 18, 2022, with subsequent approvals on (FIS 24-089) March 15, 2024, (FIS 24-182) May 17, 2024, (FIS 24-271) August 16, 2024, (FIS 24-368) October 18, 2024, and (FIS 25-163) June 20, 2025, by transferring federal funds in the amount of \$62,400 between class lines through December 31, 2026, and FIS 25-203 Department of Education – authorization to retroactively amend the accept and expend in the amount of \$388,051 in federal American Rescue Plan (ARP ESSER) funds by extending the end date from June 30, 2025 to March 31, 2026 (Originally approved (FIS 21-278) September 17, 2021, with subsequent approvals (FIS 23-167) May 19, 2023 and (FIS 25-015) January 30, 2025); and TAB 8 pursuant to ARPA RSA 14:30-a, VI. and RSA 124:15, FIS 25-178 Department of Energy – authorization to; 1) retroactively amend FIS 25-088, approved April 18, 2025, by extending the end date from June 30, 2025 to June 30, 2027 to accept and expend \$8,161,285 in federal funds, and 2) contingent upon approval of Request #1, authorization to retroactively amend FIS 23-167, approved May 19, 2023, by extending the end date from June 30, 2025 to June 30, 2027 for the purpose of continuing positions 9T3272 and 9T3288 (Originally approved (FIS 22-402) November 18, 2022), and FIS 25-198 Department of Education – authorization to retroactively amend the accept and expend in the amount of \$553,765 in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Program funds by extending the end date from June 30, 2025

to January 31, 2027 (Originally approved (FIS 23-081) March 23, 2023, with subsequent approval (FIS 23-167) May 19, 2023, and (FIS 23-347) on December 15, 2023)]

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 25-223 Department of Health and Human Services – Nathan White, Chief Financial Officer, and Karen Hebert, Director, Division of Economic Stability, Department of Health and Human Services 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 Health and Human Services to accept and expend \$1,100,000 in federal funds through June 30, 2027. MOTION ADOPTED. (9-Yes; 1-No)

For the record Representative Mooney voted No.

Questioning occurred pertaining to; what portion of funds are Medicaid funds as part of Catastrophic Aid, and if there is a way to ensure that school districts are filing for reimbursement from the federal government for free and reduced lunches during the school year. The Department will respond following verification with the Director of Medicaid and the Department of Education after the meeting.

FIS 25-224 Department of Health and Human Services – Nathan White, Chief Financial Officer, and Karen Hebert, Director, Division of Economic Stability, Department of Health and Human Services responded to questions of the Committee.

Representative Mooney requested the Department explain what entails the phrase “high quality services” as found on page two of the request. The Department will provide the standards that the Office of Child Care through the US Department of Health and Human Services sets for early learning standards and how they define quality specifically.

On a motion by Senator Gray, seconded by Senator Birdsell, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to accept and expend \$106,303 in federal funds through June 30, 2026. 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 AND RSA 124:15 POSITIONS AUTHORIZED:

CONSENT CALENDAR

FIS 25-222 Department of Health and Human Services – Nathan White, Chief Financial Officer, and Melissa Hardy, Director, Division of Long Term Supports and Services, Department of Health and Human Services responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator Carson, seconded by Senator Gray, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to; 1) accept and expend \$2,078,226 in federal funds through June 30, 2027, and 2) contingent upon approval of Request #1, retroactively extend three (3) full-time temporary positions; 9T3367, 9T3368, and 9T3369 effective retroactive to July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027. 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:

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN 2021
CONSENT CALENDAR

FIS 25-231 Department of Health and Human Services – Lori Weaver, Commissioner, and Nathan White, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Health and Human Services responded to questions of the Committee. Charles Arlinghaus, Commissioner, Department of Administrative Services also responded to Committee questions.

On a motion by Senator Birdsell, seconded by Senator Gray, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to accept and expend \$1,942,791 in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) through December 31, 2026. MOTION ADOPTED. (10-Yes; 0-No)

MISCELLANEOUS:

None

INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS:

The informational items were accepted and placed on file.

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, Liquor Commission, Management Letter, For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024 – Christine Young, Director of Audits, and James LaRivier, Senior Audit Manager, Audit Division, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant, presented the report and responded to questions of the Committee. Joseph Mollica, Chairman, Christina Demers, Chief Financial Officer, and Patricia Peters, Director of Administration, New Hampshire Liquor Commission and Denis Goulet, Commissioner, Department of Information Technology were also present to respond to Committee questions.

Senator Gray requested that all audit follow-ups include; completion dates, estimated completion dates for all open action items, and to know if the actions have been rescheduled and what the original date was.


MISCELLANEOUS:

Senator Gray spoke to the budget deficit and arranging meetings and the need to receive correct information from agencies regarding their projected lapses in order to avoid deficits in the coming session. Senate President Carson requested that her support of Senator Gray's statements be included in the record.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next regular meeting of the Fiscal Committee was scheduled for Friday, October 17, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. to be held at Granite Place in Room 230.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 1:49 p.m.



Representative Keith Erf, Clerk