

FISCAL COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COURT
MINUTES
October 17, 2025

The Fiscal Committee of the General Court met on Friday, October 17, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. Room 230 of Granite Place.

Members in attendance were as follows:

Representative Ken Weyler, Chairman
Representative Keith Erf, Clerk
Representative Gerald Griffin (Alternate)
Representative Mary Jane Wallner
Representative Peter Leishman
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 Griffin served as alternate for Representative Mooney.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Senator Gray, seconded by Senator Birdsell, that the Committee approve the minutes of the September 5, 2025 meeting as written. MOTION ADOPTED. (8-Yes; 0-No; 1-Abstained)

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

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 and RSA 14:30-a, VI.
FIS 25-252
- Tab 5 Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI.
FIS 25-248, FIS 25-251, and FIS 25-253

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, and 7. MOTION ADOPTED. (9-Yes; 0-No) [TAB 3 pursuant to RSA 9:16-a., FIS 25-236 Department of Information Technology – authorization on behalf of the Fish and Game Department to transfer \$637,527 in other funds in State Fiscal Year 2026 through June 30, 2026; TAB 4 pursuant to RSA 9:16-c and RSA 14:30-a, VI., FIS 25-243 Department of Safety – authorization through September 30, 2026 to; 1) transfer \$137,729 in other funds, and 2) accept and expend \$552,776 in other funds; TAB 5 pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI., FIS 25-233 Department of Agriculture, Markets and Food – authorization to accept and expend \$109,996 in other funds through June 30, 2026, FIS 25-235 Department of Environmental Services – authorization to accept and expend \$386,598 in federal funds through June 30, 2027, FIS 25-238 Department of Justice – authorization to; 1) accept and expend \$1,087,220 in federal funds through September 30, 2026, FIS 25-244 Department of Safety – authorization to accept and expend \$149,906 in other funds through June 30, 2027, FIS 25-245 Department of Safety – authorization to accept and expend \$286,750 in other funds through June 30, 2027, FIS 25-246 Department of Safety – authorization to accept and expend \$996,866 in federal funds through June 30, 2027, FIS 25-247 Department of Safety – authorization to accept and expend \$125,000 in other funds through June 30, 2027, and FIS 25-250 Department of Transportation – authorization to accept and expend revenue in the amount of \$1,050,000 in other funds through June 30, 2027; TAB 6 pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI. and RSA 124:15, FIS 25-255 Department of Health and Human Services – authorization through June 30, 2027 to; 1) accept and expend \$1,073,321 in federal funds, and 2) contingent upon approval of Request #1, authorization to establish two (2) full-time temporary positions #9T3402 and #9T3401; and TAB 7 pursuant to ARPA RSA 14:30-a, VI., FIS 25-234 Department of Environmental Services – authorization to amend FIS 21-138, approved June 8, 2021, with subsequent approval granted on (FIS 21-313) October 22, 2021, (FIS 22-111) March 18, 2022, (FIS 22-250) July 22, 2022, (FIS 23-166) May 19, 2023, (FIS 23-287) October 19, 2023, (FIS 24-182) May 17, 2024, and (FIS 24-297) September 13, 2024, (FIS 24-370) October 18, 2024, and as extended on (FIS 25-163) June 20, 2025, by transferring funds in the amount of \$400,000 in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds between class lines through December 31, 2026, and FIS 25-254 Department of Health and Human Services – authorization to retroactively amend FIS 24-004, approved January 19, 2024, by extending the end date of accepted funds from June 30, 2025 to June 30, 2027, retroactive to July 1, 2025]

RSA 9:16-c, TRANSFER OF FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS, AND 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 25-252 Department of Natural and Cultural Resources – Bill Gegas, Grants Coordinator, and Adele Sicilia, Director, Division of Arts, Department of Natural and Cultural Resources responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator Watters, seconded by Senator Birdsell, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources to 1) accept and expend \$214,494 in federal funds through September 30, 2026, and 2) contingent upon approval

of Request #1, transfer \$201,285 in federal funds between accounting units through June 30, 2027. MOTION ADOPTED. (9-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 25-248 Department of Safety – Amy Newbury, Director of Administration, Department of Safety responded to questions of the Committee.

Representative Leishman asked how often the Department uses a waiver process in preference to using American products, to which the Department responded they would provide a history to the Committee.

On a motion by Senator Birdsell, seconded by Senator Gray, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Safety to amend FIS 25-021, approved January 30, 2025, by reallocating \$1,973,865 in federal funds through June 30, 2027. MOTION ADOPTED. (9-Yes; 0-No)

FIS 25-251 Department of Administrative Services – Charles Arlinghaus, Commissioner, and Joyce Pitman, Director of Risk and Benefits, Department of Administrative Services responded to questions of the Committee.

Senate President Carson joined the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

On a motion by Senator Rosenwald, seconded by Senator Birdsell, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Administrative Services to accept and expend \$12,849,200 in other funds through June 30, 2027. MOTION ADOPTED. (10-Yes; 0-No)

FIS 253 Department of Health and Human Services – Nathan White, Chief Financial Officer, and Iain Watt, Director Division of Public Health, Department of Health and Human Services responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator Rosenwald, seconded by Senator Birdsell, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to accept and expend \$1,470,659 in federal funds through June 30, 2027. MOTION ADOPTED. (10-Yes; 0-No)

RSA 7:12 ASSISTANTS:

REGULAR CALENDAR

FIS 25-237 Department of Justice – John Formella, Attorney General, and Kathleen Carr, Director of Administration, Department of Justice responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator Gray, seconded by Senator Birdsell, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Justice to accept and expend a sum not to exceed \$4,317,767 in general litigation expenses incurred in the defense of the State and the prosecution of criminal laws through June 30, 2027. MOTION ADOPTED. (10-Yes, 0-No)

RSA 228:69 I (b) APPROPRIATION AND USE OF SPECIAL RAILROAD FUND:

FIS 25-249 Department of Transportation – Michelle Winters, Deputy Commissioner, and Nicole Bryant, Administrator, Bureau of Rail and Transit, Department of Transportation responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator Gray, seconded by Senator Birdsell, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Transportation to enter into Retroactive agreements with Railroad Operators for an amount not to exceed \$1,420,000 from the Special Railroad Fund for the maintenance and repair of State-owned railroad lines for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027. MOTION ADOPTED. (9-Yes; 1-Abstain)

RSA 604-A:1-b ADDITIONAL FUNDING:

FIS 25-239 Judicial Council – Jay Buckey, Executive Director, Judicial Council responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator Gray, seconded by Senator Rosenwald, that the Committee approve the request of the Judicial Council to receive an additional appropriation from general funds not otherwise appropriated in the total amount of \$5,500,000 through June 30, 2027. MOTION ADOPTED. (10-Yes; 0-No)

MISCELLANEOUS:

None

INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS:

Nathan White, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Health and Human Services responded to questions of the Committee pertaining to FIS 25-256 Department of Health and Human Services – Operating Statistics Dashboard SFY26 report through August 31, 2025, with the exception of data for Mental Health and SUD Caseload, which is available through July 31, 2025.

The Department will have Katja Fox verify if the Community Mental Health caseloads are up to date.

Colonel Kevin Jordan responded to questions of the Committee pertaining to FIS 25-241 New Hampshire Fish and Game Department – RSA 206:42, Search and Rescue – Quarterly Report of Expenditures for the period April 1, 2025 to June 30, 2025.

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, Department of Justice, Financial Audit Report, For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024 – Christine Young, Director of Audits, and Collin Quinn, Audit Manager, Audit Division, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant, presented the report and responded to questions of the Committee. John Formella, Attorney General, Kathleen Carr, Director of Administration, and Thomas Kaempfer, Deputy Director of Administration, Department of Justice were also present to respond to Committee questions.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next regular meeting of the Fiscal Committee was scheduled for Friday, November 21, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. to be held at Granite Place in Room 230.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:37 p.m.



Representative Keith Erf, Clerk