

FISCAL COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COURT  
MINUTES  
December 19, 2025

The Fiscal Committee of the General Court met on Friday, December 19, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. Room 234 of Granite Place.

Members in attendance were as follows:

Representative Ken Weyler, Chairman  
Representative Keith Erf, Clerk  
Representative Maureen Mooney  
Representative Mary Jane Wallner  
Representative Peter Leishman  
Representative Gerald Griffin (Alternate)  
Representative Gary Daniels (Alternate)  
Senator James Gray, Vice Chairman  
Senator Timothy Lang (Alternate)  
Senator Regina Birdsell  
Senator Cindy Rosenwald  
Senator Pat Long (Alternate)

The Chair called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

Serving as alternates were; Senator Lang for Senate President Carson, and Senator Long for Senator Watters.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Senator Gray, seconded by Senator Birdsell, that the Committee approve the minutes of the November 21, 2025 meeting as written. MOTION ADOPTED. (8-Yes; 0-No)

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-a and RSA 14:30-a, VI.  
FIS 25-299
- Tab 6 Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI.  
FIS 25-295

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, 5, 6 and 7. MOTION ADOPTED. (10-Yes; 0-No) [TAB 3 pursuant to RSA 9:16-a., FIS 25-288 Department of Business and Economic Affairs – authorization to transfer \$3,000 in other funds and create a new expenditure class code through June 30, 2027; TAB 5 pursuant to RSA 9:16-c, FIS 25-283 Department of Transportation – authorization to establish various non-budgeted classes in various accounting units and to transfer \$23,773 in federal funds between various accounts and classes through June 30, 2026, and FIS 25-284 Department of Business and Economic Affairs – authorization to; 1) transfer \$42,646 in federal funds and create a new expenditure class code through June 30, 2026; TAB 6 pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI., FIS 25-285 New Hampshire Fish and Game Department – authorization to accept and expend \$558,134 in Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust Funds through December 31, 2026, FIS 25-289 Department of Administrative Services – authorization to accept and expend \$150,000 in other funds through June 30, 2026, FIS 25-290 Department of Health and Human Services – authorization to accept and expend \$1,158,047 in federal funds through June 30, 2027, and FIS 25-291 Department of Safety – authorization to accept and expend \$330,000 in other funds through September 30, 2026, and TAB 7 pursuant to ARPA RSA 14:30-a, VI., FIS 25-298 Department of Safety – authorization to retroactively extend the accept and expend of \$3,370,554 in federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (FRF) from November 30, 2024 to March 31, 2026 (Originally approved (FIS 24-064) February 16, 2024)]

RSA 9:16-a. TRANSFERS AUTHORIZED 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 25-299 Department of Health and Human Services – Nathan White, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Health and Human Services responded to questions of the Committee.

Representative Mooney questioned the February 1, 2025 date listed in the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph of the “Explanation,” to which the Department clarified that it was incorrect and should be February 1, 2026.

On a motion by Senator Birdsell, seconded by Senator Lang, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to transfer general funds in the amount of \$2,253,015, and increase Federal revenues in the amount of \$2,253,015 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:

CONSENT CALENDAR

FIS 25-295 Department of Health and Human Services – Lori Weaver, Commissioner, Nathan White, Chief Financial Officer, and Patricia Tilley, Associate Commissioner, Department of Health and Human Services responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator Birdsell, seconded by Senator Lang, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services, on behalf of the Governor's Office of New Opportunities & Rural Transformational Health ("GO-NORTH"), to accept and expend up to \$265,450,497 in federal funds effective January 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. MOTION ADOPTED. (10-Yes; 0-No)

RSA 604-A:1-b ADDITIONAL FUNDING:

REGULAR CALENDAR

FIS 25-292 Judicial Council – Jay Buckey, Executive Director, Judicial Council presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator Lang, seconded by Senator Birdsell, that the Committee **approve the request as amended** of the Judicial Council authorization to receive an additional appropriation from general funds not otherwise appropriated **limited to an amount of \$1,000,000**, not the \$2,000,000 as requested, through June 30, 2027. MOTION ADOPTED. (6-Yes; 4-No)

MISCELLANEOUS:

FIS 25-296 Office of Legislative Budget Assistant – On a motion by Senator Gray, seconded by Senator Lang, that the Committee approve the request of the Office of Legislative Budget Assistant for approval to accept, place on file, and release to the public in the usual manner the following annual financial reports for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2025 when they become available: State of New Hampshire Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, New Hampshire DOT Turnpike System Annual Financial Report, New Hampshire Lottery Commission Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, and New Hampshire Liquor Commission Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. MOTION ADOPTED. (10-Yes; 0-No)

INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS:

Nathan White, Chief Financial Officer, and Katja Fox, Director, Division for Behavioral Health, Department of Health and Human Services responded to questions pertaining to; FIS 25-294 Department of Health and Human Services – Operating Statistics Dashboard SFY26 report through October 31, 2025, with the exception of data for Mental Health and SUD Caseload which is available through September 30, 2025, and the NH Unemployment Rate which is available through August 31, 2025, and also includes key updates on: Budget Reductions, General Fund Lapse, and Childcare Scholarship.

The Committee requested the Department include on the monthly dashboard the efforts to meet their back of the budget reductions.

Laura Raymond, Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, Jacqueline Curran-Stuart, Senior Paralegal, YDC Claims Administration, and Thomas Kaempfer, Deputy Director of Administration, Department of Justice responded to questions of the Committee pertaining to; FIS 25-297 New Hampshire Youth Development Center Claims Administration and Settlement Fund – RSA 21-M:11-a, XVI – Administrator’s Monthly Report for the YDC Claims Administration and Settlement Fund for October 2025 and November 2025.

The informational items were accepted and placed on file.

AUDIT:

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

State of New Hampshire, Police Standards and Training Council, Financial Audit Report, For the Nine Months Ended March 31, 2025 – Christine Young, Director of Audits, and Thomas Ward, Audit Manager, Audit Division, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant, presented the report and responded to questions of the Committee. John Scippa, Director, Mark O’Brien, Assistant Director, and Jessica Nichols, Financial Operations Manager, Police Standards and Training Council were present and responded to questions of the Committee.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next regular meeting of the Fiscal Committee was scheduled for Friday, January 23 19, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. to be held at Granite Place.

On a motion by Senator Lang, seconded by Senator Gray, that the meeting adjourn. Whereupon the meeting adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

  
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Representative Keith Erf, Clerk