

FISCAL COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COURT

MINUTES

February 20, 2026

The Fiscal Committee of the General Court met on Friday, February 20, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. in Room 230 of Granite Place.

Members in attendance were as follows:

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

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

Senator Lang served as an alternate for Senate President Carson.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Senator Gray, seconded by Senator Lang, that the Committee approve the minutes of the January 23, 2026 meeting as written. MOTION ADOPTED. (10-Yes; 0-No)

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Tab 6 Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI.  
FIS 26-045

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 26-019 Department of Natural and Cultural Resources – authorization to transfer \$2,000 in other funds and establish one new class through June 30, 2026, FIS 26-020 Department of Transportation – authorization

to transfer \$400,000 in highway/other funds between various classes through June 30, 2026, FIS 26-025 Department of Transportation – authorization to transfer \$810,000 in Turnpike funds between various accounts and classes through June 30, 2026, and FIS 26-044 Office of Professional Licensure and Certification – authorization to transfer \$20,000 in other funds between class lines and to create a new expenditure class code through June 30, 2026; TAB 4 pursuant to RSA 9:16-c, I, FIS 26-035 Department of Natural and Cultural Resources – authorization to transfer \$8,600 in federal funds and establish a new appropriation class through June 30, 2026; TAB 5 pursuant to RSA 9:17-d, FIS 26-043 Administrative Office Of The Courts – authorization to transfer \$1,071,000 in general funds between expenditure classes through June 30, 2026; TAB 6 pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI., FIS 26-021 Department of Environmental Services – authorization to retroactively accept and expend \$424,234 in federal funds effective as of November 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027, FIS 26-022 Department of Safety – authorization to amend the accept and expend for \$4,878,000 in federal funds by extending the end date from March 31, 2026 to December 31, 2026 (Originally approved (FIS 25-021) on January 30, 2025, with subsequent approval (FIS 25-179) September 5, 2025), FIS 26-026 Department of Natural and Cultural Resources – authorization to budget and expend \$750,000 in other funds through June 30, 2026, FIS 26-037 Department of Energy – authorization to amend FIS 25-176, approved September 9, 2025, by transferring \$130,520 in federal funds between classes through June 30, 2027 (Originally approved (FIS 24-354) on October 18, 2024), FIS 26-038 Department of Health and Human Services – authorization to accept and expend \$1,960,784 in federal funds through June 30, 2027, and FIS 26-042 Department of Safety – authorization to accept and expend \$546,525 in other funds through June 30, 2027; TAB 7 pursuant to RSA 124:15, FIS 26-039 Department of Justice – authorization through June 30, 2027 to; 1) establish a temporary part-time Data Scientist -2 , 15-2050 position; and TAB 8 pursuant to ARPA RSA 14:30-a, VI, FIS 26-036 Department of Business and Economic Affairs – authorization to transfer \$486,800 in federal funds and create a new expenditure class code through June 30, 2027 (Originally approved (FIS 24-062) on February 16, 2024, with subsequent approval (FIS 25-148) on June 20, 2025)]

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 26-045 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.

On a motion by Senator Lang, seconded by Senator Birdsell, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services retroactive to February 3, 2026 through June 30, 2027 to; 1) accept and expend \$204,016,550 in federal funds to allow the Department to act as the pass through agency per CMS guidance for the Governor’s Office of New Opportunities & Rural Transformational Health (“GO-NORTH”), and contingent upon approval of Request #1, 2) on behalf of the Governor’s Office of New Opportunities & Rural Transformational Health (“GO-NORTH”) to amend FIS 25-295, approved December 19, 2025, by aligning the amount of the accepted funds to \$202,332,938 and transferring funds within GO-NORTH. MOTION ADOPTED. (10-Yes; 0-No)

RSA 9:16-a, TRANSFERS AUTHORIZED, RSA 9:16-c, TRANSFER OF FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS, 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 9:17-a, III, LIMITATIONS:

REGULAR CALENDAR

FIS 26-041 Department of Health and Human Services – Nathan White, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Health and Human Services 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 Health and Human Services to transfer \$22,634,907 in general funds between various class lines, increase and decrease Federal revenues resulting in a net decrease of \$7,974,742, increase and decrease Other revenues with no net change, and create new expenditure class codes through June 30, 2027. MOTION ADOPTED. (10-Yes; 0-No)

RSA 228:12 TRANSFERS FROM HIGHWAY SURPLUS ACCOUNT:

REGULAR CALENDAR

FIS 26-027 Department of Transportation – On a motion by Representative Leishman, seconded by Senator Birdsell, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Transportation to transfer \$3,776,578 in highway funds from the Highway Surplus Account to fund winter maintenance activities through June 30, 2026. MOTION ADOPTED. (10-Yes; 0-No)

RSA 604-A:1-b ADDITIONAL FUNDING:

REGULAR CALENDAR

FIS 26-028 Replacement and FIS 26-029 Replacement Judicial Council – On a motion by Senator Lang, seconded by Senator Rosenwald to approve jointly the requests of the Judicial Council; (FIS 26-028 Replacement) to receive an additional appropriation from general funds not otherwise appropriated in the total amount of \$500,000 through June 30, 2027 and (FIS 26-029 Replacement) to receive an additional appropriation from general funds not otherwise appropriated in the total amount of \$250,000 through June 30, 2027. MOTION ADOPTED. (10-Yes; 0-No)

CHAPTER 140, LAWS OF 2025, AGENCY FOOTNOTE:

REGULAR CALENDAR

The Department of Corrections withdrew request; FIS 26-034 Department of Corrections – authorization of additional funding in the amount of \$15,467,788 in general funds to cover shortfalls through 15 pay periods from June 13, 2025 through January 8, 2026 withdrawn by the agency. WITHDRAWN BY AGENCY.

MISCELLANEOUS:

None

INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS:

The informational items were accepted and placed on file.

AUDIT:

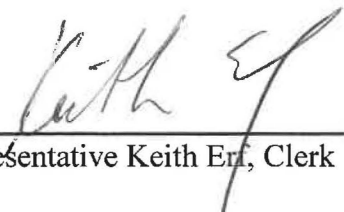
*As approved by the Fiscal Committee November 21, 2025 the following audit reports have been accepted, placed on file and released to the public when available.*

The UNIQUE College Investing Plan, Annual Report, September 30, 2025 and The Fidelity Advisor 529 Plan, Annual Report, September 30, 2025 – Christine Young, Director of Audits, Audit Division, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant, Sean Kay, Partner, PricewaterhouseCoopers, and Monica Mezzapelle, State Treasurer, Treasury Department, presented the reports and responded to questions of the Committee.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next regular meeting of the Fiscal Committee was scheduled for Friday, March 20, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. to be held at Granite Place.

On a motion by Senator Gray, seconded by Senator Birdsell, that the meeting adjourn. (Whereupon the meeting adjourned at 1:33 p.m.)



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Representative Keith Erf, Clerk