

FISCAL COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COURT  
MINUTES  
March 20, 2026

The Fiscal Committee of the General Court met on Friday, March 20, 2026, at 11:00 a.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)  
Representative Gary Daniels (Alternate)  
Senator James Gray, Vice Chairman  
Senate President Sharon Carson  
Senator Regina Birdsell  
Senator Tara Reardon (Alternate)  
Senator David Watters

The Chair called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.

Senator Reardon served as an alternate for Senator Rosenwald.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Senator Gray, seconded by Senator Birdsell, that the Committee approve the minutes of the February 20, 2026 meeting as written. MOTION ADOPTED. (9-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 3 Pursuant to RSA 9:16-a  
FIS 26-048
- Tab 4 Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI.  
FIS 26-053

On a motion by Senator Gray, seconded by Senator Birdsell, that the Committee approve all the remaining requests as submitted under the Consent Calendar, Tabs 3, 4, 5, and 6. MOTION ADOPTED. (9-Yes; 0-No) [TAB 3 pursuant to RSA 9:16-a., FIS 26-047 Department of Business and Economic Affairs – authorization to transfer \$6,000 in general funds and create a new expenditure class code through June 30, 2027, and FIS 26-049 Department of Transportation – authorization to transfer \$556,500 in federal/highway funds between various accounting units and classes through June 30, 2026; TAB 4 pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI., FIS 26-051 Department of Business and Economic Affairs – authorization to accept and expend \$17,039,652 in federal funds through June 30, 2027, FIS 26-052 Department of Environmental Services – authorization to accept and expend \$980,000 in federal funds through June 30, 2027, FIS 26-054 Department of Environmental Services – authorization to accept and expend \$1,040,000 in other funds through June 30, 2027, and FIS 26-057 Department of Natural and Cultural Resources – authorization to accept and expend \$160,000 in federal funds through June 30, 2027; TAB 5 pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI and RSA 124:15, FIS 26-056 Department of Information Technology – authorization through August 31, 2026 to; 1) accept and expend \$162,312 in other funds and 2) contingent upon approval of Request #1, authorization to establish Class 046-Consultants; and TAB 6 pursuant to ARPA RSA 14:30-a, VI., FIS 26-050 Department of Administrative Services – authorization to accept and expend \$340,275 in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) through December 31, 2026, and FIS 26-055 Department of Health and Human Services – authorization to accept and expend \$1,485,000 in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) through December 31, 2026]

RSA 9:16-a, TRANSFERS AUTHORIZED:

CONSENT CALENDAR

FIS 26-048 Department of Safety – Amy Newbury, Director of Administration, Department of Safety 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 Safety to transfer \$2,000,000 in general funds among accounts 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 26-053 Department of Environmental Services – Robert Scott, Commissioner, Department of Environmental Services responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Leishman, seconded by Senator Gray, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Environmental Services to accept and expend \$4,349,213 in other funds through June 30, 2027. MOTION ADOPTED. (9-Yes; 0-No)

RSA 228:12 TRANSFERS FROM HIGHWAY SURPLUS ACCOUNT:

REGULAR CALENDAR

FIS 26-063 Department of Transportation – Danielle Chandonnet, Director of Finance, and Alan Hanscom, State Maintenance Engineer, 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 transfer \$5,930,000 in highway funds from the Highway Surplus Account to fund winter maintenance activities through June 30, 2026. MOTION ADOPTED. (9-Yes; 0-No)

RSA 604-A:1-b ADDITIONAL FUNDING:

REGULAR CALENDAR

FIS 26-064 Judicial Council – Jay Buckey, Executive Director, Judicial Council responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator Birdsell, seconded by Senator Watters, 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 \$750,000 through June 30, 2027. MOTION ADOPTED. (9-Yes; 0-No)

MISCELLANEOUS:

None

INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS:

Thomas Kaempfer, Deputy Director of Administration, Department of Justice and Jacqueline Curran-Stuart, Senior Paralegal, YDC Claims Administration, responded to questions of the Committee pertaining to; FIS 26-062 New Hampshire Youth Development Center Claims Administration and Settlement Fund – RSA 21-M:11-a, XVI – Monthly Report for the YDC Claims Administration and Settlement Fund based on data and information as of February 28, 2026.

The informational items were accepted and placed on file.

Senate President Carson arrived at 11:18 a.m.

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 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, 2025 – Jean Mitchell, Financial Audit Supervisor, 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, 2025 – Jean Mitchell, Financial Audit Supervisor, 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, April 17, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. to be held at Granite Place.

On a motion by Representative Erf, seconded by Representative Mooney, that the meeting adjourn. (Whereupon the meeting adjourned at 11:42 p.m.)

  
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Representative Keith Erf, Clerk