

**JOINT LEGISLATIVE FISCAL COMMITTEE**

State House, Room 100

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Wednesday, July 10, 2024

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Representative Kenneth Weyler, Chair

Representative Maureen Mooney (Alt.)

Representative Jess Edwards

Representative Peter Leishman

Representative Mary Heath (Alt.)

Senator James Gray

Senator Jeb Bradley

Senator Regina Birdsell

Senator Lou D'Allesandro

Senator Cindy Rosenwald

**(1) RSA 21-M:11-a, II, Youth Development Center Claims  
Administration and Settlement Fund:**

KENNETH WEYLER, State Representative, Rockingham County, District #14, and Chairman: I will call the meeting to order for July 10th for the Fiscal Committee and note that we have a replacement for Representative Wallner. Representative Heath is on the House side to replace her. And while we're all here, I thought I would mention that two of our long-term colleagues have lost -- each lost a son, Mark McConkey and Bruce Berke. So ask that we rise and give a moment of silence, sympathy for the families.

(Moment of silence.)

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: Thank you. Okay. Item number one is the Youth Development Center, Claims Administration Settlement Fund. We have Jennifer Foley here if anybody has any questions about the item. Thank you for coming. Good morning. Does everyone understand the item and have any questions? Senator Rosenwald.

CINDY ROSENWALD, State Senator, Senate District #13: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. Um -- I understand the item. What

I don't really understand is why the Administrator needs to pause the claims process for two -- two months. So could you please explain that?

JENNIFER FOLEY, ESQ., Youth Development Center Claims Administration and Settlement Fund: Sure. Um --

SEN. ROSENWALD: Thank you.

JAMES GRAY, State Senator, Senate District #06: Hit your microphone.

ATTORNEY FOLEY: Is that good?

SEN. GRAY: Move closer.

ATTORNEY FOLEY: Is that good? Okay. Um -- sure. Happy to answer that. So we put a temporary hold in place that actually is in -- somewhat it's partial. So we are -- there are areas of claims processing that is continuing -- um -- and there is areas of payment processing once we got over the Fiscal Year changeover that are continuing. Um -- so the temporary hold is on some portions of it but not all of it.

And the reason for the temporary hold is we have legal documents that need to be changed due to the statutory changes. There's significant, you know, substantive and procedural changes that the Senate Bill 591 put in place. So we have to take those forms down, we have to take the claims processing document, the claim form itself, the valuation guidelines, all those set of legal documents that Joint Fiscal is required to approve -- um -- for us to move forward with under the new statute that applies to pending and unresolved claims, and also all new claims are coming to us. So that's one of the primary reasons is that we are in a transition period.

SEN. ROSENWALD: Follow-up. Thank you. But then that bill was signed some time ago.

ATTORNEY FOLEY: Yep.

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SEN. ROSENWALD: Um -- how long does it take for you to do that --

ATTORNEY FOLEY: Yep.

SEN. ROSENWALD: -- work?

ATTORNEY FOLEY: So the bill was signed on June 14th. Um -- so part of the work -- let me give you just sort of the pockets of work that we're doing right now.

Um -- one is assessing which of the claims in front of us are in the pending and unresolved state, the new claims that are coming in -- um -- to make sure we're sort of doing an appropriate inventory. Um -- as to -- and some claims were close to being resolved, award letters had gone out and so we needed to assess and we are assessing which claims are somewhat governed under the old former statute, right. So we're kind of making that inventory. That's one area of work that our staff is doing.

Uh -- another area of work is the legal documents that need to be revised that involves -- uh -- folks beyond Administrator Broderick. So we have a representative -- we have the Attorney General designee is present with us today, Laura Raymond, who is taking the place of Jennifer Ramsey as the AG designee. And the Attorney General's Office -- um -- has essentially the charge of making sure that set of legal documents is revised appropriately under the statute, is getting the input needed from claims counsel, and also from our office. And we're also teaming up actually. There's about four or five significant legal documents that takes, you know, lawyers and others to get involved from both of our offices to work together and to coordinate. And so I don't want to get ahead of Laura Raymond speaking to what process the Attorney General's Office is doing, but we're having a series of meetings.

Just yesterday I got another legal document to look at and to get back to the Attorney General's office by Friday. I also

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gave them a legal document. So we're -- we're -- it takes that time to make sure that -- that the new statute, the new revisions are appropriately applied, and then brought to Joint Fiscal. I believe August 16th is the next time Joint Fiscal meets and advance that meeting. We'll be getting those revised legal documents for Joint Fiscal to review and -- and, hopefully, approve relatively quickly so that we can go ahead and apply those new statute -- those new documents into the claims process itself.

SEN. ROSENWALD: And maybe this is really a question for the Attorney General's Office, but -- um -- the news reports seem like the plaintiffs or the claimants, let's say, are not really getting the full story on what the revision to the statute does. So it seems like they're not getting the information that if they're getting a multi- year payout, they'll also be getting 5% interest every year. And so I'm wondering who -- who between the Administrator and the AG will be explaining clearly on a website what the changes are to the statute and -- and what the true story of the multi-year payouts is? Will that be the Administrator's Office or that -- or will that be the AG?

ATTORNEY FOLEY: That's a great question. So transparency is our top priority. We understand that making sure that there is clear information publicly available so that there's stability in the system and stability in the fund and people are confident that the appropriate work is being done and done on time so that we can, you know, resume all claims processing and all payment processing as quickly as possible.

So we -- um -- once the -- we want -- we monitored -- when the bill was signed. The Attorney General's Office told us right away. Um -- we posted those changes on our website immediately. So on our website the very opening paragraphs explain that -- um -- this change is in place. Um -- the chapter version of the bill was posted on our website immediately. We do -- um -- from as a neutral standpoint -- um -- we do -- um -- strike the balance between we need to explain to claims counsel what the statute means and says versus they are -- I mean, I'm not trying to be cute in this, but they are

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lawyers and -- and -- and with the statute being posted on our website they are knowledgeable about what -- about the 5% interest.

I think the place that our office is working very hard to be transparent with is getting -- um -- we get out guidelines that are -- they're not Joint Fiscal guidelines -- Joint Fiscal approved guidelines. They're more like guide posts, I suppose, that give a little more plain-speaking or layman's explanation, right. And so we want to make sure we're coordinating carefully with the Attorney General's Office and with claims counsel to make sure that the expression, our layperson expression is in line with all expectations. So that is something that will be posted on our website. Those are part of the forms -- um -- and the instructions -- um -- and the guide posts that we are working on revising now.

And I believe it's next week that the Attorney General's Office is hosting a listening session with claims counsel where there -- there -- there'll be, you know, we need to hear where any areas of confusion are so we can make sure that the forms that we revised are satisfying that confusion, and we have maximum input so we can make sure our instructions and forms give the laypersons -- um -- expression.

SEN. ROSENWALD: Thank you.

JESS EDWARDS, State Representative, Rockingham County, District #31: I'm about the most hard of hearing. Could you move the mic?

ATTORNEY FOLEY: Oh, sure. Yeah. Did you want me to repeat anything?

REP. EDWARDS: No.

ATTORNEY FOLEY: Okay.

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CHAIRMAN WEYLER: All right. Representative Leishman for a question, followed by Senator D'Allesandro. Representative Leishman is recognized.

PETER LEISHMAN, State Representative, Hillsborough County, District #33: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and thanks for being here. This may be a question more appropriate for the representative from the Attorney General's Office; but you mention there are new claims coming forward. Apparently, you know, they keep adding up. There's hundreds and hundreds of claims and complaints. Where do things stand? I think there are only like 10 or 11 people that have been indicted so far. How is that side of this whole thing going? And, again, probably the question for the representative from the Attorney General's Office.

ATTORNEY FOLEY: You're right. That question would be for -- for the Attorney General's Office. In terms of asking the status of criminal indictments, that's -- the claims process office is not part of that.

REP. LEISHMAN: Thanks.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: Senator D'Allesandro for a question.

LOU D'ALLESANDRO, State Senator, Senate District #20: Thank -- thank you, Mr. Chairman. Uh -- just a -- a quick two questions. One is the Attorney General -- Attorney General's Office prosecutes, defends, and then makes decisions. That's a triple header; right? They prosecute those who are criminally intent, they defend the State against this, and then they make decisions. How does all of that work? And my second question is I've had an individual come to see me who -- who claims -- this is -- he was a recipient now, who claims that he wasn't fully -- uh -- he wasn't fully given all of the information that he -- he -- he thought was required. He -- he settled -- he settled. He said he signed this document. He showed me he signed the document for 400 something thousand. He thought he was going to get 2.5 million. And the real, real problem there, real problem. And I -- I did speak with the Administrator about it,

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and -- uh -- that problem seems to have been reoccurring. How do we solve that?

ATTORNEY FOLEY: So -- um -- in terms of getting information to folks -- um -- along the way of the process, I can speak to that portion of it, in terms of what the claims processing office --

SEN. D'ALLESANDRO: Okay.

ATTORNEY FOLEY: -- seeks to do.

SEN. D'ALLESANDRO: Yep.

ATTORNEY FOLEY: And we certainly do our level best to give people information in advance of them needing to make critical decisions in their life about whether they're going to accept an award, withdraw from the process or however they are choosing to engage with the process. And we get that information to them in advance.

You know, whether -- um -- they're personally receiving -- um -- the -- the help that they may need as individuals next to them to translate the information, because even like a layperson's description on our website can be, I think, sometimes hard for claimants to understand. Or the -- and there's another example, the waiver and release forms that are, obviously, very important forms to read and understand and digest before you choose to accept an award. You know, I'm not going to speak for the Attorney General's Office because they're in charge of those forms; but in my working side-by-side with them, I see that they work also very hard to have as much as possible in a legal process a layperson's description.

Um -- what else can we do? We can keep hearing -- it's very important for us to hear areas of confusion so we can go back to those forms during this revision process and say is there a way we can do better? Is there a way we can give a more clear expression? We had a lot of people that gives us input. Let me give you an example, if I could.

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From the beginning we hired trauma-informed experts -- um -- that are non-lawyers which can, I think, can be a very important part to have part of any communication process with claimants to read our forms in advance of us putting them into the process in live fashion. I work, you know, with -- with folks everyday saying, okay, this is my lawyer perspective. Now I go along to my staff who has different experience in different areas, including my trauma-informed experts, read those forms and say have we -- have we met the balance where the legal expression is there -- um -- but it's also as much layperson as possible.

Even early on in the process we had Commissioner Hanks review some of our frequently asked questions -- um -- because we know we don't have the perspective of those who are residents of Department of Corrections and you -- what kind of educational level -- um -- language we need to use. So that's -- that's something we endeavor to do -- um -- everyday. All the time when we're revising forms is to try to strike that balance.

Whether we always hit it, we love to hear the feedback. I often get calls from press and I say, hey, I would love it if you would review our website and review our frequently asked questions and let us know where it's confusing. And I have folks sit with me in the room and take-down the notes that press is asking, because I could say they are our best litmus test as to whether things are clear or confusing; but it does take time.

SEN. D'ALLESANDRO: Sure.

ATTORNEY FOLEY: That once I hear that, we still have to go back to the documents and say, okay, where can we make some tweaks.

SEN. D'ALLESANDRO: Sure. Appreciate that.

ATTORNEY FOLEY: Yeah.

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SEN. D'ALLESANDRO: I -- I -- I did -- I did contact the Administrator, discussed this with the Administrator. Maybe some of you also got these calls. But I get a call from a guy who says I'm ready to commit suicide because that -- uh -- the deal that I made wasn't exactly what I thought it was going to be.

ATTORNEY FOLEY: Yeah.

SEN. D'ALLESANDRO: And as a result of that, I'm living in a car. I -- I can't do this. I can't -- I can't do that. And -- uh -- I'm ready to take my -- I'm ready to take my own life. I mean, I don't like getting those calls, obviously.

ATTORNEY FOLEY: Hm, yeah.

SEN. D'ALLESANDRO: And I can't solve it. I can only refer back to you or to the Administrator as to -- to what's -- to what's kind of going on here. I -- I -- I don't know how many of these kinds of circumstances have developed when legislators have been involved; but I know in my case I've had those calls.

ATTORNEY FOLEY: Yeah.

SEN. D'ALLESANDRO: I -- I think we've done everything we -- we can here at the legislative level to make things better for all of these people. You know, we did the initial -- the initial bill. We got a secondary bill because we found out that there were problems with the original piece of legislation. And as Senator Rosenwald pointed out, they are not getting the shaft by having an extended payment schedule. They're getting paid -- uh -- for that. There's -- there's an interest that's paid if the payout is -- is elongated.

So I -- I just -- I just worry about this whole -- the whole situation, to be honest with you. I thought it was going to be a lot smoother, and I'm very worried about it. That's all. I pass that on to you and I appreciate the kind of work you guys are doing; but there's -- I think there's trouble in the bubble

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and that's -- that's all. I want to make that point. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: Representative Edwards for a question.

REP. EDWARDS: Uh -- thank -- thank you, Mr. Chair. This is kind of a question to you. Given that this is a -- a fairly straightforward request to hire one assistant administrator, and there are so many questions, I -- I wonder if we should schedule an information briefing at some point for the Fiscal Committee so that the rest of these questions could be explored. I -- I have questions that I'm not asking because it's not pertinent.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: Well, now's the opportunity. We're not on a tight schedule here today. And if you -- and I'm hoping the Attorney General's person comes back because I know some of you have questions for that person, so.

REP. EDWARDS: So -- so in that case, I have a question but it's for the Attorney General.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: All right. So -- and -- and I think some of us also had questions for the Attorney General and don't know what happened to her.

CHRISTOPHER SHEA, Deputy Legislative Budget Assistant, Budget Division, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant: Mr. Chair, Chris Shea from the LBA's Office. The representative from the Attorney General's Office had to leave so there will be nobody here for the rest of this meeting from their office.

I believe on the 16th when -- is the intended date that Fiscal is to meet again and at that time the revised documents would come forward. The Attorney General would be here for that as well. So I don't know if you want to kind of make that a meeting where you focus some of these questions or if you want something before that.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: There's -- there's something that people have asked me. Why isn't there a lie detector test for these

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things that keep coming up and know happened to me thousand of times and so on and so forth. And -- and, you know, we -- we -- we're not relying on that at all. Seems like a lie detector test would -- would prove how many people are lying or they've been coached by the lawyers or whatever. And, you know, there's a lot of suspicion of all this. And -- and I read in the paper somebody borrowed 160,000 based upon the fact he thought he was going to get a lot of money. And -- and somebody loaned him that money based upon the fact that, oh, yeah, you're going to get a lot of money out of this -- this deal. And so, you know, this -- this is troubling. So, you know, I thought she would stay here so we could have some conversations about this.

ATTORNEY FOLEY: I actually -- she had -- oh, I'm sorry.

SEN. D'ALLESANDRO: It seems to me that this is a pressing issue.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: Yes.

SEN. D'ALLESANDRO: Why would the Attorney General leave?

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: Yeah, what else was more important?

SEN. D'ALLESANDRO: Exactly. We're talking about the lives of -- of New Hampshire citizens. We're talking about a lot of resources that we're expending in order to -- to -- to do this. And we have -- we have questions. People have questions on the Board that -- that they'd like to bring forward and how -- the next opportunity would be a month from now.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: Yeah.

SEN. D'ALLESANDRO: That doesn't make any sense to me. Just doesn't make any sense.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: Well, what we will do is send all our questions to Mike Kane, and he will forward them to the Attorney General so they will be ready to give some answers, because I want to know why we're not doing lie detectors. Okay. And, you

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know, we all want to know why haven't prosecuted more people. Why haven't they identified more of these people that have been doing the abuse and can we get some number out of them. Because the two numbers on the both sides don't make sense. A hundred thousand people are all going to put in claims that they were abused on by a handful of employees? It makes no sense. So Representative Rosenwald.

SEN. ROSENWALD: I do have a question for the Administrator.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: What's that?

SEN. ROSENWALD: I do have a question for Miss Foley?

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: You may ask your question.

SEN. ROSENWALD: Thank you. Um -- does your office have a projection for the administrative cost for the next Fiscal Year that we'll be drawing out from the fund?

ATTORNEY FOLEY: Um -- so administrative costs -- um -- in terms of from our office or also including the Attorney General's Office?

SEN. ROSENWALD: From your office which was about two million in the last Fiscal Year.

ATTORNEY FOLEY: Um -- the answer's yes. I don't have that number in my mind right now. I can get it for you. We did put together an Operating Budget to put in front of the Attorney General's Office, and so that we could all sort of be on the same page as to what are projected costs and expenses.

Um -- we have brought in folks with a lot of financial experience in terms of being able to monitor the fund carefully and project expenses, monitor actual expenses as the months go forward in order to have a lot of financial transparency for -- for Joint Fiscal.

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Uh -- we've had several meetings with the Attorney General's Office and representatives there to prepare for that. So that for this next joint -- the next appropriation we're accounting for antic -- anticipated expenses from both of the offices, plus what the awards are going to look like -- um -- that come from both Administrator Broderick's final decisions that are accepted, and also we anticipate that there will still be some stipulated agreements or settlement agreements that go directly with the Attorney General's Office that also run through the claims process and come from the fund. So all of those four buckets we are doing the best we can to get -- that we've done some actual projections, and then actual watching on a monthly basis of what the impact on the fund is.

SEN. ROSENWALD: Mr. Chairman, could I ask that we request that we all see that bucket?

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: Very good.

SEN. ROSENWALD: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: Send all this -- send all these questions to the LBA. We'll forward them to the -- the Attorney General. I'm hopeful that we can move forward in the process by approving this request. And then, obviously, we have to come back because of changes. And if we in the interim we send all our questions to the Attorney General, it may affect what he comes back to us with a proposal in about a month. So I'm hoping we can do that.

I wish we had the Attorney General here now; but in lieu of that, we'll -- I'll send questions forward. So I would entertain a motion to adopt the item so that this can begin.

\*\* REP. EDWARDS: So move.

JEB BRADLEY, State Senator, Senate District #03: I would also move the item; but if I could just say something, Mr. Chair.

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So a little disappointed that there's a hold for two months on -- um -- paying any of the claims. I think it's not the best look. But I guess first question -- um -- it will be ready by the 16th with any of the rule changes that we in Fiscal need to approve?

ATTORNEY FOLEY: Yes.

SEN. BRADLEY: Okay. So I would also say that there were extensive hearings on my bill, Senate Bill 591, which made these changes. The Attorney General did testify in front of the Senate. I'm assuming he testified in front of the House. But given the magnitude of potentially a thousand claims, and the average cost of \$500,000, I think the Legislature is going to be in the business for quite some time of having to fund these settlements. So it would be helpful for the Attorney General to be able to testify, but he is -- I -- I -- I also have to defend the Attorney General. He's been pretty upfront with at least those of us in the Senate, and I'm assuming in the House, going back to, you know, when my good friend Karen Umberger introduced her bill a couple of years ago. And -- um -- I think he's taken the lead on trying to resolve this issue and has done a -- done a really admirable job. But, you know, like anything else, a lot of money at stake. So we need to keep a watchful eye on it. But we're not going to be able to move forward if we don't approve this position today.

So having said that, I hope we can all vote to approve this position. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: All right. Representative Edwards moves, Senator Bradley seconds to adopt the item. Further discussion? Seeing none, are you ready for the question? All in favor say aye? Opposed no? The item is adopted. Thank you.

**\*\*\* {MOTION ADOPTED}**

ATTORNEY FOLEY: Do you mind if I clarify a couple of items? Thank you.

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Um -- payment processing was the first thing put on hold -- um -- and has started to continue. So as of yesterday -- um -- it will probably at least ten went forward that were award letters that were accepted in lump sum, and under the former statute -- um -- that were put on hold to get through the Fiscal Year changeover. Those did go forward yesterday.

Um -- also what went out yesterday to claims counsel was basically a call for information on the periodic payment question. Uh -- so the -- there's a -- a whole series of final decisions that are sitting on my desk that cannot go out until the Administrator makes a decision about whether it's a periodic payment or a lump sum under the new statute.

So we sent out a -- a request to those counsel that have those claims to get its information by the middle of August that would -- so that the Administrator can go ahead and make that discretionary decision. Um -- so some of the payment processing is on hold simply because we need to get the information to the Administrator so that he can make that type of payment. So I just wanted to clarify that.

I'm also aware that Ms. Raymond had a -- a court date at 10:30, which is why she needed to -- to leave, so.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: Wasn't anybody else that could have come?

ATTORNEY FOLEY: I can't speak -- I can't speak to that; but I just wanted to at least clarify that.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: Appreciate that. It's not a good look for the State to see all these people coming forward with all this abuse and the fact nothing was done for decades. So when they -- when they put a further delay on it -- it's, oh, cover-up, you know, and all this other stuff. This -- this is not a good look for the state. And -- and we're all working hard to make this the best state. And it falls on us to say what did you do about it, you know, this kind of thing. And, obviously, people are very attune to get ahold of the senior

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Senator here because they know he'll get things done. So he's getting calls from all over and saying what are you doing about this, you know, and it's not a good look.

ATTORNEY FOLEY: Yes.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: And -- and we have to do our best to move this forward and show that we're being fair and we're doing something; but the fact that so few people have been charged with crimes.

ATTORNEY FOLEY: Hm-hum.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: And it took so long to get it to this point. These things are all very negative looking for State government, and we're all upset by it. We're ready to move forward, but we have to have some things done that have a good appearance.

ATTORNEY FOLEY: Yes.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: That really something is being done and it's not being pushed away, it's not being delayed, it's not being trying to shove it aside. And, plus, the greed of the lawyers is -- is coming to light, too. The fact that, you know, thirty-three and a third percent of a hundred million dollars, give me a break. You know, this is -- this is just people having a low opinion of lawyers enforced when this kind of thing happens, so. Representative Leishman for a comment. Thank you.

REP. LEISHMAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Do you know what remains in the settlement fund at this point?

ATTORNEY FOLEY: Uh -- well, we've had an appropriation changeover, if you will. I'm not sure that's the right terminology. Um -- so there -- the first hundred million that was appropriated, that has been expended through awards or expenses. Um -- and then the -- um -- next appropriation is the 60 million, and I do not have status right now of where we are at the 60 million, but that is something that we're working on

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as part of this transitional period is making sure we know exactly where we are with the 60 million as well.

REP. LEISHMAN: Okay. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: Okay. So we have voted to pass the item and we'll be in further conversation. We will be expecting to send forth a lot of questions to the Attorney General. Someone should have been here to answer them. Obviously, that we have to have a special meeting just to prove what does come forward from the Attorney General and -- and your office. So thank you for being here. And --

ATTORNEY FOLEY: Sure.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: -- and taking care of this mess as best you can.

ATTORNEY FOLEY: Yes, we'll do it together.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: Anything further for this lady? Seeing none. Thank you. All right. Number two is Old Business. I'll recognize Senator Rosenwald.

**(2) Old Business:**

**\*\*** SEN. ROSENWALD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I recommend we take the old item off the table and replace it with FIS 24-227.

SEN. D'ALLESANDRO: Second.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: All right. Motion and a second to move it off, 20 -- the old item off the table and replace it with FIS 24-227. Is there any further discussion on that motion? Seeing none, are you ready for the question? All in favor say aye? Opposed no? We'll remove that item from the table.

**\*\*\* {MOTION TO REMOVE FROM THE TABLE ADOPTED}**

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CHAIRMAN WEYLER: And I see the Chief Financial Officer here -- um -- to discuss or answer any questions on -- on the item that was before us and brief us on the change. Mr. White, welcome.

NATHAN WHITE, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Health and Human Services: Thank you, Chairman Weyler, Members of the Committee. Nathan White, Chief -- Chief Financial Officer with the Department of Health and Human Services.

The difference between the tabled item and the item sitting before you is the removal of approximately \$35,000 of opioid abatement funds that were to be earned. Senator Rosenwald and myself had a number of conversations around this, and we thought that the best path forward at this point in time would be to move the item forward without the inclusion of those funds at this point. Um -- and I can pause there, unless you'd like a higher level overview of the item.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: Thank you. Questions from the Members? Seeing none. Is there a motion?

\*\* SEN. ROSENWALD: Move the item.

SEN. D'ALLESANDRO: Second.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: Motion and a second to approve the item 24-227. Is there any further discussion? Seeing none, are you ready for the question? All in favor say aye? Opposed no? The motion is adopted.

\*\*\* {MOTION ADOPTED}

**(3) Date of Next Meeting and Adjournment:**

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: So we will meet again -- I see Mr. Kane went away, but Pam will tell us. It's the 17th? Was that the decided date of August?

PAM ELLIS, Administrative Assistant, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant: Sixteenth.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: Sixteenth. I'm sorry, August 16th. We will hope to have all the information to deal further with this item and move it along. Yes. Fiscal at 10 o'clock on Friday the 16th of August. Is there any problem with any of the Members here today? Seeing none, we'll put that in the schedule. And I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

\*\* REP. EDWARDS: Move.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: Motion and a second to -- to adjourn. Is there any further -- and seeing no further discussion, all in favor say aye? Opposed no? Thank you all for coming. We are adjourned.

\*\*\* {MOTION ADOPTED}

(Meeting adjourned.)

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Cecelia A. Trask, a Licensed Court Reporter, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct transcript from the YouTube video of the proceeding in the above-entitled matter. I was not physically present at the meeting and have transcribed the video to the best of my professional skill and ability.

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