



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES
ROOM 219
25 CAPITOL STREET
CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03301-6312

Action Minutes

June 19, 2026

Members Present: Senators Lang, and Ward, and Representatives Layon, Hakken-Phillips, Schamberg*, and Schmidt. (*) Indicates alternate member.

(**) Part 1, Article 28-a of the N.H. Constitution was not an issue in the Committee's discussions or decisions in this meeting.

1. The meeting was convened at 9:18 a.m. by Sen. Lang as Chair.

Members present at this time, aside from Senator Lang, were Senator Ward, and Representatives Layon, Hakken-Phillips, Schamberg, and Schmidt.

2. Sen. Lang designated Rep. Schamberg as an alternate for Rep. Lynn, who was absent.
3. The Committee discussed the minutes of the Committee meeting on May 15, 2026.

Rep. Schmidt moved to approve the minutes.

Rep. Layon seconded.

Adopted.

Rep. Schamberg abstained.

4. The Committee discussed the following items on the Consent Agenda:

CONSENT AGENDA

FP 2025-218	BOARD OF FAMILY MEDIATOR CERTIFICATION Practice and Procedures Fam 200
FP 2025-268	BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGISTS Organizational Rules and Rules on Practice and Procedure Psyc 102, Psyc 103, Psyc 200
FP 2025-291	BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH PRACTICE Social Work Associate Requirements Mhp 308
FP 2025-294	DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FORMER DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES Institutional Residence He-W 806.18

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FP 2025-299	DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FORMER DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES Authorized Representative and the Individual's Responsibilities to Supply Accurate Information, and Report Changes He-W 803 various
FP 2026-24	BOARD OF AUCTIONEERS Ethical Standards for Licensed Auctioneers Auc 500
FP 2026-57	GOVERNING BOARD OF PSYCHICAL THERAPISTS Ethical Standards Phy 500
FP 2026-77	INSURANCE DEPARTMENT Military Sales Practice Ins 310
EXP 2026-1	ASSESSING STANDARDS BOARD Certification of Assessors Asb 300
FP 2025-184	INSURANCE DEPARTMENT Continuing Care Retirement Communities Ins 1800
FP 2025-250	BOARD OF NURSING Nurse Externs Nur 608
FP 2025-256	OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION Body Art Rules Plc 600
FP 2025-269	BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE Organization, Definitions, and Requests for Information Vet 100 various
FP 2026-59	DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES AIR RELATED PROGRAMS NOx Budget Trading Program Env-A 3200
FP 2025-283	BOARD OF REGISTRATION OF FUNERAL DIRECTORS AND EMBALMERS Ethics, Funeral Home Licensing Frl 500, Frl 600

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FP 2026-4	BOARD OF REGISTRATION OF FUNERAL DIRECTORS AND EMBALMERS Continuing Education Requirements Fr1 403
FP 2025-285	BOARD OF MEDICINE License Renewal, Continuing Education, Ethical Standards and Requirements for Physician Associates Med 400 various, Med 500 various, Med 600 various
FP 2025-296	BOARD OF BARBERING, COSMETOLOGY AND ESTHETICS Mobile Barbershop Bar 700
FP 2025-303	PHARMACY BOARD Disposal and Destruction of Controlled Substances Ph 705
INT 2026-12	DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY COMMISSIONER Blue Envelope Program Saf-C 8500
FP 2026-13	BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE License Renewal and Reinstatement, Discipline, and Continuing Education Vet 401-404, Vet 406
FP 2026-48	OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION Retired Status Plc 314
FP 2026-61	DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS Joint Promotional Program (JPP) Bea 300
FP 2026-63	OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION Qualifying Based on Training Plc 2003.03
FP 2026-72	DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES WATER QUALITY AND QUANTITY PROGRAMS Alteration of Terrain Env-Wq 1500 various

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Rep. Schmidt moved that the Committee approve the Consent Agenda, that is, approve Final Proposals 2025-218, 2025-268, 2025-291, 2025-294, 2025-299, 2026-24, 2026-57, and 2026-77, and Expedited Repeal 2026-1; and conditionally approve Final Proposals 2025-184, 2025-250, 2025-256, 2025-269, 2025-282, 2025-283, 2026-4, 2025-285, 2025-296, 2025-303, 2026-13, 2026-48, 2026-31, 2026-63, and 2026-72, and Interim Rule 2026-12, based on the agencies' Conditional Approval Requests, amended Conditional Approval Requests, or revised amended Conditional Approval Requests.

Rep. Layon seconded.

Adopted.

5. The Committee discussed Final Proposal 2025-241 from the Mechanical Licensing Board (Professional Standards, Applications for the Voluntary Certification of Heating Equipment Installers, and Fees).

Sen. Lang informed the Committee that Senator Reardon requested this proposal be postponed because Sen. Reardon was unable to attend the June 19 Committee meeting.

Sen. Lang made a motion to postpone the hearing on Final Proposal 2025-241 until the July 16, 2026, Committee meeting.

Rep. Hakken-Phillips seconded.

Adopted.

6. The Committee discussed Final Proposal 2025-223 from the Board of Veterinary Medicine (Training and Scope of Activity for Non-Veterinarians).

Sen. Lang made a motion to postpone the hearing on Final Proposal 2025-223 until the July 16, 2026, Committee meeting.

Rep. Hakken-Phillips seconded.

Adopted.

7. The Committee discussed Final Proposal 2025-220 from the Department of Energy (Distributed Energy Resources Interconnection Procedures). Amanda Noonan, Director of Regulatory Support, testified on behalf of the Department. The Department requested additional changes be made their written conditional approval request.

Packy Campbell, owner of Bright Spot Solar, submitted written testimony and testified in opposition to the rule as proposed.

Chris Skoglund, representing Clean Energy NH, testified in support of the rule as proposed.

Payson Snyder, representing himself, testified in opposition to the rule as proposed.

Lindsay Bourgoine, representing ReVision Energy and Clean Energy companies, submitted written testimony and testified in opposition to the rule as proposed.

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Jessica Chiavara and Michael Licata, representing Eversource, testified in support of the rule with the recommendation of making one further change to En 1018.06 to insert the term “operational” before “performance”.

Sen. Lang moved to conditionally approve Final Proposal 2025-220 based on the Department’s written conditional approval request, the Department’s requested changes, and the change requested by Eversource.

Rep. Hakken-Phillips seconded.

Adopted.

8. The Committee discussed Final Proposal 2025-304 from the Department of Health and Human Services, Bureau of Aging and Adult Services (Choices for Independence Program – Waivers and Target Case Management Services). Attorney Brian Clark, General Counsel for the Bureau of Aging and Adult Services, and Nicole Valanzola, Rules Coordinator, testified on behalf of the Department.

Kerry Pfrimmer, representing Granite Case Management, submitted a pink card in opposition to the rule as proposed.

Carolyn Virtue, representing Granite Case Management, provided written testimony and testified before the Committee in opposition to the rule as proposed.

Brian Clark, Nicole Valanzola, and Kristina Ickes, Administrator for the Long-Term Care Program, testified on behalf of the Department in response to Ms. Virtue’s testimony.

Sen. Lang moved to conditionally approve Final Proposal 2025-304 based on the Department’s written revised amended conditional approval request.

Rep. Layon seconded.

Adopted.

Rep. Schmidt and the Department discussed how much progress has been made on the referral of participants and the protection of case management agencies from accepting participants who no longer qualify.

9. The Committee discussed Final Proposal 2026-11 from the Department of Safety, Commissioner (Readoption of Various Motor Vehicle Inspection Rules). John Marasco, Director of the New Hampshire Division of Motor Vehicles, and Jennifer Bailey, Assistant Director of the New Hampshire Division of Motor Vehicles, testified on behalf of the Department.

Rep. Layon moved to preliminarily object to Final Proposal 2026-11.

Rep. Schmidt seconded.

Rep. Layon, Rep. Hakken-Phillips, and Rep. Schmidt voted yes.

Sen. Lang, Sen. Ward, and Rep. Schamberg voted no.

Motion failed.

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Sen. Lang made a motion to postpone the hearing on Final Proposal 2026-11 until the July 16, 2026, Committee meeting and to request a waiver of the Committee's statutory deadline.

Rep. Schamberg seconded.

Adopted.

10. The Committee discussed Final Proposal 2026-50 from the Department of Environmental Services, Solid Waste Programs (Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Products Control Program). Aron Johnson, Legal Coordinator, and Ann Astarita, Pollution Prevention Program, testified on behalf of the Department.

Committee staff raised concerns about lack of parameters around the Department's authority to request certificates of compliance and the possibility the rule would not be applied uniformly.

Sen. Lang made a motion to postpone the hearing on Final Proposal 2026-50 until the July 16, 2026, Committee meeting and to request a waiver of the Committee's statutory deadline.

Rep. Layon seconded.

Adopted.

11. The Committee discussed Final Proposal 2026-60 from the Department of Environmental Services, Solid Waste Programs (Solid Waste Management Fund). Aron Johnson, Legal Coordinator, and Leah McKenna, Administrator of the Solid Waste Management Bureau, testified on behalf of the Department.

The Department made an oral conditional approval request to amend their written conditional approval request to remove the rule sections identified by Committee staff.

Sen. Lang moved to conditionally approve Final Proposal 2026-60 based on the Department's written conditional approval request and oral conditional approval request.

Rep. Hakken-Phillips seconded.

Adopted.

12. The Committee discussed Final Proposal 2026-51 from the Department of Health and Human Services, Solid Waste Programs (Solid Waste Management Programs). Nicole Valanzola, Rules Coordinator, testified on behalf of the Department.

Committee staff raised concerns stemming from the Department's written conditional approval request pertaining to incomplete applications, Department requests for additional information, and potential violations of RSA 541-A:29 and agency obligations to act on applications in a timely manner.

Rep. Schmidt moved to conditionally approve Final Proposal 2026-51 based on the Department's written conditional approval request.

Sen. Ward seconded.

Adopted.

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13. The Committee discussed Final Proposal 2026-91 from the Department of Safety (Disaster Relief for Municipalities). David Hiltz, Attorney for the Department of Safety, Robert Buxton, Director of the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, and Megan Hoskins, Assistant Director of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, testified on behalf of the Department.

Rep. Schamberg moved to conditionally approve Final Proposal 2026-91 based on the Department's written conditional approval request.

Rep. Schmidt seconded.

Adopted.

14. The Committee discussed Final Proposal 2026-3 from the Mechanical Licensing Board (Jurisprudence Examination).

Sen. Lang moved to postpone Final Proposal 2026-3 until the July 16, 2026, Committee meeting.

Rep. Schamberg seconded.

Adopted.

15. The Committee discussed Emergency Rule 14619 from the Department of Agriculture, Markets, and Food (Importation of Bovines and Domestic Animals). The Committee took no action.
16. The Committee discussed Emergency Rule 14620 from the Department of Agriculture, Markets, and Food (New World Screwworm). The Committee took no action.
17. The Committee discussed Emergency Rule 14615 from the Department of Education (Criminal History Record Check Clearances). The Committee took no action.
18. The Committee discussed the Board of Education's denial of the Committee's petition for the adoption of rules requesting the Board amend Administrative Rule Ed 800, pertaining to the Education Freedom Account Program. The Board cited two reasons for the denial, that there was a technical error in the petition and that the Board is waiting for the Legislative Budget Assistant to complete its audit of the Board's rules before proposing any new rulemaking. The Committee discussed potential review of RSA 541-A and of outdated process and procedural rules. The Committee took no action.

19. Sen. Lang adjourned the meeting at 12:07 p.m.