

FISCAL COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COURT  
MINUTES  
February 21, 2025

The Fiscal Committee of the General Court met on Friday, February 21, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. Room 210-211 of the Legislative Office Building.

Members in attendance were as follows:

Representative Ken Weyler, Chairman  
Representative Keith Erf, Clerk  
Representative Gerald Griffin (Alternate)  
Representative Mary Jane Wallner  
Representative Peter Leishman  
Senator James Gray, Vice Chairman  
Senate President Sharon Carson  
Senator Regina Birdsell  
Senator Cindy Rosenwald  
Senator David Watters

The Chair called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Senator Gray, seconded by Senator Birdsell, that the Committee approve the minutes of the January 30, 2025 meeting as written. MOTION ADOPTED. (10-Yes; 0-No)

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Department of Education withdrew request FIS 25-040.

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

Tab 4 Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI.  
FIS 25-057

On a motion by Senator Gray, seconded by Senator Watters, that the Committee approve all the remaining requests as submitted under the Consent Calendar, Tabs 3 and 4. MOTION ADOPTED. (10-Yes; 0-No) [TAB 3 pursuant to RSA 9:16-a., FIS 25-039 Department of Safety –

authorization to transfer \$1,875,605 in general funds among accounts through June 30, 2025, FIS 25-044 Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services – authorization to transfer \$104,000 in federal/general funds through June 30, 2025, FIS 25-045 Department of Revenue Administration – authorization to transfer \$110,089 in general funds between expenditure classes through June 30, 2025, FIS 25-046 Department of Safety – authorization to transfer \$490,000 in other funds through June 30, 2025, FIS 25-056 Department of Transportation – authorization to transfer \$300,000 in turnpike funds between various accounts and classes through June 30, 2025, and FIS 25-058 Department of Transportation – authorization to establish various non-budgeted classes in various accounting units and to transfer \$1,015,051 in federal/highway funds between various accounts and classes through June 30, 2025; and TAB 4 pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI., FIS 25-041 Department of Information Technology – authorization to accept and expend \$200,000 in other funds through June 30, 2025, FIS 25-042 Department of Safety – authorization to accept and expend \$3,831,884 in federal funds through June 30, 2025, FIS 25-052 Department of Health and Human Services – authorization to amend FIS 23-267, approved September 14, 2023, by transferring \$75,043 in other funds among various class lines through June 30, 2025, and FIS 25-053 New Hampshire Fish and Game Department – authorization to accept and expend \$250,223 in other funds through June 30, 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 25-057 Department of Transportation – David Rodrigue, Assistant Commissioner, Department of Transportation, and Denis Goulet, Commissioner, Department of Information Technology, responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator Gray, seconded by Senator Rosenwald, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Transportation to accept and expend \$3,200,000 in federal funds through June 30, 2025. 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 25-054 Department of Health and Human Services – Nathan White, Chief Financial Officer, and Henry Lipman, Director, Division of Medicaid Services, 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 \$24,444,388 in general funds between various class lines, increase and decrease Federal revenues resulting in a net decrease of \$2,713,146, increase and decrease Other revenues resulting in a net increase of

\$334,622, and create new expenditure class codes through June 30, 2025. MOTION ADOPTED. (10-Yes; 0-No)

RSA 216-A:3-g, FEES FOR PARK SYSTEM:

REGULAR CALENDAR

FIS 25-047 Department of Natural and Cultural Resources – Jace Wirth, General Manger, Franconia Notch State Park and Cannon Mountain Ski Area, Department of Natural and Cultural Resources 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 Natural and Cultural Resources for approval of the fee package for Winter 2025/26 Season Pass products at Cannon Mountain Aerial Tramway & Ski Area. MOTION ADOPTED. (10-Yes; 0-No)

CHAPTER 79:11, LAWS OF 2023, DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS; TRANSFER AUTHORITY:

REGULAR CALENDAR

FIS 25-048 Department of Corrections – Helen Hanks, Commissioner, and Lisa Stone, Director, Division of Administration, Department of Corrections 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 Corrections to transfer \$10,655,700 in general funds among accounts through June 30, 2025. MOTION ADOPTED. (10-Yes; 0-No)

MISCELLANEOUS:

None

INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS:

The informational items were accepted and placed on file.

AUDITS:

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, New Hampshire Commission for Human Rights, Performance Audit Report, February 2025 – Christine Young, Director of Audits, and John Clinch, Senior Audit Manager, Audit Division, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant, presented the report and responded to questions of the Committee. Katrina Taylor, Acting Assistant Director, New Hampshire Commission for Human Rights, and Sean Locke, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, were present to respond to questions of the Committee.

The Committee made the following requests to include; 1) follow-up information on an exact schedule for the preparation and submission of rules to JLCAR, 2) how has the money been applied from the last budget, who has been hired and how the duties have been separated out between people working on cases and administrative tasks, and 3) that the Fiscal Committee receive status updates from the Commission on the rules progress.

Senator Gray requested legislative language for audit findings 10 and 13 and would like more information.

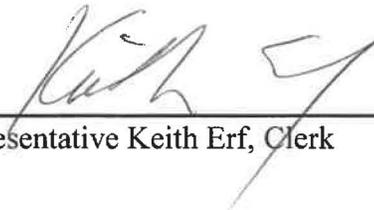
The Committee requested that the House and Senate Judiciary Committees receive copies of the audit.

The UNIQUE College Investing Plan, Annual Report, September 30, 2024 and The Fidelity Advisor 529 Plan, Annual Report, September 30, 2024 – 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 21, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. to be held in Room 210-211 of the Legislative Office Building.

The Chair moved that the meeting adjourn. (Whereupon the meeting adjourned at 12:17 p.m.)

  
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Representative Keith Erf, Clerk