

FISCAL COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COURT  
MINUTES  
May 16, 2025

The Fiscal Committee of the General Court met on Friday, May 16, 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 Karen Ebel (Alternate)  
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.

RULES AND PROCEDURES:

Fiscal Committee Rules and Procedures – Appendix A Revised Proposed Amendment – 5/16/25 – On a motion by Senator Rosenwald, seconded by Senator Carson, that the Committee approve the Fiscal Committee Rules and Procedures – Appendix A Revised Proposed Amendment – 6/15/25, by adding after item 2, the following – 2a) The Committee will permit any items submitted pursuant to RSA 124:15 or RSA 14:30-a, VI, that utilize funding from the American Rescue Plan (ARP) or the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) to be authorized through June 30, 2027. MOTION ADOPTED. (10-Yes; 0-No)

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Senator Gray, seconded by Senator Rosenwald, that the Committee approve the minutes of the April 18, 2025 meeting as written. MOTION ADOPTED. (10-Yes; 0-No)

OLD BUSINESS:

FIS 25-103 New Hampshire Youth Development Center Claims Administration and Settlement Fund – request authorization to receive an additional appropriation from general funds not otherwise appropriated in the amount of \$10,000,000 for FY 2025 through June 30, 2025. **Tabled April 18, 2025** FIS 25-103 Additional Information – dated 5/15/2025. NO DISCUSSION HELD.

NEW BUSINESS:

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Chair announced that the Department of Energy issued a replacement for FIS 25-139.

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

Tab 4 Pursuant to RSA 9:16-a  
FIS 25-111, 25-115

Tab 6 Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI.  
FIS 25-126

Tab 7 Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI. and RSA 124:15  
FIS 25-139 Replacement

On a motion by Senator Carson, seconded by Senator Gray, that the Committee approve all the remaining requests as submitted under the Consent Calendar, Tabs 4, 5, and 6. MOTION ADOPTED. (10-Yes; 0-No) [TAB 4 pursuant to RSA 9:16-a., FIS 25-113 Department of Energy - authorization to transfer \$207,500 in other funds between class lines in various accounting units through June 30, 2025, FIS 25-116 Department of Justice – authorization to; 1) transfer \$110,953 in federal funds through June 30, 2025, FIS 25-117 Department of Labor – authorization to transfer \$126,030 in other funds through June 30, 2025, FIS 25-118 Department of Transportation – authorization to transfer \$180,210 in Highway/Turnpike funds between various accounting units and classes through June 30, 2025, FIS 25-119 Department of Transportation – authorization to transfer \$455,000 in highway funds between various accounting units and classes through June 30, 2025, FIS 25-135 Department of Administrative Services – authorization to transfer \$42,500 in other funds through June 30, 2025, FIS 25-136 Department of Administrative Services – authorization to transfer \$105,500 in general funds through June 30, 2025, and FIS 25-141 Judicial Council – authorization to transfer \$600,000 in general funds through June 30, 2025; and TAB 5 pursuant to RSA 9:16-c, FIS 25-112 Department of Energy – authorization to transfer \$239,024 in federal funds between class lines through June 30, 2025, and TAB 6 pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI., FIS 25-120 Department of Business and Economic Affairs – authorization to accept and expend \$12,358,494 in federal funds through June 30, 2025, FIS 25-121 Department of Business and Economic Affairs – authorization to amend FIS 22-004, approved January 21, 2022 and as amended (FIS 23-167) on May 19, 2023, to transfer \$61,468 in federal funds in and among classes within an accounting unit through June 30, 2025, FIS 25-122 Department of Business and Economic Affairs – authorization through June 30, 2025 to; 1) amend FIS 22-011, approved January 21, 2022 and as amended (FIS 23-167) on May 19, 2023, to transfer \$42,494 in federal funds in and among classes within an accounting unit, and 2) amend FIS 24-003, approved January 19, 2024, to transfer \$72,208 in federal funds in and among classes within an accounting unit, FIS 25-123 Department of Energy – authorization to accept and expend \$1,259,230 in federal funds through June 30, 2025, FIS 25-124 Department of Health and Human Services – authorization to accept

and expend \$225,225 in federal funds through June 30, 2025, FIS 25-125 Department of Health and Human Services – authorization to accept and expend \$10,220,291 in other funds through June 30, 2025, FIS 25-127 Department of Natural and Cultural Resources – authorization to accept \$874,000 in federal funds through June 30, 2025, and FIS 25-138 Department of Administrative Services – authorization to accept and expend \$230,000 in other funds through June 30, 2025]

RSA 9:16-a. TRANSFERS AUTHORIZED:

CONSENT CALENDAR

FIS 25-111 Department of Administrative Services – Charles Arlinghaus, Commissioner, Department of Administrative Services, responded to questions of the Committee.

Senate President Carson questioned if the Department knew why the utility costs had skyrocketed, to which Commissioner Arlinghaus responded he would provide the Committee with the analysis for the costs.

On a motion by Senator Gray, seconded by Representative Griffin, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Administrative Services to transfer \$90,000 in general funds through June 30, 2025. MOTION ADOPTED. (10-Yes; 0-No)

FIS 25-115 Department of Justice – Kathleen Carr, Director of Administration, Department of Justice responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator Rosenwald, seconded by Senator Birdsell, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Justice to transfer \$175,000 in general funds through June 30, 2025. MOTION ADOPTED. (10-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 25-126 Department of Health and Human Services – Henry Lipman, Director, Division of Medicaid Services, and Nathan White, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Health and Human Services responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Erf, seconded by Senator Gray, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to accept and expend \$12,865,236 in other funds through June 30, 2025. MOTION ADOPTED. (10-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 AND RSA 124:15 POSITIONS AUTHORIZED:

CONSENT CALENDAR

FIS 25-139 Department of Energy Replacement – Jared Chicoine, Commissioner, and Joshua Elliott, Director, Division of Policy and Programs, Department of Energy, responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Erf, seconded by Senator Rosenwald, that the Committee approve the replacement request of the Department of Energy through June 30, 2025 to; 1) accept and expend \$34,598,819 in federal funds. 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 25-114 Department of Health and Human Services – On a motion by Senator Gray, seconded by Representative Wallner, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to transfer \$17,365,032 in general funds between various class lines, increase and decrease Federal revenues resulting in a net decrease of \$1,422,088, increase and decrease other revenues resulting in a net increase of \$200,000, and create new expenditure class codes through June 30, 2025. MOTION ADOPTED. (10-Yes; 0-No)

RSA 162-H:21, FUND ESTABLISHED; FUNDING PLAN:

REGULAR CALENDAR

FIS 25-130 Public Utilities Commission – authorization to accept \$162,592 in general funds from funds not otherwise appropriated through June 30, 2025. WITHDRAWN BY AGENCY.

RSA 198:15-y, III PUBLIC SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND:

REGULAR CALENDAR

FIS 25-131 Office of the Governor – On a motion by Senator Gray, seconded by Senator Birdsell, that the Committee approve the request of the Office of the Governor to retroactively amend expenditures in the amount of \$271,368 in federal funds, approved (FIS 24-053) February 16, 2024, retroactively from February 21, 2024 through June 30, 2025. MOTION ADOPTED. (10-Yes; 0-No)

MISCELLANEOUS:

None

INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS:

No discussion was held. The informational items were accepted and placed on file.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next regular meeting of the Fiscal Committee was scheduled for Friday, June 20, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. to be held in a location to be determined upon availability.

On a motion by Senator Birdsell, seconded by Senator Gray, that the meeting adjourn. (Whereupon the meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.)



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Representative Keith Ert, Clerk