

FISCAL COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COURT
MINUTES
November 21, 2025

The Fiscal Committee of the General Court met on Friday, November 21, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. Room 230 of Granite Place.

Members in attendance were as follows:

Representative Ken Weyler, Chairman
Representative Keith Erf, Clerk
Representative Maureen Mooney
Representative Mary Jane Wallner
Representative Peter Leishman
Representative Gerald Griffin (Alternate)
Senator James Gray, Vice Chairman
Senate President Sharon Carson
Senator Howard Pearl (Alternate)
Senator Tara Reardon (Alternate)
Senator David Watters

The Chair called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m.

Serving as alternates were; Senator Reardon for Senator Rosenwald, and Senator Pearl for Senator Birdsell.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Senator Gray, seconded by Representative Leishman, that the Committee approve the minutes of the October 17, 2025 and October 28, 2025 meetings as written. MOTION ADOPTED. (6-Yes; 0-No; 3-Abstained)

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 4 Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI.
FIS 25-282

Tab 5 Pursuant to ARPA RSA 14:30-a, VI.
FIS 25-279

On a motion by Senator Gray, seconded by Representative Mooney, that the Committee approve all the remaining requests as submitted under the Consent Calendar, Tabs 3, and 4. MOTION ADOPTED. (9-Yes; 0-No) [TAB 3 pursuant to RSA 9:16-a., FIS 25-269 Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services – authorization to transfer \$1,000,000 in federal funds through June 30, 2026; and TAB 4 pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI., FIS 25-258 Department of Health and Human Services – authorization to accept and expend \$698,000 in federal funds through June 30, 2027, FIS 25-259 New Hampshire Veterans Home – authorization to accept and expend \$114,996 in other funds through June 30, 2026, FIS 25-260 Department of Safety – authorization to accept and expend \$335,129 in other funds through June 30, 2027, FIS 25-270 Department of Natural and Cultural Resources – authorization to accept and expend \$480,000 in federal funds through June 30, 2027, and FIS 25-271 Department of Natural and Cultural Resources – authorization to accept and expend \$399,323 in federal funds through November 23, 2026]

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 25-282 Department of Administrative Services – Charles Arlinghaus, Commissioner, and Theodore Kupper, Director of Public Works, Division of Public Works Design and Construction, Department of Administrative Services responded to questions of the Committee.

Senate President Carson joined the meeting at 11:08 a.m.

On a motion by Senator Gray, seconded by Representative Mooney, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Administrative Services to accept and expend \$9,900,000 in other funds through June 30, 2027. 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:

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN 2021
CONSENT CALENDAR

FIS 25-279 Department of Health and Human Services – Lori Weaver, Commissioner, Department of Health and Human Services and Charles Arlinghaus, Commissioner, Department of Administrative Services responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator Gray, seconded by Senator Reardon, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to accept and expend \$603,380 in

federal funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) through December 31, 2026. MOTION ADOPTED. (10-Yes; 0-No)

RSA 9:13-e, VI. REVENUE STABILIZATION RESERVE ACCOUNT:

REGULAR CALENDAR

FIS 25-280 Department of Administrative Services – On a motion by Senator Gray, seconded by Representative Leishman, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Administrative Services to transfer funds from the revenue stabilization reserve account to eliminate the general fund operating budget deficit for Fiscal Year 2025 in an amount not to exceed \$88.7 million effective upon Fiscal Committee approval. 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 25-278 Department of Health and Human Services – On a motion by Senator Gray, seconded by Senator Watters, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to transfer \$27,084,812 in general funds between various class lines, increase and decrease Federal revenues resulting in a net decrease of \$1,853,426, increase and decrease Other revenues resulting in a net increase of \$864,307, and create new expenditure class codes through June 30, 2026. MOTION ADOPTED. (10-Yes; 0-No)

RSA 363:28, III OFFICE OF THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE:

REGULAR CALENDAR

FIS 25-272 Office Of The Consumer Advocate – Donal Kreis, Consumer Advocate, Office Of The Consumer Advocate responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator Watters, seconded by Senator Gray, that the Committee approve the request of the Office of The Consumer Advocate to enter into a contract for professional services with Larkin & Associates, PLC of 15728 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI 48154 (Vendor #300108) to provide certain expert services to support the participation of the OCA in various proceedings before the Public Utilities Commission, as time and budget allow, for an amount not to exceed \$255,000 through June 30, 2027. MOTION ADOPTED. (9-Yes; 1-No as voted by Representative Leishman)

RSA 604-A:1-b ADDITIONAL FUNDING:

REGULAR CALENDAR

FIS 25-261 Judicial Council – Jay Buckey, Executive Director, Judicial Council responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator Gray, seconded by Representative Leishman, 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 \$200,000 through June 30, 2027. MOTION ADOPTED. (10-Yes; 0-No)

MISCELLANEOUS:

FIS 25-266 State Treasury – On a motion by Representative Leishman, seconded by Senator Watters, that the Committee approve the request of the State Treasury, on behalf of the College Tuition Savins Plan Advisory Commission, for the release and distribution of the audited financial statements of the UNIQUE College Investing Plan and Fidelity Advisor 529 Plan for the year ended September 30, 2025 upon completion of the audits and prior to the presentation of the audit results to the Fiscal Committee. MOTION ADOPTED. (10-Yes; 0-No)

INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS:

Jennifer Ramsey, Tax Policy Analyst, Department of Revenue Administration, responded to questions of the Committee pertaining to; FIS 25-265 Department of Revenue Administration – RSA 21-J:45 – Quarterly Refund Report for the months of July 2025 through September 2025.

As the Department of Environmental Services had no one present to respond to Committee questions, the Legislative Budget Assistant will submit the questions pertaining to; FIS 25-274 Department of Environmental Services – RSA 482-A:33 – Report on the activities and finances of the Aquatic Resource Mitigation Funds for State Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025.

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, December 19, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. to be held at Granite Place.

On a motion by Senator Gray, seconded by Representative Erf, that the meeting adjourn.
Whereupon the meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m.



Representative Keith Erf, Clerk