

FISCAL COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COURT
MINUTES
January 23, 2026

The Fiscal Committee of the General Court met on Friday, January 23, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. in Room 230 of Granite Place.

Members in attendance were as follows:

Representative Ken Weyler, Chairman
Representative Geral Griffin (Alternate for Clerk)
Representative Maureen Mooney
Representative Mary Jane Wallner
Representative Peter Leishman
Representative Karen Ebel (Alternate)
Senator James Gray, Vice Chairman
Senate President Sharon Carson
Senator Howard Pearl (Alternate)
Senator Cindy Rosenwald
Senator David Watters

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

Serving as alternates were; Representative Griffin for Representative Erf, and Senator Pearl for Senator Birdsell.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Senator Gray, seconded by Senator Rosenwald, that the Committee approve the minutes of the December 19, 2025 meeting as written. MOTION ADOPTED. (8-Yes; 0-No; 1-Abstained)

Senate President Carson arrived at 1:06 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Department of Safety withdrew their request, FIS 26-008, to accept and expend \$528,823 in other funds through September 30, 2026.

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

Tab 5 Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI.
FIS 26-007

Tab 6 Pursuant to ARPA RSA 14:30-a, VI.
FIS 26-003, FIS 26-005

On a motion by Senator Gray, seconded by Senator Rosenwald, that the Committee approve all the remaining requests as submitted under the Consent Calendar, Tabs 3, 4, and 5. MOTION ADOPTED. (10-Yes; 0-No) [TAB 3 pursuant to RSA 9:16-a., FIS 26-001 Department of Health and Human Services – authorization to transfer \$415,000 in general funds between various class lines through June 30, 2026, and FIS 26-002 Department of Transportation – authorization to transfer \$130,000 in Turnpike funds between various accounts and classes through June 30, 2026; TAB 4 pursuant to RSA 9:17-d, FIS 26-015 Administrative Office Of The Courts – authorization to transfer \$400,000 in general funds between expenditure classes through June 30, 2026; and TAB 5 pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI., FIS 26-004 New Hampshire Fish and Game Department – authorization to accept and expend \$2,526,646 in other funds through June 30, 2027, and FIS 26-006 Department of Safety – authorization to accept and expend \$1,262,973 in federal funds through June 30, 2027]

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 26-007 Department of Safety – Amy Newbury, Director of Administration, and Major Brendan Davey, Operations Bureau, Division of State Police, Department of Safety responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator Gray, seconded by Senator Carson, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Safety to accept and expend \$1,229,459 in other funds through September 30, 2026. MOTION ADOPTED. (8-Yes; 2-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 26-003 Department of Environmental Services – Adam Crepeau, Assistant Commissioner, and Susan Carlson, Chief Operating Officer, Department of Environmental Services responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator Gray, seconded by Senator Carson, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Environmental Services to amend FIS 22-195, approved on May 20, 2022, with subsequent approval on (FIS 22-330) October 14, 2022, (FIS 23-166) May 19, 2023, (FIS 24-182) May 17, 2024, (FIS 24-207) June 20, 2024, (FIS 24-367) October 18, 2024, and (FIS 26-163) June 20, 2025, by transferring \$300,000 in federal American Rescue

Plan Act (ARPA) funds between class lines within an accounting unit through December 31, 2026. MOTION ADOPTED. (10-Yes; 0-No)

FIS 26-005 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.

The Committee requested the Department provide regular updates on the future Youth Development Center project.

On a motion by Senator Rosenwald, seconded by Senator Gray, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to accept and expend \$700,000 in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) through December 31, 2026. MOTION ADOPTED. (10-Yes; 0-No)

RSA 106-H:9-I(e) FUNDING; FUND ESTABLISHED:

REGULAR CALENDAR

FIS 26-009 Department of Safety – Amy Newbury, Director of Administration, Department of Safety 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 Safety to budget and expend \$3,366,634 in other funds from the Prior Year Carry Forward Balance funds through June 30, 2026. MOTION ADOPTED. (10-Yes; 0-No)

RSA 604-A:1-b ADDITIONAL FUNDING:

REGULAR CALENDAR

FIS 26-013 Judicial Council – Jay Buckey, Executive Director, Judicial Council responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator Watters, seconded by Senator Gray, 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 \$1,500,000 through June 30, 2027. MOTION ADOPTED. (10-Yes; 0-No)

RSA 228:12 TRANSFERS FROM HIGHWAY SURPLUS ACCOUNT:

REGULAR CALENDAR

FIS 26-016 Department of Transportation – Danielle Chandonnet, Director of Finance, and Susan Klasen, Director of Operations, Department of Transportation responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator Rosenwald, seconded by Senator Gray, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Transportation to transfer \$9,441,858 in highway funds from the Highway Surplus Account to fund winter maintenance activities through June 30, 2026. MOTION ADOPTED. (10-Yes; 0-No)

MISCELLANEOUS:

None

INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS:

Charles Arlinghaus, Commissioner, Department of Administrative Services, responded to questions of the Committee pertaining to; FIS 26-010 Department of Administrative Services – Chapter 319:32, Laws of 2003 – State Employee Health Insurance – report regarding the State’s self-funded Health Benefits Plan from July 1, 2025 through November 30, 2025.

Jacqueline Curran-Stuart, Senior Paralegal, YDC Claims Administration, and Thomas Kaempfer, Deputy Director of Administration, Department of Justice responded to questions of the Committee pertaining to; FIS 26-018 New Hampshire Youth Development Center Claims Administration and Settlement Fund – RSA 21-M:11-a, XVI – Monthly Report for the YDC Claims Administration and Settlement Fund based on data and information as of December 31, 2025.

The informational items were accepted and placed on file.

AUDIT:

As approved by the Fiscal Committee December 19, 2025 the following audit reports have been accepted, placed on file and released to the public when available.

State of New Hampshire, Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025 – Director of Audits, Audit Division, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant, Marie Zimmerman, Partner, KPMG, presented the report and responded to questions of the Committee. Charles Arlinghaus, Commissioner, and Dana Call, State Comptroller, Department of Administrative Services were present to respond to Committee questions

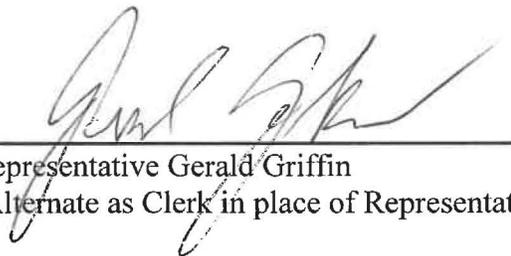
State of New Hampshire, Department of Transportation, Turnpike System, Annual Financial Report, For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025 – Christine Young, Director of Audits, Audit Division, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant, and Jeffrey Koch, Managing Director, KPMG, presented the report and responded to questions of the Committee. Danielle Chandonnet, Director of Finance, Department of Transportation, was present to respond to questions of the Committee.

Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025, New Hampshire Liquor Commission, A Department of the State of New Hampshire – Christine Young, Director of Audits, and James LaRivier, Senior Audit Manager, Audit Division, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant, presented the reports and responded to questions of the Committee. Joseph Mollica, Chairman, and Tina Demers, Chief Financial Officer, New Hampshire Liquor Commission were also present to respond to Committee questions and present a handout.

Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025, New Hampshire Lottery Commission, A Department of the State of New Hampshire – Christine Young, Director of Audits, and Kimberly Bisson, Senior Audit Manager, Audit Division, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant presented the report and responded to questions of the Committee. James Duris, Chief Financial Officer, New Hampshire Lottery Commission was also present to respond to questions of the Committee.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next regular meeting of the Fiscal Committee was scheduled for Friday, February 20, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. to be held at Granite Place. Whereupon the meeting adjourned at 2:37 p.m.



Representative Gerald Griffin
(Alternate as Clerk in place of Representative Erf)