

FISCAL COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COURT
MINUTES

August 21, 2026

The Fiscal Committee of the General Court met on Friday, August 21, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. in Room 230 of Granite Place.

Members in attendance were as follows:

Representative Ken Weyler, Chairman
Representative Gerald Griffin (Alternate)
Representative Peter Leishman
Representative Mary Jane Wallner
Representative Maureen Mooney

Senator James Gray, Vice Chairman
Senate President Sharon Carson
Senator Timothy Lang (Alternate)
Senator Cindy Rosenwald
Senator David Watters

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

Representative Griffin served as an alternate for Representative Erf and Senator Lang served as an alternate for Senator Birdsell.

Senator Watters arrived late to the committee meeting. Arriving at 11:15am.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Senator Gray, seconded by Senator Rosenwald, that the Committee approve the minutes of the June 19, 2026 meeting as written. MOTION ADOPTED. (9-Yes; 0-No)

Representative Mooney abstained; she was not at the meeting on June 19, 2026.

Senator Watters was absent at the time of the vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

FIS 26-159 Letter from Representative Gerald Griffin, Chair of the Legislative Performance Audit and Oversight Committee relative to the recommendation: to

conduct a performance audit of the Department of Health and Human Services' mobile crisis intervention services

On a motion by Representative Leishman, seconded by Senator Rosenwald, the Committee approve the request of the Legislative Performance Audit and Oversight Committee to conduct a performance audit of the department of Health and Human Service' mobile crisis intervention services

MOTION ADOPTED. (9-Yes; 0-No) Representative Griffin abstained.

Senator Watters was absent at the time of the vote.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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 IV

FIS 26-134

FIS 26-141

FIS 26-143

FIS 26-144

FIS 26-146

On a motion by Senator Gray, seconded by Senator Carson, that the Committee approve all the remaining requests as submitted under the Consent Calendar, Tabs 4, 5, and 6. MOTION ADOPTED. (9-Yes; 0-No)

Senator Watters was absent at the time of the vote.

[TAB 4] pursuant to RSA 9:16-c. FIS 26-135 Department Environmental Services – authorization to transfer funds in the amount of \$2,784, and create a new expenditure class code, to maximize the use of federal grant funds through June 30, 2027, FIS 26-147 Department of Safety -, authorization to transfer Homeland Security Grant Program Funds in and among classes in the amount of \$1,361,500 in federal funds through June 30, 2027, FIS 26-148 Department of Safety – authorization to transfer Emergency Management Performance Grant funds in the amount of \$612,000 in federal funds through June 30, 2027; **TAB 5** pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI. FIS 26-132 Department of Agriculture, Markets and Food – authorization to accept and expend \$5,083,449 in federal funds through June 30, 2027, FIS 26-136 Department of Environmental Services authorization to budget and expend \$4,500,000 in other funds through June 30, 2027, FIS 26-137 New Hampshire Fish and Game - authorization to accept and expend \$250,000 in other funds through June 30, 2027, FIS 26-140 Department of Health and Human Services authorize to accept and expend \$1,694,639 in federal funds through

June 30, 2027, FIS 26-142 Department of Health and Human Services 1) authorization to accept and expend \$126,982 in federal funds through June 30, 2027, and 2) authorization to amend FIS 24-012 approved on January 19, 2024 and amended by FIS 25-146 approved on June 20, 2025 and FIS 26-068 approved on April 17, 2026 by transferring funds in the amount of \$405,265 in federal funds between class lines through June 30, 2027, FIS 26-145 New Hampshire Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services – authorization to accept and expend \$373,483 in federal funds through June 30, 2027, FIS 26-149 Department of Transportation – authorization to accept and expend \$1,000,000 in federal funds through June 30, 2027; **TAB 6** pursuant to ARPA RSA 14:30-a,VI. FIS 26-133 Department of Education - authorization to accept and expend \$386,196 in federal funds through June 30, 2027,

FIS 26-138 Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery – authorize to amend FIS 25-164, approved by Fiscal Committee on June 20, 2025 to transfer \$738,000 federal funds between class lines. Original item FIS 21-172 was approved on June 18, 2021, amended by FIS 23-166 approved on May 19, 2023, and by FIS 23-317 on November 9, 2023, FIS 26-139 Department of Environmental Services - authorize to accept and expend \$260,385 in federal funds through December 31, 2026, FIS 26-150 Department of Health and Human Services - authorize to accept and expend \$2,500,000 in federal funds through December 31, 2026]

RSA 14:30-a-IV Fiscal Committee Approval Required for Acceptance and Expenditure of Funds Over \$100,000 from any Non-State Source:

CONSENT CALENDAR

FIS 26-141 Department of Health and Human Services –Morissa Henn, Health and Human Services Deputy Commissioner, and Nathan White, Chief Financial Officer responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator Lang, seconded by Senator Gray, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services of authorization to accept and expend \$334,825 in federal funds through June 30, 2027. MOTION ADOPTED. (10-Yes; 0-No)

FIS 26-134 Department of Energy –Joshua Elliott, Deputy Commissioner responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator Watters, seconded by Senator Gray that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Energy of authorization to accept and expend \$26,062,185 in federal funds through June 30, 2027. MOTION ADOPTED. (10-Yes; 0-No)

FIS 26-143 Department of Health and Human Services –Henry Lipman, Director of Division of Medicaid Services, and Nathan White, Chief Financial Officer 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 Health and Human Services of authorization to accept and expend \$352,942 in federal funds through June 30, 2027. MOTION ADOPTED. (10-Yes; 0-No)

FIS 26-144 Department of Justice –Tom Kaempfer, Director of Administration 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 Justice of 1) authorization to accept and expend \$37,531 in federal funds through September 30, 2026 and 2) authorize to accept and expend \$94,797 in federal funds through June 30, 2027 – MOTION ADOPTED. (10-Yes; 0-No)

FIS 26-146 Department of Safety – Derika Oldenburg, Deputy Director of Administration and Charlie Arlinghaus, Commissioner of Administrative Services 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 Safety of authorization to retroactively amend the accept and expend \$648,718 by extending the end date from June 30, 2025, through June 30, 2027. The original request, FIS 25-020, was approved on January 3, 2025 by the Fiscal Committee. Effective upon approval, for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027 – MOTION ADOPTED. (10-Yes; 0-No)

RSA 604-A:1-b Additional Funding

REGULAR CALENDAR

FIS 26-151 Judicial Council –Jay Buckey, Chief Executive Director responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator Lang, seconded by Senator Gray, that the Committee **amend and approve** the request of the Judicial Council, to receive an additional appropriation from general funds not otherwise appropriated, **amended** with a reduction down to the amount of \$2,750,000 from the \$5,500,000 through June 30, 2027, as specified in the request dated July 28, 2026. MOTION ADOPTED. (10-Yes; 0-No)

INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS:

The Honorable Gerard Boyle, Administrator for the Youth Development Center

Claims Administration and Settlement Fund, responded to questions of the Committee pertaining to FIS 26-155 Youth Development Center Claims Administration and Settlement Fund - Pursuant to RSA 21-M:11-a, XVI, the Youth Development Center Claims Administration and Settlement Fund submits report for June 2026. Report provides information on claims and costs since claims processing began on January 1, 2023, through June 30, 2026 (with costs first incurred in late 2022)

Senator Watters inquired about projections for the future when coming back for additional amounts. The Honorable Gerard Boyle will have additional information after handling more cases.

Senator Gray suggested working with LBA and understanding the surplus. Senator Rosenwald inquired about the priorities of hearings. The Honorable Gerard Boyle commented that they are taking cases in order when the claims were complete, with exceptions.

Jennifer Ramsey, Tax Policy Council responded to questions of the Committee pertaining to FIS 26-154 Department of Revenue – Pursuant to RSA 21-J:45, Quarterly Refund Report for the months of April 2026 through June 2026. This report is produced on a quarterly basis for requested tax refunds and provides a 5-year refund analysis

Senator Lang inquired if there is any money on the books for IND or if it is all gone.

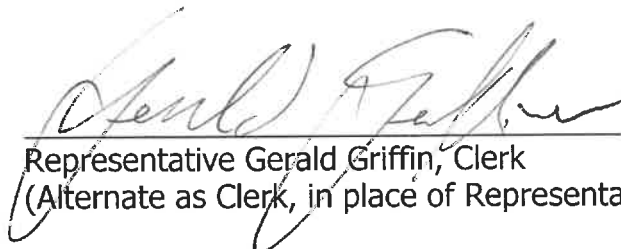
Jennifer Ramsey commented that it isn't all gone, but there is little left, but could have a return IND refund. That the mainstream fund is going away and little data for this current quarter and would stop reporting on it because of so few taxpayers and a risk of confidentiality violation.

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, September 18, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. to be held at Granite Place.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:49 a.m.


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