

GOVERNOR AND EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MINUTES
Rotary Pavilion, Dover, New Hampshire
July 19, 2023 10:00 a.m.

The Governor and Executive Council convened at 10:00 a.m. with all members present.

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Today's pre-meeting ceremonial items included:

- Father Abouna Jebrael Moussallem, St. George Maronite Catholic Church, Dover, NH offered a prayer of invocation
- Posting of the Colors: by the Dover City Police Color Guard
- National Anthem sung by Shelli La Torre of Dover, NH
- Community Action Partnership of Strafford County – Childcare led the Pledge of Alliance
- Performance:
 - Thomas Ruedig Portsmouth Middle School Student on keyboard
- Commendation:
 - Dover 400 Committee – for all their work on behalf of the city
 - Kathy Crompton – Dover Community Action

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The Governor and Executive Council on motion of Councilor Wheeler, seconded by Councilor Stevens, voted to approve the minutes of the June 28, 2023 meeting.

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The Governor and Executive Council, on motion of Councilor Kenney, seconded by Councilor Warmington, approved the appointment of several persons nominated for Civil Commissions from the June 28, 2023 meeting.

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The Governor placed into nomination the several persons who applied for Civil Commissions.

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The Governor and Council, on motion of Councilor Wheeler, seconded by Councilor Kenney, voted to set the date for a *special election for State Representative in Hillsborough County, District 3 (Nashua Ward 4)*.

The filing period will begin on July 24, 2023 and end on July 28, 2023. The primary election will be September 19, 2023. The special election will be November 7, 2023. If there is no primary election, the special election shall be held on the day previously fixed as the day for the holding of the special primary election; September 19, 2023.

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RESIGNATIONS

The Governor and Council accepted the following resignations.

Chief Justice, Superior Court - RSA 491:1

Tina L. Nadeau, Lee

Effective: September 29, 2023

New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Authority Board of Directors - RSA 227-M: 4

John J. Colony, Harrisville

Effective: September 6, 2023

New Hampshire Real Estate Commission - RSA 331-A:5

Steven F. Hyde, Dover

Effective: September 19, 2023

Site Evaluation Committee - RSA 162-H:3

James Jalbert, Rollinsford

Effective: July 19, 2023

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CONFIRMATIONS

The Governor and Council confirmed the following:

Advisory Committee on Marine Fisheries - RSA 211:60
(Alternate)

G. Ritchie White, Rye
Reappointment

Effective: July 19, 2023
Term: December 2, 2025

Board of Dental Examiners - RSA 317-A:2
(Dental Hygienist Member)

Angela Boyle, Londonderry
Succeeding: Lisa A. Scott, Hooksett

Effective: July 27, 2023
Term: July 26, 2028

New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Authority, Board of Directors - RSA 227-M:4
(Outdoor recreation)

Benjamin E. Wilcox, North Conway
Reappointment

Effective: July 19, 2023
Term: September 6, 2027

New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Authority, Board of Directors - RSA 227-M:4
(Natural resources)

Richard A. Cook, Warner
Reappointment

Effective: July 19, 2023
Term: September 6, 2027

Public Utilities Commission - RSA 363

Carleton B. Simpson, Hampton
Reappointment

Salary: LG, JJ, \$134,446.00

Effective: July 19, 2023
Term: July 1, 2029

State Board of Fire Control - RSA 153:2

(Petroleum Industry)
Floyd W. Hayes III, Bedford
Reappointment

Effective: July 19, 2023
Term: July 8, 2028

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NOMINATIONS

The following nominations were submitted:

Advisory Board on Private Investigative Agencies, Bail Recovery Agents, & Security Services -RSA 106- F:15
(Law Enforcement Community)

Jason Bachus, Piermont
Succeeding: Vincent A. Baiocchetti III, Gilmanton

Effective: Upon Confirmation
Term: January 22, 2025

Board of Optometry - RSA 327:2
(Optometrist)

Michael B. Gordon, Peterborough
Succeeding: Andrea Murphy, Grantham

Effective: Upon Confirmation
Term: July 1, 2028

Commissioner, Department of Health and Human Services - RSA 126-A:5, I

Lori Weaver, Concord
Succeeding: Lori Shibinette, Northfield (resigned)
Salary: LG MM \$161,791.00

Effective: Upon Confirmation
Term: February 1, 2024

Current Use Advisory Board - RSA 79-A

(Public Member/Agriculture)
Charles Souther, Concord
Reappointment

Effective: Upon Confirmation
Term: November 16, 2024

Director, Division of the Arts, Department of Natural and Cultural Resources - RSA 12-A:3

Adele Bauman, Dover
Succeeding: Virginia Lupi, Concord
Salary: LG DD \$85,514

Effective: Upon Confirmation
Term: March 11, 2027

<u>Enhanced 911 Commission</u> - RSA 106-H (Nom by N.H. Association of Chiefs of Police) James S. Valiquet, Newbury Reappointment	Effective: Upon Confirmation Term: July 8, 2025
<u>Enhanced 911 Commission</u> - RSA 106-H (Public Member) Cecily McNair, Epsom Reappointment	Effective: Upon Confirmation Term: July 22, 2026
<u>Fish and Game Commission</u> - RSA 206:2 (Hillsborough County) Raymond J. Green, r, Milford Reappointment	Effective: Upon Confirmation Term: June 29, 2028
<u>Higher Education Commission</u> - RSA 21-N:8-a (Lay Public) Michael J. Apfelberg, Dover Reappointment	Effective: Upon Confirmation Term: June 30, 2028
<u>Lakes Management Advisory Committee</u> - RSA 483-A:6 (Representing Conservation Community) Tiffany J. Grade, Moultonborough Reappointment	Effective: Upon Confirmation Term: September 19, 2025
<u>New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Authority, Board of Directors</u> - RSA 227-M:4 (Municipal) Jeanie Forrester, Meredith Succeeding: John J. Colony, Harrisville (resigned)	Effective: September 7, 2023 Term: September 6, 2026
<u>Occupational Therapy Governing Board</u> - RSA 328-F:4 (Licensed Occupational Therapist) Kimberly M. Shurtleff, Auburn Succeeding: Olivia R. Freeman, Hudson	Effective: Upon Confirmation Term: January 8, 2026
<u>Rivers Management Advisory Committee</u> - RSA 483:8 Mitchell Thayer, Berlin Vacancy	Effective: Upon Confirmation Term: September 28, 2025
<u>Site Evaluation Committee</u> - RSA 162-H:3 (Full Committee Member) James Jalbert, Rollinsford Succeeding: George I. Kassas, Salem	Effective: Upon Confirmation Term: December 3, 2026
<u>State Veterans Council</u> - RSA 110-B:89 (Veteran) Brendan Finn, Newfields Reappointment	Effective: Upon Confirmation Term: October 2, 2026

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CONSENT CALENDAR AGENDA

The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Stevens, seconded by Councilor Kenney acted as follows:

#1 **MOP 150, I, B (1): Expenditure Approvals**

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Legal and Regulatory Services

- A. Authorized the Bureau of Licensing & Certification to allow Ms. Kristie Holtz, Supervisor VII, to travel outside of a 300-mile radius of the employees' office headquarters, by personal vehicle, to attend the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services mandatory 2023 CLIA National Surveyor Training in Hunt Valley, MD, from August 7-10, 2023. Effective upon G&C approval. **89.4% Federal Funds, 5.30% General Funds, 5.30% Other Funds**

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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- B. Authorized to enter Renee Chouinard into an educational tuition agreement with NHTI – Concord's Community College, Concord, NH, to participate in Nursing IIB: NURS 117C, from August 28, 2023 to December 16, 2023 and to pay costs in the amount of \$3,000. **20% Federal Funds, 80% General Funds**

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- C. Authorized to enter Tiffanie Meekins into an educational tuition agreement with the University of Missouri, Columbia, MO, to participate in Applied Epidemiology in Community Assessments, from August 21, 2023 to December 7, 2023 and to pay costs in the amount of \$1,581.90. **20% Federal Funds, 80% General Funds**

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- D. Authorized to enter Shaun Runyon into an educational tuition agreement with Southern New Hampshire University, Manchester, NH, to participate in Impact of Systems on Organizations, from August 28, 2023 to October 22, 2023 and to pay costs in the amount of \$891. **20% Federal Funds, 80% General Funds**

DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY

- E. Authorized the Division of Motor Vehicles to pay International Registration Plan, Inc., the amount of \$40,200, for membership dues. Effective upon G&C approval for the period of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2025. **100% Agency Income (Cost of Collections)**

#2 **MOP 150, I, B (2): Approval of Acceptances**

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

- A. Authorized the Bureau of Highway Maintenance to accept 2,250 trash bags, with a reported value of \$303.15, from Northeast Resource Recovery Association for use in the Sponsor-a-Highway Program.

#3 **MOP 150, I, B (3): Reports and Findings**

BANKING DEPARTMENT

- A. Authorized to accept and place on file the annual report for Fiscal Year 2023.

#4 **MOP 150, I, B (4): Nominations, Confirmations and Appointments**

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS AND VETERANS SERVICES

- A. Authorized the nomination of Lieutenant Colonel Christine L.B. Banks, North Waterboro, ME, for promotion to the rank of Colonel, in the NH Air National Guard. This officer meets the physical, moral and professional qualifications for this grade promotion in the NH Air National Guard.

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS AND VETERANS SERVICES

- B. Authorized the nomination of Captain Beth M. Carriere, Strafford, NH, for promotion to the rank of Major, in the NH Army National Guard. This officer meets the physical, moral and professional qualifications for this grade promotion in the NH Army National Guard.

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS AND VETERANS SERVICES

- C. Authorized the nomination of Lieutenant Colonel Paul M. Kell, Durham, NH, for promotion to the rank of Colonel, in the NH Air National Guard. This officer meets the physical, moral and professional qualifications for this grade promotion in the NH Air National Guard.

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- D. Authorized the nomination of Lieutenant Colonel Toby B. Pellenz, Dover, NH, for promotion to the rank of Colonel, in the NH Air National Guard. This officer meets the physical, moral and professional qualifications for this grade promotion in the NH Air National Guard.

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- E. Authorized the nomination of Major Andrew L. Verriotto, St. Albans, VT, for promotion to the rank of Major, in the NH Air National Guard. This officer meets the physical, moral and professional qualifications for this grade promotion in the NH Air National Guard.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

- F. Authorized to appoint Matthew T. Broadhead, as an Assistant Attorney General, at a salary level of \$125,000. Effective **retroactive** to July 14, 2023, upon G&C approval, for a term ending September 28, 2024.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

- G. Authorized to appoint Jessica A. King, as an Assistant Attorney General, at a salary level of \$115,000. Effective upon G&C approval, or July 28, 2023, whichever is later, for a term ending December 6, 2025.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

- H. Authorized to appoint Mary A. Triick, as an Attorney, at a salary level of \$90,000. Effective upon G&C approval, or July 28, 2023, whichever is later.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

- I. Councilor Kenney requested that this item be removed from the consent calendar for discussion, the Governor and Councilor on motion of Councilor Gatsas, seconded by Councilor Kenney, voted to approve for discussion. After discussion, the Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Kenney, seconded by Councilor Wheeler, with Councilors Warmington and Gatsas voting **no**, voted to **table** this item. Later in the meeting, the Governor and Council on motion of Gatsas, seconded by Councilor Warmington, voted to reconsider, and further on a roll call vote as follows: Councilor Kenney – yes, Councilor Warmington – yes, Councilor Stevens – yes, Councilor Gatsas – yes, and Councilor Wheeler – **no**. Following discussion, the Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Gatsas, seconded by Councilor Warmington, and further on a roll call vote as follows: Councilor Kenney – **no**, Councilor Warmington – yes, Councilor Stevens – yes, Councilor Gatsas – yes, and Councilor Wheeler – **no**. authorized to appoint Thomas P. Velardi, as an Assistant Attorney General, at a salary level of \$125,000. Effective upon G&C approval or October 6, 2023, whichever is later, for a term ending December 29, 2026.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

- J. Authorized the Bureau of Right-of-Way petition for a hearing on the Conway LPA Project, the proposed reconstruction of the roadway and sidewalks along NH16, upgrade of the NH16/NH153 traffic signal, and realignment of NH16/NH113 intersection. (2) Further authorized a Commission of Three Persons should be appointed by the Governor and Council to hold a hearing, and shall determine where there is an occasion for the proposed reconstruction, with a suggested budget of \$1,097.40.

#5 **MOP 150, I, B (5): Other Items**

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

- A. Authorized a contract renewal option with United Training Commercial LLC, West Lafayette, IN (originally approved by G&C on 9/11/20, Item #49), to extend the completion date from July 30, 2023 to July 31, 2024, with no change to the price limitation of \$300,000, for managed learning services. Effective upon G&C approval.

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

- B. Authorized to enter into an amendment to an existing contract with Mojo Corp d/b/a GFS Building Maintenance, Auburn, NH, for janitorial cleaning services by adding a location, with no change to the price limitation. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2024.

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS AND VETERANS SERVICES

- C. Councilor Kenney requested that this item be removed from the consent calendar for discussion. Following discussion, the Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Kenney, seconded by Councilor Stevens authorized, with the Fish and Game Department, to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding for ground search and rescue support through the mobilization and deployment of the NH National Guard in a voluntary State Active Duty status. Effective upon G&C approval and expires in five years.

DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY

- D. Authorized the Division of Emergency Services and Communications to enter into a revised Memorandum of Operation and Maintenance Agreement with the Department of Transportation, the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, and the New Hampshire Public Broadcasting (originally approved by G&C on 3/16/11, Item #56) for the purpose of establishing and defining the roles, responsibilities, and expectations of the aforementioned parties to operate and maintain the shared microwave system known as the 'NHSafeNet.' Effective upon G&C approval for a two-year period with automatic renewal for seven additional four-year periods.

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REGULAR AGENDA

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Office of the Commissioner**

The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Warmington, seconded by Councilor Stevens acted as follows:

#6 Authorized to place Attorney David Chorney at Step 6 for the position of Deputy Medicaid Director, unclassified salary grade HH, at a salary of \$126,384. Effective August 7, 2023, upon G&C approval. **50% General Funds, 50% Federal Funds**

#7 Authorized to place Jeff Fleischer at Step 6 for the position of Director of the Division for Children, Youth and Families, unclassified salary grade II, at a salary of \$133,648. Effective August 1, 2023, upon G&C approval. **50% General Funds, 50% Federal Funds**

#8 Authorized the determination made by the Commissioner that on May 23, 2023, a Mental Health Worker II at New Hampshire Hospital, sustained an injury in the line of duty due to a hostile or overt act, or an act caused by another during the performance of duties which are considered dangerous in nature. Effective upon G&C approval.

#9 Authorized the determination made by the Commissioner that on June 12, 2023, a Mental Health Worker II at New Hampshire Hospital, sustained an injury in the line of duty due to a hostile or overt act, or an act caused by another during the performance of duties which are considered dangerous in nature. Effective upon G&C approval.

#10 Authorized the determination made by the Commissioner that on June 5, 2023, a Nurse Specialist at New Hampshire Hospital, sustained an injury in the line of duty due to a hostile or overt act, or an act caused by another during the performance of duties which are considered dangerous in nature. Effective upon G&C approval.

#11 Authorized, with Councilor Wheeler voting **no**, to make a one-time unencumbered payment to the Town of Hampstead, NH, in the amount of \$178,000, to address property tax base impacts resulting from the acquisition of Hampstead Hospital. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% General Funds**

Division of Economic Stability

#12 The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Warmington, seconded by Councilor Stevens, with Councilor Wheeler voting **no**, authorized to enter into a cooperative project agreement with Keene State College, Keene, NH, in the amount of \$4,423,000, to provide services to build capacity for providers of child care, Head Start and out-of-school time programs, including opportunities for child care professionals development, advancing the Department's early childhood and out-of-school time Quality Recognition Improvement System known as Granite Steps for Quality (GSQ), testing strategies to strengthen the child care system, and preparing for an evaluation and validation study of the GSQ. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2024. **100% Federal Funds**

Division of Public Health Services

The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Warmington, seconded by Councilor Kenney acted as follows:

#13 Authorized to enter into a **sole source** contract with Theiagen Consulting LLC, Highlands Ranch, CO, in the amount of \$107,000, for whole genome sequencing analysis training and support. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2024, with the option to renew for up to two additional years. **100% Federal Funds**

#14 Authorized to enter into a contract with Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital, Lebanon, NH, in the amount of \$900,000, for expert infectious disease clinical consultation services, subject matter expertise to support infectious disease-related public health and healthcare preparedness, and senior-level antibiotic resistance expertise to support healthcare-associated infections and antimicrobial resistance activities. Effective **retroactive** to July 1, 2023, upon G&C approval through June 30, 2027, with the option to renew for up to two additional years. **47% Federal Funds, 11% General Funds, 42% Other Funds (Pharmaceutical Rebates)**

New Hampshire Hospital

The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Warmington, seconded by Councilor Stevens acted as follows:

#15 Authorized to enter into a **sole source** with National Research Corporation, Lincoln, NE, in the amount of \$40,000, for the provision of the Contractor's Legacy Patient Experience Inpatient Behavioral Health Survey and Reporting services. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2025, with the option to renew for up to four additional years. **85% General Funds, 15% Other Funds (Intergovernmental Revenues)**

#16 Authorized, with Glencliff Home, to enter into contracts with the Contractors as detailed in the letter dated June 21, 2023, in an amount not to exceed a total shared price limitation of \$3,770,000 for all vendors for the provision of temporary staff at New Hampshire Hospital and Glencliff Home. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2025, with the option to renew for up to four additional years. **31% General Funds, 69% Other Funds (Agency Income, Agency Fees & Intra-Department Transfer)**

#16A Authorized to make a one-time unencumbered payment to Northeastern Sheet Metal, Inc., Goffstown, NH, in the amount of \$21,120, for kitchen exhaust duct fabrication and installation. Effective **retroactive** to May 1, 2023, upon G&C approval. **100% Federal (Provider Relief Funds)**

Division for Behavioral Health

The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Warmington, seconded by Councilor Stevens acted as follows:

#17 Authorized to enter into a **sole source** contract with Cross Roads House, Inc., Portsmouth, NH, in the amount of \$1,647,712, for the provision of a housing services continuum of care project. Effective August 1, 2023, upon G&C approval through July 31, 2027, with the option to renew for up to four additional years. **100% Federal Funds**

#18 Authorized, on behalf of the Governor's Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs, to enter into a **sole source** amendment to an existing contract with New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association, Inc., Concord, NH (originally approved by G&C on 6/19/19, Item #26), to continue implementing Life of an Athlete programs with NH's middle and high school students, by extending the completion date from June 30, 2023 to June 30, 2024, with no change to the price limitation of \$750,000. Effective **retroactive** to July 1, 2023, upon G&C approval. **100% Other Funds (Governor Commission Funds)**

Division of Medicaid Services

The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Warmington, seconded by Councilor Kenney acted as follows:

#18A Authorized to pay the National Association of Medicaid Directors, Washington, DC, in the amount of \$9,363, for annual membership dues. Effective **retroactive** to July 1, 2023, upon G&C approval, whichever is later, through June 30, 2024. **50% Federal Funds, 50% General Funds**

#18B Authorized to pay the MEDICAID | MEDICARE | CHIP Services Dental Association, Sandwich, MA, in the amount of \$4,000, for annual membership dues. Effective **retroactive** to July 1, 2023, upon G&C approval through June 30, 2024. **75% Federal Funds, 25% General Funds**

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Kenney, seconded by Councilor Stevens acted as follows:

#19 Authorized the Bureau of Bridge Maintenance to enter into an Interstate Agreement with the State of Maine Department of Transportation for the management of certain bridges between Portsmouth, NH and Kittery, ME (Memorial Bridge, Sarah Mildred Long Bridge and High Level Bridge), as detailed in the letter dated June 21, 2023. Effective upon G&C approval.

#20 Authorized the Bureau of Rail & Transit to enter into a lease agreement for a 450 square foot parcel of state-owned land located on the Portsmouth Branch Railroad Corridor in the City of Manchester, NH, to Outfront Media LLC for the greater of 30% of annual advertising income for the location per year or a minimum annual rent of \$1,327.68, for a period of five years, which would yield a minimum of \$6,638.40. Effective **retroactive** to January 1, 2023, upon G&C approval through December 31, 2027.

#21 Authorized the Bureau of Rail & Transit to enter into a lease agreement for a 300 square foot parcel of state-owned land located on the Manchester & Lawrence Railroad Corridor in the Town of Salem, NH, to Outfront Media LLC for the greater of 30% of annual advertising income for the location per year or a minimum annual rent of \$1,689.77, for a period of five years, which would yield a minimum of \$8,448.85. Effective **retroactive** to January 1, 2023, upon G&C approval through December 31, 2027.

#22 Authorized the Bureau of Rail & Transit to enter into a lease agreement for a 450 square foot parcel of state-owned land located on the Manchester & Lawrence Railroad Corridor in the City of Manchester, NH, to Outfront Media LLC for the greater of 30% of annual advertising income for the location per year or a minimum annual rent of \$1,689.77, for a period of five years, which would yield a minimum of \$8,448.85. Effective **retroactive** to January 1, 2023, upon G&C approval through December 31, 2027.

#23 Authorized the Bureau of Rail & Transit to enter into a lease agreement for a 450 square foot parcel of state-owned land located on the Manchester & Lawrence Railroad Corridor in the City of Manchester, NH, to Outfront Media LLC for the greater of 30% of annual advertising income for the location per year or a minimum annual rent of \$1,810.47, for a period of five years, which would yield a minimum of \$9,052.35. Effective **retroactive** to January 1, 2023, upon G&C approval through December 31, 2027.

#24 Authorized the Bureau of Rail & Transit to enter into a lease agreement for a 1,000 square foot parcel of state-owned land located on the Manchester & Lawrence Railroad Corridor in the City of Manchester, NH, to Outfront Media LLC by extending the completion date from December 31, 2027 to December 31, 2032. Rental income realized for this five-year extension will be for the greater of 35% of annual advertising income for the location per year or a minimum annual rent of \$28,500; the minimum income to be realized for the five-year extension will be \$142,500. Effective upon G&C approval.

#25 Authorized the Bureau of Highway Design to enter into a **sole source** agreement with the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, Concord, NH, for \$1,257,885.16 for the fee acquisition of 2,671 +/- acres in Shelburne, NH for conservation as mitigation for wetland impacts associated with the Dummer-Cambridge-Errol project (reconstruction of NH Route 16 to improve roadway strength and resiliency from the abutting Androscoggin River). Effective upon G&C approval through December 14, 2023. **100% Federal Funds**

#26 Authorized the Bureau of Turnpikes to enter into a contract with R.G. Tombs Door Company, LLC, Hooksett, NH, on the basis of a sole bid in the amount of \$59,375, for door maintenance and repair services at facilities maintained by the Bureau of Turnpikes. Effective upon G&C approval or July 1, 2023, whichever is later, through June 30, 2025. **100% Turnpike Funds**

#27 Authorized the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with R.S. Audley, Inc., Bow, NH, on the basis of a low bid of \$2,826,400, for rehabilitation of toll plazas and tunnel systems that service the toll booth. (2) Further authorized a contingency in the amount of \$141,320 for payment of latent conditions, which may appear during the construction of the project. Effective upon G&C approval through May 17, 2024. **100% Turnpike Funds**

#28 Authorized the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with SUR Construction, Inc., Rochester, NH, on the basis of a sole bid of \$566,245, for Turnpike drainage rehabilitation on US 202 (Spaulding) connector from Chestnut Hill Rd to NH Rt. 125 in Rochester, NH. (2) Further authorized a contingency in the amount of \$28,312.25 for payment of latent conditions, which may appear during the construction of the project. Effective upon G&C approval through September 29, 2023. **100% Turnpike Funds**

#29 Authorized the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with L & D Safety Markings Corp., Barre, VT, on the basis of a low bid of \$1,073,575, for construction of permanent pavement markings on the Blue Star Turnpike (I-95) from MA/NH State line in Seabrook, NH to NH/ME State line in Portsmouth, NH. (2) Further authorized a contingency in the amount of \$53,678.75 for payment of latent conditions, which may appear during the construction of the project. Effective upon G&C approval through September 29, 2023. **100% Turnpike Funds**

#30 Authorized the Bureau of Bridge Maintenance to enter into a contract based on a single hourly rate bid with Yates Electric Service, Inc., Durham, NH, in the amount of \$150,000, to provide all labor, materials, equipment and transportation necessary to perform Electrical Services for Lift Bridges and Bridge Maintenance, for the State of NH DOT for work that includes maintenance, repairs, and system upgrades to electrical systems for the Sarah Mildred Long Bridge, the Memorial Bridge, Hampton River Bridge, Piscataqua River Bridge and Various Bridges statewide. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2026. **68% Highway Funds, 32% Other Funds**

#31 Authorized the Bureau of Bridge Maintenance to enter into a contract based on a single hourly rate bid with Northeast Integration, LLC, North Hampton, NH, in the amount of \$75,000, to provide all labor, materials, equipment and transportation necessary to perform programmable logic controller services, for the State of NH DOT for work that includes maintenance, repairs, and system upgrades to electrical systems for the Sarah Mildred Long Bridge, the Memorial Bridge, Hampton River Bridge, Piscataqua River Bridge and Various Bridges statewide. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2026. **68% Highway Funds, 32% Other Funds**

#31A **TABLED** - The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Gatsas, seconded by Councilor Wheeler, voted to **table** the request to authorize the Bureau of Highway Maintenance to enter into a lease agreement with Caterpillar Financial Services Corporation, Nashville, TN, on the basis of a low bid of \$1,836.04, per month per unit, for sixty-seven loader backhoes, for a total lease value of \$7,380,880.80. Effective upon G&C approval for a lease term of 5 years. **100% Highway Funds**

*[*Upon request by Councilor Gatsas, click here to view the status update from the Bureau of Right of Way, for the Derry-Londonderry 13065, Exit 4A project.*](#)*

DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

#32 The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Warmington, seconded by Councilor Kenney authorized, for the benefit of Department of Transportation, to enter into a **sole source** contract amendment with Bentley Systems, Inc., Exton, PA (originally approved by G&C on 10/31/18, Item #51), by increasing the price limitation by \$149,707.22, from \$694,876.91 to \$844,584.13, for the purpose of additional licenses and subscriptions to provide software maintenance and support for the DOT Computer Aided Design & Drafting System. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2024. **100% Other (Agency Class 27) Funds: the Agency Class 027 used by the Department of Transportation to reimburse DoIT is 100% Highway Funds**

HOUSING APPEALS BOARD

#33 The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Stevens, seconded by Councilor Warmington authorized a salary increment for the Board Member, New Hampshire Housing Appeals Board, Mr. Edward L. Rogers, from current salary level of \$69,238 to a salary level of \$73,476. Effective **retroactive** to July 16, 2023, upon G&C approval.

OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION

#34 The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Kenney, seconded by Councilor Warmington authorized to **retroactively** renew membership with the National Association of State Boards of Geology, Douglasville, GA, in the amount of \$4,500. Effective upon G&C approval for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. **100% Other Funds**

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY

The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Stevens, seconded by Councilor Warmington acted as follows:

#35 Authorized, under the Community Development Block Grant program, to award a grant to the County of Grafton, North Haverhill, NH, in the amount of \$267,000, on behalf of the New Hampshire Alliance of Regional Development Corporations to provide technical assistance to businesses throughout the State of NH. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2024. **100% Federal Funds**

#36 Authorized, under the Community Development Block Grant program, to award a grant to the County of Grafton, North Haverhill, NH, in the amount of \$747,615, for the purpose of assisting five organizations provide microenterprise training and technical assistance, direct grants and down payment assistance, and lending capital to micro businesses, as detailed in the letter dated July 19, 2023. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2024. **100% Federal Funds**

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS AND VETERANS SERVICES

#37 The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Kenney, seconded by Councilor Stevens authorized to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Health and Human Services, in an amount not to exceed \$625,000, for design, implementation and evaluation of the statewide closed loop referral system. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2028. **100% General Funds**

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, MARKETS & FOOD

#38 The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Wheeler, seconded by Councilor Kenney, with Councilor Wheeler recusing himself, authorized the Division of Agricultural Development to enter into a **sole source** contract with WB Media 1 LLC, Laconia, NH, in the amount of \$24,500, to develop a schedule and air existing 30-second TV ads on selected networks, streaming channels and online to promote the awareness and encourage the purchase of NH agricultural products. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2023. **100% General Fund**

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

#39 The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Gatsas, seconded by Councilor Stevens authorized to disburse \$125,000 in compensation as a result of an injury sustained in the line of duty. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% General Funds**

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

#40 The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Gatsas, seconded by Councilor Warmington authorized to make a one-time **retroactive** salary payment to 23 Probation and Parole Officers, in the amount of \$38,998.59, as detailed in the letter dated June 28, 2023. Effective upon G&C approval for the period of April 8, 2022 through June 30, 2022. **100% General Funds**

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

#41 The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Gatsas, seconded by Councilor Wheeler authorized to enter into a contract with C.H. Guernsey and Company, Oklahoma City, OK, for an amount not to exceed \$41,304, to provide consulting services to assist and advise the Department in reviewing utility cost of capital, as part of a general distribution rate and revenue increase proposed before the Public Utilities Commission involving Liberty Utilities Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2024, with the option to renew for an additional two years. **100% Other (Utility Special Assessment)**

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Gatsas, seconded by Councilor Wheeler acted as follows:

#42 Authorized to place Sarah Fuller at Step 3 for the position of Senior Advisor, unclassified salary grade GG, at a salary level of \$98,842. Effective July 28, 2023, upon G&C approval. **100% Other Funds (Utility Assessment)**

#43 Authorized to pay the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, in the amount of \$17,823, for membership dues. Effective **retroactive** to July 1, 2023, upon G&C approval through June 30, 2024. **100% Other (Utility Assessment)**

#43A **TABLED** - The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Warmington, seconded by Councilor Gatsas, voted to **table** the request to authorize to enter into a contract with Bates White, LLC, Washington, DC, in an amount not to exceed \$153,750, for consulting services related to utility analysis, data collection, extraction, cleaning, and modeling to provide analysis to the PUC on an as needed basis. Effective upon G&C approval through July 31, 2025, with the option to renew for an additional term of two years. **100% Other Funds (Utilities Assessment)**

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF AND RECOVERY

#44 The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Wheeler, seconded by Councilor Kenney authorized to enter into a forgivable loan agreement with The Chase Home, Portsmouth, NH, in an amount not to exceed \$38,920 in American Rescue Plan Act State Fiscal Recovery Funds, as part of the Youth Residential Facility Improvement Program, which provides support for facility improvements to NH nonprofit agencies that are currently licensed by the Department of Health and Human Services to provide youth treatment programs in a residential setting and/or transitional housing for young adults, as well as facilities and entities that operate youth and young adult homeless shelters or are developing facilities to provide such services under the age of 25. Effective upon G&C approval through May 31, 2025. **100% Federal Funds**

FISH AND GAME DEPARTMENT

#44A The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Gatsas, seconded by Councilor Warmington authorized to enter into a contract with Pennyroyal Hill, Land Surveying & Forestry, LLC, Croydon, NH, for \$22,400 to conduct a complete boundary survey on property in the Town of Springfield, NH to be purchased by the Department. Effective upon G&C approval through March 1, 2024. **100% Federal Funds**

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Wheeler, seconded by Councilor Warmington acted as follows:

#45 Authorized a salary increment for the Commissioner of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, Ms. Sarah L. Stewart, in the amount of \$6,500 from current salary level of \$124,878 to a salary level of \$131,378. Effective **retroactively** to June 2, 2023, upon G&C approval.

#46 Authorized the Division of Parks and Recreation to enter into a **retroactive** contract with the Blue Ocean Society (BOS) for Marine Conservation, Portsmouth, NH, to use space located within the North Pavilion at the Seashell Complex at Hampton Beach State Park for the purpose of providing education and interpretive services pertaining to marine life, local and maritime history, and the marine environment. Effective upon G&C approval for the period of May 31, 2022 through June 30, 2025. (2) Further authorized to accept annual payments in the amount of \$2,000 for the use of the facility plus 15% commission of gross income from admission and private events collected by the BOS. (3) Further authorized a **retroactive** payment from BOS in the amount of \$2,167 for annual rent and \$9,273.55 in commission, totaling \$11,440.55 for the period of June 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

#47 Authorized the Division of Parks and Recreation to enter into a **retroactive** amendment with Cloutier Sand and Gravel, Inc., Stratford, NH (originally approved by G&C on 8/17/22, Item #38), for road and bridge equipment rental maintenance at Connecticut Lakes Headwaters within Pittsburg, Clarksville, and Stewartstown, NH by extending the completion date from June 30, 2023 to August 31, 2023, with no change to the price limitation. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Other Funds**

#48 Authorized the Division of Forests and Lands to enter into a Lease Agreement with NH #1 Rural Cellular Inc., Chicago, IL, for equipment and antenna space in designated areas at Cannon Mountain in Franconia Notch State Park. Effective upon G&C approval for the period July 27, 2023 through July 26, 2028.

#49 Authorized the Division of Forests and Lands to enter into a **sole source** contract with Unil Energy Systems, Inc., Concord, NH, in the amount of \$22,975.66, to upgrade the State Forest Nursery to a three-phase electrical service. (2) Further authorized an advance payment of \$22,975.66 to Unil Energy Systems, Inc., Concord, NH. Effective upon G&C approval through August 29, 2023. **100% Federal Funds**

#50 Authorized the Division of Forests and Lands to enter into a contract with Charles W. Harris Co. Inc., Monson, MA, in the amount of \$499,376, to upgrade the State Forest Nursery irrigation system. Effective upon G&C approval through December 15, 2023. **100% Federal Funds**

#50A Authorized the Division of Parks and Recreation, Cannon Mountain Ski Area to enter into a **sole source** contract with Trask-Decrow Machinery, Inc., Scarborough, ME, in the amount of \$54,000.20, for the emergency rebuild of failed snowmaking pump K10MC-10 at Cannon Mountain Ski Area Pump-house. Effective **retroactive** to December 6, 2022 through January 5, 2023. **100% Capital Funds**

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Wheeler, seconded by Councilor Stevens acted as follows:

#51 Authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the Town of Bradford, NH, totaling \$101,000, for partial funding of replacement of a grader. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2024. **45% Federal Funds, 55% VW Settlement Funds**

#52 Authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the Town of Dalton, NH, totaling \$61,045, for partial funding of replacement of a dump truck with snow plow attachments. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2024. **45% Federal Funds, 55% VW Settlement Funds**

#53 Authorized to enter into a grant agreement with Cumberland Farms, Inc., Westborough, MA, totaling \$409,747, for installation of electric vehicle charging stations in Claremont, NH. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2027. **100% Volkswagen Trust Funds**

#54 Authorized to award an Aquatic Resource Mitigation (ARM) Fund grant to the Southeast Land Trust of New Hampshire, Epping, NH, in the amount of \$375,000, for the purpose of conserving 163-acres of land in Barrington, NH. Effective upon G&C approval through December 1, 2024. **100% ARM Funds**

#55 Authorized to enter into an agreement with the Nippo Lake Association, Barrington, NH, in the amount of \$150,000, to complete the *Implementation of Land Conservation/Protection of Road, Residential and In-lake BMPs* project. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2024. **100% Federal Funds**

#56 Authorized to amend an agreement with Acton Wakefield Watersheds Alliance, Inc., Union, NH (originally approved by G&C on 11/22/22, Item #134), for the *Pine River Pond (Wakefield) Watershed Protection Plan Phase 1: Residential and Road Best Management Practices (BMPs), Septic System Replacements, Outreach Project*, by increasing the contract award amount by \$4,600 from \$75,000 to \$79,600. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2024. **100% Federal Funds**

#57 Authorized Michael J. Cleary Revocable Trust's request to perform work on Little Bay in Durham, NH.
#58 Authorized Anuradha and Bret Russell Connor's request to perform work on Lake Winnepesaukee in Gilford, NH.

#59 Authorized The David S. Harrington Revocable 1999 Trust's and The Anne M. Harrington Revocable 1999 Trust's request to perform work on Lake Winnepesaukee in Moultonborough, NH.

#60 Authorized Barry and Chrysoula Uicker's request to perform work on Lake Winnepesaukee in Gilford, NH.

#61 Authorized, with Councilor Warmington abstaining, West Alton Marina, LLC's request for a five-year permit time extension to perform work on Lake Winnepesaukee in Alton, NH.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Gatsas, seconded by Councilor Wheeler acted as follows:

#62 Authorized to enter into a Cooperative Project Agreement with Manchester Community College, Manchester, NH, in an amount not to exceed \$3,065, to provide the use of several meeting rooms, chairs, and tables for the statewide summer learning series conference. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2023. **100% Federal Funds**

#63 Authorized the Division of Learner Support, Bureau of Adult Education to enter into a **sole source retroactive** contract amendment with LiteracyPro System, Inc., Boulder, CO (originally approved by G&C on 9/17/17, Item #59), by increasing the price limitation by \$125,500 from \$638,901 to \$764,401, to continue to provide a commercial-off-the-shelf, vendor-hosted, web-based adult education data system that meets federal reporting requirements under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, and extending the contract from June 30, 2023 to July 31, 2024. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% General Funds**

DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY

#64 The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Stevens, seconded by Councilor Gatsas authorized the Division of State Police to **retroactively** exercise a two-year contract renewal option with Iteris, Inc., increasing the total contract in the amount not to exceed \$165,881 from \$285,178 to \$451,059, for the purpose of providing a secure host software system and maintenance services for the NH State Police Commercial Vehicle Information Exchange Window and commercial motor vehicle inspection program. Effective upon G&C approval from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025. **86% Federal Grant, 14% Highway**

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Gatsas, seconded by Councilor Stevens acted as follows:

#65 Authorized the salary increases for attorneys in the Department, as detailed in the letter dated July 5, 2023. Effective **retroactive** to July 1, 2023, upon G&C approval.

#66 Authorized a salary increase to Christopher G. Bond, as an Assistant Attorney General, from a salary level of \$104,00 to a salary level of \$125,000. Effective upon G&C approval or July 28, 2023, whichever is later.

#67 Authorized a salary increase to Sean P. Gill, as an Assistant Attorney General, from a salary level of \$120,000 to salary level of \$132,000. Effective **retroactive** to July 14, 2023, upon G&C approval.

#68 Authorized a salary increase to Christina M. Wilson, as an Assistant Attorney General, from a salary level of \$82,000 to salary level of \$115,000. Effective **retroactive** to July 14, 2023, upon G&C approval.

#69 Authorized a salary increase to Mark W. Dell'Orfano from a salary level of \$84,000 to salary level of \$93,000. Effective **retroactive** to July 14, 2023, upon G&C approval. (2) Further authorized to appoint Mark W. Dell'Orfano, as an Assistant Attorney General, at a salary level of \$93,000. Effective upon G&C approval or July 28, 2023, whichever is later, for a term ending September 1, 2023.

#70 Authorized a salary increase to Laura E. Lombardi from a salary level of \$104,000 to salary level of \$116,000. Effective **retroactive** to July 1, 2023, upon G&C approval. (2) Further authorized to reappoint Laura E. Lombardi, as an Assistant Attorney General, at a salary level of \$116,000. Effective upon G&C approval or July 31, 2023, whichever is later, for a term ending July 31, 2028.

#71 Authorized to enter into a **retroactive** subgrant with the Portsmouth Police Department, in an amount not to exceed \$24,759, from the American Rescue Plan Act, for the purpose of providing direct services to victims of crime. Effective upon G&C approval for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. **100% Federal Funds**

#72 Authorized, with Councilor Wheeler voting **no**, to enter into a subgrant with the Wolfeboro Police Department, in an amount not to exceed \$34,608.63, from the American Rescue Plan Act, for the purpose of supporting municipalities and state agencies with activities related to relaxed COVID-19 restrictions. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2024. **100% Federal Funds**

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Warmington, seconded by Councilor Stevens acted as follows:

#73 Authorized a Working Capital Warrant for the month of August 2023 in the amount of \$950,000,000 to cover the payment of expenditures for the month.

#74 Authorized the request of the Division of Personnel for waiver of classification decisions. Effective upon G&C approval.

#75 Authorized, with Councilor Gatsas voting **no**, the Division of Risk and Benefits to enter into a fully-insured group Medicare Advantage with a prescription drug plan agreement with Anthem Health Plans of New Hampshire d/b/a Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield, Manchester, NH, for members covered under the State's Medicare-eligible Retiree Health Benefit Plan, in an amount not to exceed \$69,388,000. Effective upon G&C approval for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026, with the option to extend for up to two additional years. **48% General Funds, 3% Enterprise Funds, 13% Highway Funds, 1% Turnpike Funds, 35% Other Funds**

#76 Authorized to enter into a contract with Acme Supply Co., LTD d/b/a Acme Supply Co., LTD LLC, Glen Cove, NY, in an amount up to and not to exceed \$566,191.71, for miscellaneous clothing. Effective upon G&C approval for the period of November 1, 2023 through November 1, 2026.

#77 Authorized to enter into a contract with Zak Payne Building Construction, Surry, NH, for a total price not to exceed \$531,180, for carpentry services. Effective upon G&C approval or August 1, 2023, whichever is later, through July 31, 2025, with the option to renew for an additional year.

#78 Authorized to enter into a contract with Triumph Roofing Inc, Baldwinville, MA for a total price not to exceed \$858,750, for NCF Roof Replacement, Berlin, NH. (2) Further authorized a contingency in the amount of \$65,000 for unanticipated expenses, bringing the total to \$923,750. (3) Further authorized a payment of \$10,000 to the Department of Administrative Services, Division of Public Works Design and Construction, for engineering services provided, bringing the total amount to \$933,750. Effective upon G&C approval through the completion of construction administrative services, estimated to be September 15, 2023. **100% Capital Funds**

#79 Authorized to enter into a contract with Connectivity Point Design & Installation, LLC, Auburn, ME, in an amount up to and not to exceed \$3,187,551.20, for communications systems, maintenance, and repair services. Effective upon G&C approval through July 31, 2026, with the option to renew for up to an additional two years.

#80 Authorized to enter into a contract with Arcomm Communications Corporation, Hillsborough, NH, in an amount up to and not to exceed \$3,471,700.48, for communications systems, maintenance, and repair services. Effective upon G&C approval through July 31, 2026, with the option to renew for up to an additional two years.

#81 Authorized the Division of Public Works Design and Construction to enter into a **sole source** amendment to an existing contract with R.S. Audley, Inc., Bow, NH (originally approved by G&C on 9/15/21, Item #83), by increasing the price limitation by \$194,047 from \$1,834,000 for a total price not to exceed \$2,028,047, for the project Manchester Anti-Terrorism Force Protections Re-Bid. Effective upon G&C approval through November 30, 2023. **100% Federal Funds**

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The next regular Governor and Executive Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday August 2, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at Hypertherm, Inc. North America Office, Lebanon, NH.

The Honorable Board then adjourned at 12:45 p.m.