

GOVERNOR AND EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MINUTES  
Franklin Pierce University, Rindge, NH  
September 20, 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:

- Rev. Joseph Mabe offered a prayer
- Councilor Wheeler led the Pledge of Allegiance
- Performance:
  - Franklin Pierce Marching Band performed the National Anthem
- Proclamation:
  - Constitution Week
  - NH Hunting and Fishing Day

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The Governor and Executive Council on motion of Councilor Kenney, seconded by Councilor Gatsas, voted to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2023 meeting.

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The Governor and Executive Council, on motion of Councilor Gatsas, seconded by Councilor Kenney, approved the appointment of several persons nominated for Civil Commissions from the September 6, 2023 meeting.

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

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**RESIGNATIONS**

The Governor and Council accepted the following resignations.

Boxing and Wrestling Commission - RSA 285

Robert Stephen, Manchester

Effective: September 20, 2023

Justice, New Hampshire Circuit Court - RSA 490-F

Gary E. Hicks, Manchester

Effective: November 30, 2023

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**CONFIRMATIONS**

The Governor and Council confirmed the following:

Assessing Standards Board - RSA 21-J:14-a

(Nom. By N.H. Association of Assessing Officials)

Emily Goldstein, Northwood

Succeeding: David K. Marazoff, Westmoreland

Effective: September 20, 2023

Term: September 19, 2025

Assessing Standards Board - RSA 21-J:14-a

(Nom. By N.H. Association of Assessing Officials – Municipal official of town with population greater than 3,000)

Thomas P. Hughes, Meredith

Succeeding: Joseph W. Lessard Jr., Salem

Effective: September 20, 2023

Term: September 19, 2025

Assessing Standards Board - RSA 21-J:14-a  
(Nom. By N.H. Association of Assessing Officials – assessing official of town with population of less than 3,000)  
Joseph W. Lessard Jr., Salem Effective: September 20, 2023  
Succeeding: Loren J. Martin, Boscawen Term: September 19, 2025

Assessing Standards Board - RSA 21-J:14-a  
(Nom. By N.H. Association of Assessing Officials – Assessing Official for a City)  
Charles K. Reese, Portsmouth Effective: September 20, 2023  
Succeeding: Robert J. Gagne, Manchester Term: September 19, 2025

Board of Landscape Architects - RSA 310-A:142  
Katherine A. Weiss, Nashua Effective: September 20, 2023  
Reappointment Term: August 23, 2027

Boxing and Wrestling Commission - RSA 285  
Ryan C. Fennelly, Allenstown Effective: September 20, 2023  
Vacancy Term: September 20, 2026

Commissioner, Insurance Department - RSA 400-A – **Councilor Warmington voted no**  
David J. Bettencourt, Salem Effective: September 20, 2023  
Succeeding: Christopher R. Nicolopoulos, Bow (resigned) Term: June 9, 2028  
Salary: LG, II, \$133,648

Community Development Finance Authority - RSA 162-L  
(Small Business & Financial Community)  
Benjamin Gaetjens-Oleson, Lancaster Effective: September 20, 2023  
Reappointment Term: July 1, 2028

Director, Division of Economic Development, Department of Business and Economic Affairs - RSA 12-O:9  
Chase Hagaman, Bow Effective: September 20, 2023  
Succeeding: Tina Kasim, Northfield Term: November 8, 2025  
Salary: LG, GG \$116,031

Enhanced 911 Commission - RSA 106-H  
(Rep. of the Professional Firefighters of NH)  
Amanda M. Cormier, Hudson Effective: September 20, 2023  
Reappointment Term: September 16, 2026

Fire Standards and Training Commission - RSA 21-P:26  
(Insurance Industry)  
Wayne Grudzien, Amherst Effective: September 20, 2023  
Succeeding: Kerry LeBlanc, Bedford (resigned) Term: April 14, 2025

Higher Education Commission - RSA 21-N:8-a  
(Lay Public)  
Kevin M. O’Shea, Madbury Effective: September 20, 2023  
Reappointment Term: June 30, 2028

Justice, New Hampshire Circuit Court - RSA 490-F  
Dorothy E. Walch, Northwood Effective: September 20, 2023  
Vacancy Term: Until 70 Years of Age

State Board of Fire Control - RSA 153:2  
(Fire Protection Engineer)  
Andrew Cox, Madbury Effective: September 20, 2023  
Vacancy Term: September 20, 2028

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**NOMINATIONS**

The following nominations were submitted:

Assessing Standards Board - RSA 21-J:14-a  
(Public Member)  
Thomas N. Thomson, Orford  
Reappointment

Effective: Upon Confirmation  
Term: September 19, 2025

Board of Accountancy - RSA 309-B  
(Public Member)  
Joseph B. Bator, Bedford  
Vacancy

Effective: Upon Confirmation  
Term: September 17, 2028

Board of Barbering, Cosmetology, and Esthetics - RSA 313-A  
(Cosmetologist)  
Sara L. Joe, Rochester  
Succeeding: Kimberly A. Hannon, Hopkinton

Effective: Upon Confirmation  
Term: July 1, 2028

Boxing and Wrestling Commission - RSA 285  
Michael E. Dyer, Nashua  
Vacancy

Effective: Upon Confirmation  
Term: 3 years from Confirmation

Boxing and Wrestling Commission - RSA 285  
Kimberly McBrine, Merrimack  
Reappointment

Effective: Upon Confirmation  
Term: July 15, 2025

Higher Education Commission - RSA 21-N:8-a  
(On recommendation from N.H. College and University Council – Rep. Colby Sawyer College)  
Susan D. Stuebner, New London  
Reappointment

Effective: Upon Confirmation  
Term: June 30, 2028

New Hampshire Water Well Board - RSA 482-B:3  
(Water Well Contractor)  
Kelly M. Dobrowolski, Kingston  
Succeeding: Scott M. Costa, Kingston

Effective: Upon Confirmation  
Term: September 15, 2026

New Hampshire Water Well Board - RSA 482-B:3  
(Technical Driller)  
David R. Hunt, Windsor  
Succeeding: Bart C. Cushing, Gilsum

Effective: Upon Confirmation  
Term: September 15, 2026

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**CONSENT CALENDAR AGENDA**

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

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

**DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY**

- A. Authorized the Division of State Police to send three Troopers and their canine partners to travel over 300 miles one way in their own State Police issued unmarked state vehicle in the amount of \$4,269.34 to attend Large Source Human Recovery K9 Training in Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, NC, from October 5-9, 2023. Effective upon G&C approval. **41% Highway Funds, 34% General Funds, 25% Turnpike Funds**

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

- B. Authorized to enter Casey Ann DeYoung into an educational tuition agreement with Liberty University, Lynchburg, VA, to participate in Team Leadership and Conflict Resolution, from October 23, 2023 to December 15, 2023 and to pay costs in the amount of \$1,500. **20% Federal Funds, 80% General Funds**

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

- C. Authorized to enter Steven Finnegan into an educational tuition agreement with University of Charleston, Charleston, WV, to participate in Leadership in Context, from October 16, 2023 to December 10, 2023 and to pay costs in the amount of \$2,205. **20% Federal Funds, 80% General Funds**

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

- D. Authorized to enter Shaun Runyon into an educational tuition agreement with Southern New Hampshire University, Manchester, NH, to participate in Cybersecurity Foundations, from October 23, 2023 to December 17, 2023 and to pay costs in the amount of \$891. **20% Federal Funds, 80% General Funds**

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
Division of Public Health Services**

- E. Authorized to pay the Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs, Washington, DC, in the amount of \$7,560 for annual membership dues. Effective upon G&C approval for the period October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024. **62.5% Federal Funds, 37.5% General Funds**

**NEW HAMPSHIRE EMPLOYMENT SECURITY**

- F. Authorized to pay the National Association of State Workforce Agencies, Washington, DC, in the amount of \$22,000 for membership dues. Effective upon G&C approval for the period October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024. **100% Federal Funds**

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

- G. Authorized to pay the Association of State and Territorial Solid Waste Management Officials, Washington, DC, in the amount of \$8,000 for membership dues. Effective upon G&C approval for the period October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024. **69% Federal Funds, 19% Oil Pollution Control Funds, 12% Emerging Contaminants Funds**

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

- H. Councilor Warmington requested that this item be removed from the consent calendar for discussion. Following discussion, the Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Warmington, seconded by Councilor Stevens authorized to pay the Northeast Waste Management Officials' Association, Toxics in Packaging Clearinghouse, Boston, MA, in the amount of \$3,000 for membership dues. Effective upon G&C approval for the period October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024. **100% General Funds**

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

- I. Authorized to pay the Northeast Waste Management Officials' Association, Interstate Mercury Education & Reduction Clearinghouse, Boston, MA, in the amount of \$5,500 for membership dues. Effective upon G&C approval for the period October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024. **100% Hazardous Waste Cleanup Funds**

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

- J. Councilor Stevens requested that this item be removed from the consent calendar for discussion. Following discussion, the Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Stevens, seconded by Councilor Kenney authorized Commissioner Jared Chicoine and Administrator III Dan Phelan to travel over 300 miles one way by Privately Operated Vehicle to Quebec City, Canada to attend the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers from September 23-25, 2023. Effective upon G&C approval. **50% Federal Funds, 50% Other (Utility Assessment)**

#2 **MOP 150, I, B (2): Approval of Acceptances** – None

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

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE BANKING DEPARTMENT**

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

**NEW HAMPSHIRE VETERANS HOME**

- B. Authorized to accept and place on file the annual report for the 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 Captain Ryan D. White, Dover, NH, 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 MILITARY AFFAIRS AND VETERANS SERVICES**

- B. Authorized the confirmation of Captain Jeremy C. Brann, Groveton, NH, for appointment to the rank of Major, in the NH Army National Guard.

**DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS AND VETERANS SERVICES**

- C. Authorized the confirmation of Lieutenant Colonel Barbara L. Jones, Durham, NH, for appointment to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, in the NH Air National Guard.

**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

- D. Authorized to appoint Ari van't Hoff, as an Attorney, at a salary level of \$82,000. Effective upon G&C approval or October 6, 2023, whichever is later.

**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

- E. Authorized to appoint Calice M. Couchman-Ducey, as a Criminal Justice Investigator, at a salary level of \$90,291. Effective upon G&C approval or September 22, 2023, whichever is later, for a term ending July 1, 2028.

**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

- F. Authorized to appoint Thomas J. Rees, as a Criminal Investigator, at a salary level of \$69,127. Effective upon G&C approval or September 22, 2023, whichever is later, for a term ending July 1, 2028.

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

- G. Authorized the Bureau of Right-of-Way petition for a hearing for the proposed replacement of the Red List bridge carrying NH 152 over the North River in Nottingham, NH to provide a longer span than the existing structure. NH 152 road improvements will include approximately 600 feet of roadway widening and reconstruction. (2) Further authorized a Commission of Three Persons should be appointed by the Governor and Council to hold a hearing, and shall determine whether there is an occasion for the bridge rehabilitation and improvements to the approaches, with a suggested budget of \$917.02.

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

- H. Authorized the Bureau of Right-of-Way petition for a hearing for the proposed replacement of the Red List bridge carrying NH 49 over the Mad River in Thornton, NH. The project also proposes the installation of a temporary bridge and signals on Andy's Lane to maintain traffic through the work area. The project begins several hundred feet west of the bridge and extends easterly for less than one thousand feet (2) Further authorized a Commission of Three Persons should be appointed by the Governor and Council to hold a hearing, and shall determine whether there is an occasion for the bridge rehabilitation and improvements to the approaches, with a suggested budget of \$811.56.

**MOP 150, I, B (5): Other Items****DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
Division of Economic Stability**

- A. Authorized to amend an existing contract with Southern New Hampshire Services, Inc., Manchester, NH (originally approved by G&C on 6/19/19, Item #38), to continue providing Combined Services Program that will assist individuals who are low-income with building the skills, knowledge and work habits necessary to obtain and retain gainful employment in occupations that support long-term self-sufficiency, by exercising a contract renewal option, extending the completion date from September 30, 2023 to March 31, 2024, with no change to the price limitation of \$18,328,940. Effective October 1, 2023 or upon G&C approval.

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

- B. Authorized to enter into an amendment to an existing **sole source** contract with Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties, Inc., Concord, NH (originally approved by G&C on 9/21/22, Item #61), for the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program, by extending the completion date from September 30, 2023 to March 31, 2024. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds.** No additional funding is being requested.

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

- C. Authorized to enter into an amendment to an existing **sole source** contract with Community Action Program of Strafford County, Dover, NH (originally approved by G&C on 9/21/22, Item #62), for the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program, by extending the completion date from September 30, 2023 to March 31, 2024. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds.** No additional funding is being requested.

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

- D. Authorized to enter into an amendment to an existing **sole source** contract with Southern New Hampshire Services, Inc., Manchester, NH (originally approved by G&C on 9/21/22, Item #63), for the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program, by extending the completion date from September 30, 2023 to March 31, 2024. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds.** No additional funding is being requested.

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

- E. Authorized to enter into an amendment to an existing **sole source** contract with Southwestern Community Services, Inc., Keene, NH (originally approved by G&C on 9/21/22, Item #64), for the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program, by extending the completion date from September 30, 2023 to March 31, 2024. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds.** No additional funding is being requested.

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

- F. Authorized to enter into an amendment to an existing **sole source** contract with Tri-County Community Action Program, Inc., Berlin, NH (originally approved by G&C on 9/21/22, Item #65), for the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program, by extending the completion date from September 30, 2023 to March 31, 2024. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds.** No additional funding is being requested.

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

- G. Authorized to enter into an amendment to an existing **sole source** contract agreement with Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties, Inc., Concord, NH (originally approved by G&C on 12/8/21, Item #47), for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, by extending the completion date from September 30, 2023 to September 30, 2024. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds.** No additional funding is being requested.

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

- H. Authorized to enter into an amendment to an existing **sole source** contract agreement with Community Action Partnership of Strafford County, Inc., Dover, NH (originally approved by G&C on 12/8/21, Item #45), for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, by extending the completion date from September 30, 2023 to September 30, 2024. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds.** No additional funding is being requested.

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

- I. Authorized to enter into an amendment to an existing **sole source** contract agreement with Southern New Hampshire Services, Inc., Manchester, NH (originally approved by G&C on 12/8/21, Item #46), for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, by extending the completion date from September 30, 2023 to September 30, 2024. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds.** No additional funding is being requested.

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

- J. Authorized to enter into an amendment to an existing **sole source** contract agreement with Southwestern Community Services, Inc., Keene, NH (originally approved by G&C on 12/8/21, Item #44), for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, by extending the completion date from September 30, 2023 to September 30, 2024. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds.** No additional funding is being requested.

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

- K. Authorized to enter into an amendment to an existing **sole source** contract agreement with Tri-Country Community Action Program, Inc., Berlin, NH (originally approved by G&C on 12/8/21, Item #43), for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, by extending the completion date from September 30, 2023 to September 30, 2024. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds.** No additional funding is being requested.

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

- L. Authorized to enter into an amendment to an existing grant agreement with Pine Hill Homeowners Cooperative, Inc., North Conway, NH, (originally approved by G&C on 6/16/21, Item #88), by extending the completion date from September 30, 2023 to June 30, 2024, due to delays in the project as detailed in the letter dated September 6, 2023. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Other Funds (Renewable Energy Fund).** No additional funding is being requested.

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

- M. Authorized to amend a Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund (DWGTF) grant to Lee Oak Cooperative, Inc., Barrington, NH (originally approved by G&C on 7/15/20, Item #59), by extending the completion date from October 1, 2023 to December 31, 2025, for water system improvements under the provisions of RSA 485:F. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% DWGTF.** This is a no cost time extension.

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

- N. Authorized to amend an American Rescue Plan Act grant to the City of Rochester, NH (originally approved by G&C on 9/21/22, Item #96), by extending the completion date from December 31, 2023 to December 31, 2024, for improvements to the wastewater pump station on Ledgeview Drive. **100% Federal Funds.** This is a no cost time extension.

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

- O. Authorized the Division of Learner Support to amend an existing **sole source** contract with Graduation Alliance, Inc., Salt Lake City, UT (originally approved by G&C 7/12/22, Item #30), to implement its Engaged Attendance Recovery Program, by modifying the scope of services to include elementary school students with no change to the price limitation or completion date. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2024. **100% Federal Funds**

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

- P. Authorized to amend an existing **sole source** contract with Johnson Controls Fire Protection LP, Westbrook, ME (originally approved by G&C on 6/28/23, Item #211), to furnish, install, and commission door readers to ensure the safety and security of the employees and confidential files at the NH Department of Education, by extending the end date from September 30, 2023 to June 30, 2024, with no increase to the price limitation. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% General Funds**

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

- Q. Authorized the Division of Learner Support to amend an existing contract with YouScience, LLC, American Fork, UT (originally approved by G&C on 3/9/22, Item #184), by extending the end date from September 30, 2023 to September 30, 2024, with no increase to the price limitation to provide the Alternative Pathways to Completion project. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds**

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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 Refugee Services to accept and expend additional Federal Funds in the amount of \$561,371 from the Administration for Children & Families, Office of Refugee Resettlement to fund programs that support the goal of refugee family self-sufficiency. (2) Further authorized the allocation of these funds in the account, as detailed in the letter dated August 1, 2023. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2025. **100% Federal Funds. Fiscal Committee approved on September 14, 2023.**

#7 Authorized Refugee Services to accept and expend additional Federal Funds in the amount of \$1,348,472 from the Administration for Children & Families, Office of Refugee Resettlement to fund programs that support specific Ukrainian populations and are available through the goal of refugee family self-sufficiency. (2) Further authorized the allocation of these funds in the account, as detailed in the letter dated August 2, 2023. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2025. **100% Federal Funds. Fiscal Committee approved on September 14, 2023.**

#8 Authorized the determination made by the Commissioner that on July 31, 2023, Youth Counselor III DRC at Sununu Youth Services Center, 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 August 8, 2023, a Registered Nurse III Bay wkend NRS DRC 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 to enter into amendments with existing contracts with the Contractors listed as detailed in the letter dated August 21, 2023, for social services that focus on refugees who have been in the country for five years or less, by exercising a contract renewal option by extending the completion dates from September 30, 2023 to September 30, 2024 and increasing the total price limitation by \$1,047,098 from \$750,386 to \$1,797,484. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds**

### **Division of Finance and Procurement**

#11 The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Warmington, seconded by Councilor Stevens authorized to accept and expend additional other income, Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) Audit Recoupment revenue, in the amount of \$44,928,833, to ensure that receipts from overpayments are distributed to the underpaid hospitals as required per NH's Medicaid's State Plan. (2) Further authorized the allocation of these funds in the account, as detailed in the letter dated August 8, 2023. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2025. **100% Other Funds (DSH Audit Recoupment). Fiscal Committee approved on September 14, 2023.**

### **New Hampshire Hospital**

#12 The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Warmington, seconded by Councilor Stevens authorized to continue one full-time temporary Dietitian Assistant, a position assigned to DHHS: NH Hospital Acute Psychiatric Services. Effective October 1, 2023, upon G&C approval through September 30, 2024. **69% General Funds, 31% Other Funds (Provider Fees)**

### **Glencliff Home**

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

#13 Authorized to make provider aid payments to a limited number of ambulance providers for uncompensated costs associated with providing emergency ambulance transportation services for Glencliff Home patients. (2) Further authorized to make unencumbered payments to those ambulance providers, not to exceed \$80,000. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2025. **100% General Funds**

#14 Authorized to enter into a **sole source** amendment to an existing agreement with Denise Stuart, Plymouth, NH (originally approved by G&C on 10/19/22, Item #19), for dental hygienist services to residents of Glenclyff Home, by exercising a contract renewal option by increasing the price limitation by \$7,500 from \$7,500 to \$15,000 and extending the completion date from September 30, 2023 to September 30, 2024. Effective October 1, 2023 or upon G&C approval, whichever is later. **21.58% General Funds, 78.42% Other Funds (Agency Income)**

#### **Division of Medicaid Services**

#15 The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Stevens, seconded by Councilor Warmington authorized to accept and expend Federal Funds in the amount of \$4,641,087 from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services to fund the New Hampshire Hospital Disproportionate Share Hospital Payments. (2) Further authorized the allocation of these funds in the account, as detailed in the letter dated August 18, 2023. **100% Federal Funds.** (3) Further authorized to accept and expend additional Intra-Agency transfer from the Disproportionate Share Hospital Program in the amount of \$4,636,450 which will be used to fund several projects at NH Hospital and to create a new expenditure Class (Out of State Travel). Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2025. **100% Intra-Agency Funds. Fiscal Committee approved on September 14, 2023.**

#### **Office of Health Equity**

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

#16 Authorized to enter into **sole source** amendments to existing contracts with the Contractors as detailed in the letter dated August 22, 2023, for funding to support additional health and well-being programs of refugees resettled in NH, by exercising contract renewal options by increasing the total price limitation by \$444,477 from \$598,893 to \$1,043,370 and extending the completion date from September 30, 2023 to September 30, 2024. Effective October 1, 2023, upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds**

#17 Authorized to enter into a **sole source** amendments to the existing contracts with the Contractors as detailed in the letter dated August 18, 2023 (originally approved by G&C on 3/21/18), to continue to providing school related services for newly arriving and vulnerable refugees within NH, by increasing the total price limitation by \$783,842 from \$844,000 to \$1,627,842, and by extending the completion date from September 29, 2023 to September 29, 2024 for Ascendria Community Services, Inc. and no change to the completion date for International Institute of New England, Inc. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds**

#18 Authorized to enter into **sole source** amendments to existing contract with the Contractors as detailed in the letter dated August 21, 2023 (originally approved by G&C on 2/21/18, Item #12A), for case management services for Office of Refugee Resettlement eligible populations who are 60 years of age or older, by increasing the total price limitation by \$75,000 from \$400,000 to \$475,000 and by extending the completion dates from September 30, 2023 to September 30, 2024. Effective September 30, 2023, upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds**

#### **Division of Long Term Supports and Services**

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

#19 Authorized to **retroactively** pay ADvancing States, Inc., Arlington, VA, in the amount of \$12,235 for annual membership dues. Effective upon G&C approval for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. **50% Federal Funds, 50% General Funds**

#20 Authorized to enter into a contract with Granite Pathways, Manchester, NH, in the amount of \$721,797 for the provision of a psychosocial rehabilitation "Clubhouse" for individuals with Acquired Brain Disorder (ABD) and/or Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI). The Clubhouse will provide support to individuals with ABD/TBI in seeking and maintaining employment, and maintaining a higher level of physical, emotional and functional wellness. Effective upon G&C approval through March 31, 2025, with the option to renew for up to two additional years. **100% Federal Funds**

#21 Authorized to enter into grant agreements with Easter Seals New Hampshire, Inc., Manchester, NH, in the amount of \$750,000 for the acquisition and renovation of one six bedroom duplex residential building located at 19 Nichols Road, Weare, NH, that is currently used as housing for individuals who are eligible for one of NH's Home and Community Based 1915c Waivers, or for individuals or families that have an additional who is disabled, and are experiencing homelessness. Effective upon G&C approval, to remain in effect for no less than eight years from the date the housing unit is placed in service. **100% Federal Funds**

#22 **TABLED** - The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Wheeler, seconded by Councilor Kenney, voted to **table** the request to enter into a grant agreement with Area Agency of Greater Nashua, Inc. d/b/a Gateways Community Services, Nashua, NH in the amount of \$642,170 to demolish the existing three bedroom split-level house located at 13 Buxton Road, Milford, NH, construct a new single family home on the lot, with no less than three bedrooms, and place the new home in service as housing for individuals who are eligible for one of NH's Home and Community Based 1915c Waivers. Effective upon G&C approval, to remain in effect for no less than eight years from the date the housing unit is placed in service. **100% Federal Funds**

#22A Authorized to enter into a grant agreement with Aspire Living & Learning, Inc., Barre, VT, in the amount of \$390,803 for the acquisition of one single family home that will be used as housing for three individuals who are eligible for one of NH's Home and Community Based 1915c Waivers. Effective upon G&C approval, to remain in effect for no less than eight years from the date the housing unit is placed in service. **100% Federal Funds**

#22B Authorized to enter into a grant agreement with ARC of NH, Inc., Troy, NH, in the amount of \$336,000 to demolish the existing unoccupied house located at 56 Valley Street in Keene, NH, construct a new four-bedroom single family home on the lot, and place the new home in service as housing for individuals who are eligible for one of NH's Home and Community Based 1915c Waivers. Effective upon G&C approval, to remain in effect for no less than eight years from the date the housing unit is placed in service. **100% Federal Funds**

#### **Division of Public Health Services**

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

#23 Authorized to accept and expend Federal Funds from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to fund expansion of the New Hampshire Maternal Mortality Program in the amount of \$131,818. (2) Further authorized the funds to be allocated as detailed in the letter dated August 18, 2023. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2025. **100% Federal Funds. Fiscal Committee approved on September 14, 2023.**

#24 Authorized to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with NH Department of Justice, Office of Chief Medical Examiner, Concord, NH, in the amount of \$52,049 to monitor the incidence, trends, and characteristics of Sudden Unexpected Infant Death and Sudden Death in the Young. Effective September 30, 2023, upon G&C approval through September 29, 2025, with the option to renew for up to three additional years. **100% Federal Funds**

#25 Authorized to award contracts with the Contractors as detailed in the letter dated August 24, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$4,156,380 for case management and support services for residents living with Human Immunodeficiency Virus. Effective October 1, 2023, upon G&C approval, through September 30, 2028, with the option to renew for up to five additional years. **100% Other Funds (Pharmaceutical Rebates)**

#26 Authorized to enter into a **sole source** amendment to an existing contract with the University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH (originally approved by G&C on 7/31/19, Item #17), for the provision of support to the NH Pediatric Mental Health Care Access program, by increasing the price limitation by \$1,508,868 from \$1,805,120 to \$3,313,988 and by extending the completion date from September 29, 2023 to September 29, 2026. Effective September 30, 2023, upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds**

#27 Authorized to enter into a **sole source** amendment to an existing contract with ICF Macro, Inc., Fairfax, VA (originally approved by G&C on 12/21/16, Item #22), to add additional funds to ensure the continuation of the annual Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System and Asthma Callback Surveys, by increasing the price limitation by \$618,638 from \$2,952,057 to \$3,570,695 with no change to the completion date of December 31, 2023. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds**

#28 Authorized to enter into a **sole source** amendment to an existing contract with Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital, Lebanon, NH (originally approved by G&C on 6/1/22, Item #25), to revise the scope of services and funding for injury prevention services, by decreasing the price limitation by \$36,567 from \$510,200 to \$473,633 with no change to the contract completion date of March 31, 2024. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds**

### **Division of Economic Stability**

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

#29 Authorized to enter into a **sole source** amendment to an existing project agreement with MTX Group, Inc., Frisco, TX (originally approved by G&C on 9/21/22, Item #23), for the purpose of providing continued maintenance services and enhancements to the NH Connections Information System, by increasing the price limitation by \$2,400,000 from \$3,452,503 to \$5,852,503 and extending the contract completion date from June 30, 2024 to September 30, 2024. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds**

#30 Authorized to enter into **sole source** grant agreements with the grantees as detailed in the letter dated August 31, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$8,020,869 to provide community-based services and anti-poverty programs through the Community Services Block Grant. Effective October 1, 2023, upon G&C approval through September 30, 2025, with the option to renew for up to four additional years. **100% Federal Funds**

### **Division for Behavioral Health**

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

#31 Authorized to **retroactively** amend a Fiscal Committee Item (originally approved by G&C on 5/3/23, Item #8), by extending the end date from June 30, 2023 to March 30, 2024, to accept and expend Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) funds for the NH Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic Planning Year in the amount of \$873,500. Effective upon G&C approval. (2) Further authorized to **retroactively** extend one temporary full-time position, an Administrator II, responsible for overseeing the implementation of the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic Planning Year project activities, internal and external coordination, developing materials, and conducting meetings. Effective upon G&C approval for the period July 1, 2023 through March 30, 2024. (3) Further authorized to accept and expend funds from the SAMHSA, entitled NH Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic Planning Year grant, in the amount of \$92,571. (4) Further authorized the allocation of these funds in the account as detailed in the letter dated August 22, 2023. Effective upon G&C approval through March 30, 2024. **100% Federal Funds. Fiscal Committee approved on September 14, 2023.**

#32 Authorized to enter into a **retroactive sole source** cooperative project agreement with University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH in the amount of \$100,000 to support the Department's objectives related to its Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration State Planning Grant for the development of a Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics model in NH. Effective upon G&C approval for the period July 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024, with the option to renew for up to one additional year. **100% Federal Funds**

#33 Authorized to enter into a **sole source** amendment to an existing contract with Bi-State Primary Care Association, Inc., Bow, NH (originally approved by G&C on 11/6/19, Item #10), to continue facilitation the delivery of integrated medication treatment to pregnant, postpartum and parenting individuals, by increasing the price limitation by \$895,000 from \$3,046,692 to \$3,941,692 and by extending the completion date from September 29, 2023 to September 29, 2024. Effective September 29, 2023, upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds**

#34 Authorized to enter into a **sole source** contract with Concord Coalition to End Homelessness, Concord, NH, in the amount of \$342,720 for the provision of a housing services continuum of care project. Effective October 1, 2023, upon G&C approval through September 30, 2026, with the option to renew for up to three additional years. **100% Federal Funds**

#35 Authorized to enter into an amendment to an existing contract with Harbor Homes, Inc., Nashua, NH (originally approved by G&C on 3/23/22, Item #33), to continue providing Facilitating Organization services and program support for Recovery Community Organizations and Recovery Centers, by extending the completion date from September 30, 2023 to June 30, 2025 and increasing the price limitation by \$13,624,000 from \$8,400,000 to \$22,024,000. Effective September 30, 2023, upon G&C approval. **45.09% Federal Funds, 10.67% General Funds, 44.24% Other Funds (Governor Commission and Opioid Abatement Trust)**

#36 Authorized to accept and expend Federal Funds in the amount of \$11,974 from the US Department of Health and Human Services to administer the Projects for Assistance in Transition of Homelessness Program. (2) Further authorized the allocation of these funds as detailed in the letter dated September 6, 2023. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2023. **100% Federal Funds**

#37 Authorized to enter into a **sole source** contract with C4 Innovations, LLC, Lexington, MA, in the amount of \$11,962 for virtual, or in-person, training for individuals employed in Projects for Assistance in Transitions from Homelessness funded programs. Effective upon G&C approval through December 29, 2023. **100% Federal Funds. Contingent upon approval of Item #36 above.**

#38 Authorized to enter into a **sole source** amendment to an existing contract with the Contractor as detailed in the letter dated August 28, 2023, to continue providing Medication Assisted Treatment to individuals with Substance Use Disorders, by increasing the price limitation by \$161,920 from \$1,911,678 to \$2,073,598 and by extending the completion date from September 29, 2023 to September 29, 2024. Effective September 29, 2023, upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds**

#39 Authorized to enter into a **sole source** amendment to an existing cooperative project agreement with the University of New Hampshire, College of Health and Human Services, Durham, NH (originally approved by G&C on 11/10/21, Item #10), to continue providing administrative support to the Department for the NH Drug Overdose Fatality Review Commission in accordance with NH RSA 126-DD:1, by increasing the price limitation by \$353,343 from \$550,000 to \$903,343 and extending the completion date from September 29, 2023 to September 29, 2024. Effective September 29, 2023, upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds**

#40 Authorized to enter into a **sole source** contract with Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties, Inc., Concord, NH, in the amount of \$558,759 for the provision of a housing services continuum of care project. Effective October 1, 2023, upon G&C approval through September 30, 2026, with the option to renew for up to three additional years. **100% Federal Funds**

#41 Authorized to enter into a **sole source** contract with Cross Roads House, Inc., Portsmouth, NH in the amount of \$80,000 for provision of services to assist with the operation of cold weather solutions for individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Effective October 1, 2023, upon G&C approval through June 30, 2024, with the option to renew for up to three additional years. **100% General Funds**

#42 Authorized to enter into **sole source** amendments to existing contracts, which were originally competitively bid, with the Contractors as detailed in the letter dated September 1, 2023, to continue providing Workforce Readiness and Vocational Training Programs for individuals with opioid and/or stimulant use disorder, by increasing the total price limitation by \$316,000 from \$1,164,936 to \$1,480,936 and by extending the completion date from September 29, 2023 to September 29, 2024. Effective September 29, 2023, upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds**

#43 Authorized to enter into a **sole source** amendment to an existing contract with Granite United Way, Manchester, NH (originally approved by G&C on 10/31/18, Item #17), to continue providing substance use disorder information and call referral services through the use of 2-1-1 NH, statewide, by increasing the price limitation by \$1,010,000 from \$2,308,155 to \$3,318,155 and by extending the completion date from September 29, 2023 to September 29, 2024. Effective September 29, 2023, upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds**

#44 Authorized to enter into a **sole source** contract with Technical Assistance Collaborative, Inc., Boston, MA, in the amount of \$20,000 to provide the Department with assistance in developing a Continuum of Care system and Coordinated Entry System for the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, in addition to conducting general homeless system assessments and support. Effective October 1, 2023, upon G&C approval through June 30, 2024, with the option to renew for up to four additional years. **100% Federal Funds**

#45 Authorized to enter into a **sole source** amendment to an existing contract with the Contractor as detailed in the letter dated August 30, 2023 for Recovery Housing Services and Supports for Individuals with Opioid and/or Stimulant Use Disorder, by increasing the total price limitation by \$170,000 from \$1,428,045 to \$1,598,045 and by extending the completion date from September 29, 2023 to September 29, 2024. Effective September 29, 2023, upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds**

#46 Authorized to amend existing contracts with the Contractors as detailed in the letter dated August 28, 2023, to continue providing behavioral-based intervention Contingency Management programming for individuals with a diagnosed Opioid and/or Stimulant Use Disorder, by exercising contract renewal options, by increasing the total price limitation by \$349,000 from \$275,806 to \$624,806 and extending the completion dates from September 29, 2023 to September 29, 2024. Effective September 29, 2023, upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds**

#47 Authorized to enter into contracts with the Contractors as detailed in the letter dated August 21, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$920,000 for the provision of services to assist with the operation of cold weather solutions for individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Effective October 1, 2023, upon G&C approval through June 30, 2024, with the option to renew for up to three additional years. **100% General Funds**

#48 Authorized to amend existing contracts with the Contractors as detailed in the letter dated August 28, 2023, for Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Recovery Support Services, by extending the completion date from September 29, 2023 to June 30, 2025 and increasing the total price limitation by \$15,331,072 from \$15,703,407 to \$31,034,479. Effective September 29, 2023, upon G&C approval. **62.33% Federal Funds, 11.68% General Funds, 25.99% Other Funds (Governor's Commission)**

#### **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

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

#49 Authorized the Bureau of Rail & Transit to enter into agreements with Railroad Operators for an amount not to exceed \$1,401,000 from the Special Railroad Fund for the maintenance and repair of state-owned railroad lines. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2025. **100% Other Funds (Special Railroad Funds). Fiscal Committee approved on September 14, 2023.**

#50 Authorized the Division of Operations to enter into MOAs with various State of NH agencies to provide personnel to assist with winter maintenance activities on assignments to the Department of Transportation. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2024. **Contingent on approval of a Department of Administrative Services Item #157.**

#51 Authorized the Bureau of Highway Maintenance and Bureau of Right-of-Way to pay property owners \$45,000, as documented in the Contemplated Damage Awards List for amounts greater than \$5,000 for the period extending from August 23, 2023 through August 30, 2023. Effective upon G&C approval.

#52 Authorized the Bureau of Right-of-Way to pay property owners, tenants, and/or claimants \$242,800.01 as documented in the Contemplated Awards list, for amounts greater than \$5,000 for the period extending from August 9, 2023 through August 23, 2023. Effective upon G&C approval.

#53 Authorized the Bureau of Right-of-Way to pay property owners, tenants, and/or claimants \$897,000 as documented in the Contemplated Awards list, for amounts greater than \$5,000 for the period extending from July 18, 2023 through August 8, 2023. Effective upon G&C approval.

#54 Authorized the Bureau of Right-of-Way to grant a 1,530 square feet Maintenance Easement on state-owned land within the Limited Access Right-of-Way, located on the easterly side of NH I-95, Exit 1 northbound off-ramp, and the southerly side of NH Route 107/US Route 1 in the Town of Seabrook. The easement to BJ's Wholesale Club, Inc. is \$2,300, which includes the administrative fee of \$1,100.

#55 Authorized the Bureau of Transportation Systems Management & Operations to enter into an agreement with DTN, LLC, Omaha, NE based upon a single bid received, in the amount of \$57,700, for the DTN Weather Forecast Services. Effective October 1, 2023, upon G&C approval through September 30, 2025, with the option for a two-year extension, with a 4% increase annually. **100% Federal Funds**

#56 Authorized the Bureau of Aeronautics to award a grant to the City of Lebanon, NH to reconstruct the North Air Carrier Apron at the Lebanon Municipal Airport, in the amount of \$1,389,052. Effective upon G&C approval through August 16, 2027. **95% Federal Funds, 5% State Funds**

#57 Authorized the Bureau of Aeronautics to **retroactively** award a grant to the Pease Development Authority, in the amount of \$32,000, for the American Rescue Plan Act funding to offset a decline in revenues arising from diminished airport operations and activities as a result of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency for the Skyhaven Airport, Rochester, NH. Effective upon G&C approval through January 25, 2026. **100% Federal Funds**

#58 Authorized the Bureau of Aeronautics to **retroactively** award a grant to the City of Laconia/Laconia Airport Authority, in the amount of \$59,000, for the American Rescue Plan Act funding to offset a decline in revenues arising from diminished airport operations and activities as a result of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency for the Laconia Municipal Airport, Gilford, NH. Effective upon G&C approval through January 25, 2026. **100% Federal Funds**

#59 Authorized the Bureau of Aeronautics to **retroactively** award a grant to the City Claremont, in the amount of \$32,000, for the American Rescue Plan Act funding to offset a decline in revenues arising from diminished airport operations and activities as a result of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency for the Claremont Municipal Airport, Claremont, NH. Effective upon G&C approval through January 25, 2026. **100% Federal Funds**

#60 Authorized the Bureau of Aeronautics to **retroactively** award a grant to the Town of Newport, NH, in the amount of \$32,000, for the American Rescue Plan Act funding to offset a decline in revenues arising from diminished airport operations and activities as a result of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency for Parlin Field, Newport, NH. Effective upon G&C approval through January 25, 2026. **100% Federal Funds**

#61 Authorized the Bureau of Aeronautics to **retroactively** award a grant to the City of Nashua/Nashua Airport Authority, in the amount of \$59,000, for the American Rescue Plan Act funding to offset a decline in revenues arising from diminished airport operations and activities as a result of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency for the Boire Field, Nashua, NH. Effective upon G&C approval through January 25, 2026. **100% Federal Funds**

#62 Authorized the Bureau of Aeronautics to **retroactively** award a grant to the City of Berlin, NH, in the amount of \$22,000, for the American Rescue Plan Act funding to offset a decline in revenues arising from diminished airport operations and activities as a result of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency for the Berlin Regional Airport, Milan, NH. Effective upon G&C approval through January 25, 2026. **100% Federal Funds**

#63 Authorized the Bureau of Planning & Community Assistance to enter into a **sole source** project agreement with the University of New Hampshire, Civil Engineering Department, Durham, NH to administer the Local Technical Assistance Program for a fee not to exceed \$1,231,738. Effective upon G&C approval for the period October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2025. **100% Federal Funds**

#63A Authorized to enter into a **sole source** contract with ExeVision, Inc., Orem, UT, in the amount of \$1,412,366.25 for the continued support, maintenance, and hosting of the Department's computer software-based Project Development and Construction Management Systems. Effective upon G&C approval through September 28, 2026.

*[\\*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**

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

#64 Authorized to accept and expend \$2,373,934 in State Fiscal Year 2024 from the State Homeland Security Grant Program funds available from the Department of Safety for the funding of cybersecurity enhancements. (2) Further authorized to establish Class 046-Consultants for the purpose of procuring consultant services for project and program management. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2025. **100% Federal Transfer from Other Agency. Fiscal Committee approved on September 14, 2023.**

#65 Authorized to enter into a **sole source** contract amendment with The Atom Group, LLC, Portsmouth, NH (originally approved by G&C on 10/4/22, Item #15), by increasing the price limitation by \$238,936.40 from \$210,000 to \$448,936.40 for the purpose of providing additional hours of cybersecurity negotiations and assessments for the State of NH. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2026. **100% Federal Grant**

#66 Authorized, for the benefit of the Department of Safety, to enter into a **sole source** contract amendment with Coforge Inc., Princeton, NJ (originally approved by G&C on 8/17/22, Item #27), by increasing the price limitation by \$1,020,857 from \$9,888,000 to \$10,908,857 with no change to the completion date to procure technical support services and VPN network support of applications used by the Division of State Police to support the Justice Information Bureau. Effective upon G&C approval through August 31, 2027. **100% Intra Agency Transfers**

#67 Authorized, with Councilor Wheeler voting **no**, on behalf of the Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food, to enter into a contract with Trace First Inc., Fort Collins, CO, in the amount not to exceed \$1,289,977.74 for the purpose of developing and implementing an electronic system to facilitate the handling of animal records. Effective upon G&C approval through September 20, 2027. **100% General Funds**

#### **OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION**

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

#68 Authorized to **retroactively** pay the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards, Tyrone, GA, in the amount of \$2,750 for membership dues. Effective upon G&C approval for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. **100% Agency Income**

#68A Authorized a renewal option to an existing contract with Myra Nikitas, RDH, CPHDH, Nashua, NH (originally approved by G&C on 4/12/23, Item #55B), to continue providing Dental Investigative Services, statewide for the OPLC, by increasing the price limitation by \$4,620 from \$12,540 to \$17,160 and by extending the completion date from December 31, 2023 to December 31, 2024. Effective upon G&C approval, with the option to extend services for two additional one-year periods. **100% Agency Funds**

#68B Authorized to enter into a **sole source** amendment to an existing contract with Michelle Waterstrat, Manchester, NH (originally approved by G&C on 4/12/23, Item #55E), to continue providing Investigative Consulting Services to the OPLC regarding expert opinion on the administration of wound care treatment, by increasing the price limitation by \$10,000 from \$17,499 to \$27,499 and extending the completion date from October 31, 2023 to October 31, 2024. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Agency Funds**

#### **DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION**

#69 The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Stevens, seconded by Councilor Gatsas authorized to place Mr. Lawrence Gagnon, Esq. at Step 5 of unclassified salary grade FF, earning \$102,160 annually, for the position of Revenue Counsel. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% General Funds**

#### **NEW HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

#70 The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Stevens, seconded by Councilor Gatsas authorized to enter into a **retroactive sole source** amendment to an existing contract with the Disability Rights Center, Concord, NH (originally approved by G&C on 3/9/22, Item #41), for the purpose of building and maintaining a coalition of people with disabilities, family members, advocates, service providers and others to identify barriers and opportunities to expand the use of supported decision making in NH by increasing the price limitation by \$12,500 from \$75,000 to \$87,500 and by extending the completion date from June 30, 2023 to June 30, 2024. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds**

#### **JUDICIAL COUNCIL**

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

#71 Authorized to transfer funds within an existing accounting unit totaling \$3,299 for the purpose of paying for human resources support services by the Human Resources Support Unit under the Department of Administrative Services Division of Personnel and to establish a new class code for overtime expenses. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2025. **100% General Funds. Fiscal Committee approved on September 14, 2023.**

#72 Authorized to place Mr. Jay M. Buckey at Step 5 of unclassified salary grade HH, earning \$120,120 annually, for the position of Executive Director. Effective upon G&C approval or November 3, 2023, whichever is later. **100% General Funds**

#73 Authorized to enter into a Cooperative Project Agreement with the University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH, in an amount not to exceed \$56,904 to provide training for indigent defense providers. Effective September 22, 2023, upon G&C approval through June 10, 2024. **100% Federal Funds**

## DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS AND VETERANS SERVICES

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

#74 Authorized to accept and expend additional Federal Funds in the amount of \$168,645 from the Department of Veterans Affairs to fund the New Hampshire State Approving Agency Program (SAA). (2) Further authorized to create one temporary full-time Program Specialist IV position to manage the SAA. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2024. **100% Federal Funds. Fiscal Committee approved on September 14, 2023.**

#75 Authorized to enter into a contract agreement with LoCurrent Systems, LLC, Cooperstown, NY, in the amount of \$129,587 for the installation of a camera system at the Army Air Support Facility. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2024. **100% Federal Funds**

#76 Authorized to enter into a contract agreement with Hope Through Education, Inc., Pensacola, FL, in the amount not to exceed \$526,164.80 for the operation and management of the NH Army National Guard component of the DoD STARBASE Program. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2024, with three renewal options for one-year periods each. **100% Federal Funds**

## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, MARKETS & FOODS

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

#77 Authorized the Division of Agricultural Development to accept and expend a grant award from the US Department of Agriculture Agricultural Marketing Service in the amount of \$919,000 for the Local Purchase Assistance Cooperative Agreement Program. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2025. **100% Federal Funds. Fiscal Committee approved on September 14, 2023.**

#78 Authorized the Division of Pesticide Control to **retroactively** amend previously approved G&C Item (originally approved by G&C on 5/5/21, Item #41), by extending the end date from March 30, 2023 to December 31, 2023 to align with a no cost extension received for the Agritourism and Golf Course Water Quality Monitoring and Outreach Grant programs funds from US Environmental Protection Agency. Effective upon G&C approval. No increase in funding is requested. **100% Federal Funds**

#79 Authorized the Division of Pesticide Control to grant funds and enter into a Cooperative Project Agreement in the amount of \$19,960 with the Rockingham County Conservation District, Brentwood, NH, for the advancement of agricultural research and to assist in the promotion of Integrated Pest Management in NH. Effective upon G&C approval through July 15, 2024. **100% Other Funds (Fees)**

## STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE ADULT PAROLE BOARD

#79A The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Warmington, seconded by Councilor Gatsas authorized an annual salary step increase for Roger B. Phillips, Chairperson of the Adult Parole Board, in the amount of \$5,148, from a salary of \$88,816 to a new salary of \$93,964. Effective **retroactive** to July 1, 2023, upon G&C approval.

## DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

#79B The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Gatsas, seconded by Councilor Kenney authorized to accept and expend funds from NaphCare, Inc., in the amount of \$2,500 for the purpose of reimbursing the Department for registration fees and a portion or related travel expenses to attend the National Conference on Correctional Health Care. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2024. **100% Other Funds**

## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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

#80 Authorized to enter into a contract with Foster Sustainable Energy, LLC, Concord, NH for an amount not to exceed \$91,595.50 to provide assistance for monitoring of subgrantees and revising the Department's Policies & Procedures Manual for the Weatherization Assistance Program Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2027, with the option to extend the contract for two additional years. **100% Federal Funds**

#81 Authorized to enter into an amendment to an existing **sole source** contract agreement with Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties, Inc., Concord, NH (originally approved by G&C on 12/7/22, Item #34), by increasing the price limitation by \$329,696 from \$6,892,544 to \$7,222,240 using additional Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program funds from remaining regular program year funds, from the US Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2024. There is no time extension being requested. **100% Federal Funds**

#82 Authorized to enter into an amendment to an existing **sole source** contract agreement with Community Action Partnership of Strafford County, Dover, NH (originally approved by G&C on 12/7/22, Item #35), by increasing the price limitation by \$188,646 from \$3,973,618 to \$4,162,264, using additional Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program funds from remaining regular program year funds, from the US Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2024. There is no time extension being requested. **100% Federal Funds**

#83 Authorized to enter into an amendment to an existing **sole source** contract agreement with Southern New Hampshire Services, Inc., Manchester, NH (originally approved by G&C on 12/7/22, Item #36), by increasing the price limitation by \$671,287 from \$12,011,853 to \$12,683,140 using additional Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program funds from remaining regular program year funds, from the US Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2024. There is no time extension being requested. **100% Federal Funds**

#84 Authorized to enter into an amendment to an existing **sole source** contract agreement with Southwestern Community Services, Inc., Keene, NH (originally approved by G&C on 12/7/22, Item #37), by increasing the price limitation by \$318,034 from \$8,698,927 to \$9,016,961 using additional Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program funds from remaining regular program year funds, from the US Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2024. There is no time extension being requested. **100% Federal Funds**

#85 Authorized to enter into an amendment to an existing **sole source** contract agreement with Tri-County Community Action Program, Inc., Berlin, NH (originally approved by G&C on 12/7/22, Item #38), by increasing the price limitation by \$382,865 from \$8,947,338 to \$9,330,203 using additional Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program funds from remaining regular program year funds, from the US Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2024. There is no time extension being requested. **100% Federal Funds**

#86 Authorized to enter into a **sole source** contract with Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties, Inc., Concord, NH, in the amount of \$4,493,262 for the Fuel Assistance Program. (2) Further authorized to advance Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties, Inc., \$458,673 from the above-referenced contract amount. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2025. **100% Federal Funds**

#87 Authorized to enter into a **sole source** contract with Community Action Partnership of Strafford County, Dover, NH, in the amount of \$2,534,068 for the Fuel Assistance Program. (2) Further authorized to advance Community Action Partnership of Strafford County, \$261,852 from the above-referenced contract amount. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2025. **100% Federal Funds**

#88 Authorized to enter into a **sole source** contract with Southern New Hampshire Services, Inc., Manchester, NH, in the amount of \$9,169,085 for the Fuel Assistance Program. (2) Further authorized to advance Southern New Hampshire Services, Inc., \$932,446 from the above-referenced contract amount. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2025. **100% Federal Funds**

#89 Authorized to enter into a **sole source** contract with Southwestern Community Services, Inc., Keene, NH, in the amount of \$4,355,988 for the Fuel Assistance Program. (2) Further authorized to advance Southwestern Community Services, Inc., \$443,317 from the above-referenced contract amount. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2025. **100% Federal Funds**

#90 Authorized to enter into a **sole source** contract with Tri-County Community Action Program, Inc., Berlin, NH, in the amount of \$5,232,597 for the Fuel Assistance Program. (2) Further authorized to advance Tri-County Community Action Program, Inc., \$66,941 from the above-referenced contract amount. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2025. **100% Federal Funds**

#91 Authorized to enter into an amendment to an existing **sole source** contract with Community Action Partnership of Strafford County, Dover, NH (originally approved by G&C on 12/21/22, Item #58), to supplement the Agency's Weatherization Assistance Program by increasing the price limitation by \$300,080 from \$47,106 to \$347,186 using additional Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, from the US Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families and by extending the completion date from December 31, 2023 to September 30, 2024. Effective upon G&C approval.

#92 Authorized to enter into an amendment to an existing **sole source** contract with Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties, Inc., Concord, NH (originally approved by G&C on 12/21/22, Item #57), to supplement the Agency's Weatherization Assistance Program by increasing the price limitation by \$474,980 from \$90,768 to \$565,748 using additional Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, from the US Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families and by extending the completion date from December 31, 2023 to September 30, 2024. Effective upon G&C approval.

#93 Authorized to enter into an amendment to an existing **sole source** contract with Southern New Hampshire Services, Inc., Manchester, NH (originally approved by G&C on 12/21/22, Item #59), to supplement the Agency's Weatherization Assistance Program by increasing the price limitation by \$399,960 from \$213,119 to \$613,079 using additional Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, from the US Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families and by extending the completion date from December 31, 2023 to September 30, 2024. Effective upon G&C approval.

#94 Authorized to enter into an amendment to an existing **sole source** contract with Southwestern Community Services, Inc., Keene, NH (originally approved by G&C on 12/21/22, Item #60), to supplement the Agency's Weatherization Assistance Program by increasing the price limitation by \$474,980 from \$82,079 to \$557,059 using additional Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, from the US Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families and by extending the completion date from December 31, 2023 to September 30, 2024. Effective upon G&C approval.

#95 Authorized to enter into an amendment to an existing **sole source** contract with Tri-County Community Action Program, Inc., Berlin, NH (originally approved by G&C on 12/21/22, Item #61), to supplement the Agency's Weatherization Assistance Program by increasing the price limitation by \$550,000 from \$116,928 to \$666,928 using additional Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, from the US Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families and by extending the completion date from December 31, 2023 to September 30, 2024. Effective upon G&C approval.

#### **STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE BANKING DEPARTMENT**

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

#96 Authorized to continue membership and participate in the Conference of State Bank Supervisors, in the amount of \$39,917. Effective upon G&C approval **retroactive** for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. **100% Other Funds (Assessment Fees)**

#97 Authorized to continue membership and participate in the National Association of State Credit Union Supervisors, in the amount of \$5,000. Effective upon G&C approval **retroactive** for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. **100% Other Funds (Exam and Assessment Fees)**

#### **NEW HAMPSHIRE LIQUOR COMMISSION**

#98 The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Gatsas, seconded by Councilor Stevens authorized the annual salary increase for James Vara, Chief Operating Officer/Director for the Division of Administration, in the amount of \$5,720, from a salary of \$116,031 to a new salary of \$121,751. Effective the first day of the first pay period following G&C approval. **100% Liquor Funds**

#### **BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS**

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

#99 Authorized to enter into a **sole source** contract with the Granite State District Export Council, Dover, NH, in an amount not to exceed \$229,988 to provide financial administration and reporting services in compliance with Federal grants under the State Trade Expansion Program. Effective upon G&C approval through December 30, 2024, with the option to renew for an additional two-year period. **100% Federal Funds**

#100 Authorized the Division of Economic Development to award \$767,330 from the InvestNH Municipal Demolition Program to three recipients as detailed in the letter dated August 18, 2023, to demolish vacant and dilapidated structures as part of larger community revitalization strategies which will positively impact the current housing shortage in NH. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2024. **100% Federal Funds**

#### **FISH AND GAME DEPARTMENT**

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

#101 Authorized to accept and expend Federal Funds in the amount of \$854,231 from the US Fish and Wildlife Service for the purpose of acquiring 819+/- acres in the Town of Dummer, NH. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2024. **100% Federal Funds. Fiscal Committee approved on September 14, 2023.**

#102 Authorized to **retroactively** amend a Fiscal Committee Item (originally approved by G&C on 11/22/21, Item #64), by extending the end date from April 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 and to accept and expend \$50,732 of American Rescue Plan State Fiscal Recovery Funds from the Department of Environmental Services for the purpose of continuing to fund a feasibility study to evaluate improvements and upgrades at the state fish hatcheries. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2024. **100% Federal Funds Transfer from Other Agency. Fiscal Committee approved on September 14, 2023.**

#### **DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES**

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

#103 Authorized the Division of Forests and Lands, Communication Operations Bureau to increase their fleet size by one vehicle for the newly added position of Communications Technician. Effective upon G&C approval.

#104 Authorized the New Hampshire State Library to **retroactively** pay the Online Computer Library Center, Cincinnati, OH in the amount of \$144,434.95 for membership dues. Effective upon G&C approval for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. **100% Federal Funds**

#105 Authorized the Division of Forests and Lands to enter into a **sole source** contract with Cloutier Sand and Gravel Inc., North Stratford, NH, in the amount of \$27,500 to grade, ditch, and install culverts on roads in Nash Stream Forest. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2024. **100% Other Funds (Agency Income)**

#106 Authorized the Division of Parks and Recreation, Cannon Mountain to enter into a contract with Felix Palencia d/b/a Palencia Forestry Services, Pittsfield, NH, in the amount of \$30,250 to complete Summer Trail Maintenance Services at Cannon Mountain Ski Area. Effective upon G&C approval through October 31, 2023. **100% Other Funds (Agency Income)**

#107 Authorized the Division of Forests and Lands to enter into a contract with LMPH Holdings, LLC d/b/a Sentry Roofing, Manchester, NH in the amount of \$74,600 to perform roof replacements on the Pole Barn at the North Country Resources Center in Lancaster, NH. Effective upon G&C approval through October 27, 2023. **100% Capital Funds**

#108 Authorized the State Council on the Arts to enter into a contract with artist Marcelle Pope, Frankestown, NH in the amount of \$13,300 for creation of artwork for the Department of Environmental Services Dam Bureau, Concord, NH. (2) Further authorized an advanced payment in the amount of \$4,665 to Marcelle Pope in accordance with the terms of the contract. Effective upon G&C approval through July 31, 2024. **100% Other Funds (Agency Income)**

#109 Authorized the State Council on the Arts to enter into a contract with artist Gordon Carlisle, Eliot, ME in the amount of \$11,500 for creation of artwork for the Department of Environmental Services Dam Bureau, Concord, NH. (2) Further authorized an advanced payment in the amount of \$4,025 to Gordon Carlisle in accordance with the terms of the contract. Effective upon G&C approval through July 31, 2024. **100% Other Funds (Agency Income)**

#110 Authorized the Division of the Arts to award a Public Value Partnership grant to Canterbury Shaker Village, Canterbury, NH in the amount of \$15,000 to strengthen their capacity for affordable diverse art programs to NH residents and visitors. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2024. **100% General Funds**

#111 Authorized the Division of the Arts to award a Public Value Partnership grant to Concord Community Music School, Concord, NH in the amount of \$15,000 to strengthen their capacity for affordable diverse art programs to NH residents and visitors. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2024. **100% General Funds**

#112 Authorized the Division of the Arts to award a Public Value Partnership grant to New London Barn Playhouse, Inc., New London, NH in the amount of \$10,000 to strengthen their capacity for affordable diverse art programs to NH residents and visitors. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2024. **100% General Funds**

#113 Authorized the Division of the Arts to award a Public Value Partnership grant to New Hampshire Theatre Project, Portsmouth, NH in the amount of \$15,000 to strengthen their capacity for affordable diverse art programs to NH residents and visitors. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2024. **100% General Funds**

#114 Authorized the Division of the Arts to award a Public Value Partnership grant to Opera North, Lebanon, NH in the amount of \$13,500 to strengthen their capacity for affordable diverse art programs to NH residents and visitors. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2024. **100% General Funds**

#115 Authorized the Division of the Arts to award a Public Value Partnership grant to Women's Rural Entrepreneurial Network, Bethlehem, NH in the amount of \$15,000 to strengthen their capacity for affordable diverse art programs to NH residents and visitors. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2024. **100% General Funds**

#### **DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

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

#116 Authorized to accept and expend Federal Funds in the amount of \$300,275 from the Environmental Protection Agency for air pollution reduction planning activities under the Federal Inflation Reduction Act. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2025. **100% Federal Funds. Fiscal Committee approved on September 14, 2023.**

#117 Authorized to transfer Federal Funds in the amount of \$244,491 in FY24 and \$162,193 in FY25 between classes within accounting unit Water Planning, for more effective use of appropriated funds and greater program efficiency. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2025. **100% Federal Funds. Fiscal Committee approved on September 14, 2023.**

#118 Authorized to **retroactively** pay the New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission, Lowell, MA, in the amount of \$16,181 for annual membership dues. Effective as of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, upon G&C approval. **100% Clean Water Revolving Management Funds**

#119 Authorized to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health Services in the amount of \$40,000 to partially cover the cost of an annual environmental health conference. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2026. **100% DWSRF Management Funds**

#120 Authorized to enter into a **sole source** agreement with the Northeast Waste Management Officials' Association, Boston, MA, in the amount of \$5,000 to provide support for a regional effort to promote pollution prevention efforts to the craft beverage industry. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2025. **100% Federal Funds**

#121 Authorized to enter into an agreement with the University of New Hampshire, Sponsored Programs Administration, Durham, NH, in the amount of \$75,000 to complete the *Great Bay Waterbody/Watershed Nitrogen Non-Point Source Study Implementation: Phase 4 – Dover retrofits to Reduce Nitrogen* project. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2025. **100% Federal Funds**

#122 Authorized to enter into a **sole source** cooperative agreement with University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH, totaling \$264,145 for provision of public and shareholder engagement services. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2024. **100% Federal Funds**

#123 Authorized to enter into **sole source** contracts with the entities as detailed in the letter dated August 17, 2023, in the amount of \$89,576 for surficial and bedrock geologic mapping services. Effective upon G&C approval through September 13, 2024. **100% Federal Funds**

#124 Authorized to award a grant to the City of Portsmouth, NH, in the amount of \$739,000, to conserve approximately 45 acres of land within the Bellamy Reservoir in the Town of Madbury, NH, which serves as a drinking water source for the Portsmouth Water System. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2024. **100% Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund**

#125 Authorized to award an Asset Management grant to the Town of Meredith, NH, totaling \$100,000 to improve public water system management. Effective upon G&C approval September 1, 2025. **100% Federal Funds**

#126 Authorized to award a grant to the City of Laconia, NH in the amount not to exceed \$90,000 for the development and implementation of an Asset Management Program for the City's wastewater and stormwater system. Effective upon G&C approval through September 1, 2025. **90% Federal Funds, 10% Other Funds**

#127 Authorized to award a grant to the Town of Raymond, NH, in the amount not to exceed \$30,000 for the development and implementation of an Asset Management Program for the Town's stormwater system. Effective upon G&C approval through July 1, 2025. **90% Federal Funds, 10% Other Funds**

#128 Authorized to award a grant to the City of Dover, NH, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 to conduct a property assessment of the Chapel Street Ravine. Effective upon G&C approval through March 31, 2025. **100% Federal Funds**

#129 Authorized to award a grant to the City of Rochester, NH, in the amount not to exceed \$100,000 for a planning study at the Wastewater Treatment Facility. Effective upon G&C approval through April 30, 2025. **100% Federal Funds**

#130 Authorized to award a Lead Service Line Inventory Grant to the Town of Milford, NH, in the amount of \$40,000 to develop and implement drinking water service line inventories at the drinking water system. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2024. **100% Federal Funds**

#131 Authorized to award a Strategic Planning grant to the Rye Water District, Rye, NH totaling \$50,000 to improve public water system sustainability. Effective upon G&C approval through September 15, 2025. **100% Federal Funds**

#132 Authorized to award a grant to the Tanglewood Park Cooperative, Inc., Keene, NH, in an amount not to exceed \$447,500 for wastewater system improvements. Effective upon G&C approval through February 28, 2026. **100% Federal Funds**

#133 Authorized to award a grant to the Well Hill Cooperative, Inc., Alstead, NH, in the amount not to exceed \$950,000 for water and wastewater system improvements. Effective upon G&C approval through February 28, 2026. **100% Federal Funds**

#134 Authorized to approve a Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) loan agreement with North Conway Water Precinct in an amount not to exceed \$99,908 to finance the Wastewater Treatment Facility Sludge Dryer Plan project under the provisions of RSA 486:14 and NH Code of Admin Rule Env-Wq 500 et seq. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% CWSRF Repayment Funds**

## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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

#135 Authorized the Division of Learner Support to amend the accept and expend American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief Funds – Homeless Children and Youth (originally approved by G&C on 9/15/21, Item #70C), by reallocating funds and accepting and expending an additional amount of \$18,946 from the US Department of Education to support the education of homeless children and youth. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2024. **100% Federal Funds. Fiscal Committee approved on September 14, 2023.**

#136 Authorized the Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation to enter into a **sole source** contract with Northeast Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services, INC., Concord, NH, in an amount not to exceed \$30,000, to provide outreach to agency stakeholders to support identifying underserved populations of deaf and hard of hearing youth to ensure the resources and information relating to pre-employment services and raise awareness of VR services. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2024. **100% Federal Funds**

#137 Authorized to enter into a **sole source** contract with College Board, New York, NY, in the amount of \$4,185,000 to administer the SAT assessment in grade level 11 and to ensure a continuation of assessment services to meet federal and state law. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2028. **100% Education Trust Fund**

#138 Authorized to enter into a **sole source** amendment to an existing contract with Cookson Strategies Corporation, Manchester, NH (originally approved by G&C 11/10/20) by increasing the amount by \$100,000 from \$255,000 to \$355,000 and extending the completion date from December 31, 2023 to September 30, 2024 to provide professionally designed handouts, posters, mail pieces, flyers and other materials to communicate critical messaging and raise awareness. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds**

#139 Authorized to enter into a **sole source** contract with the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, through its University of Wisconsin-Madison's Wisconsin Center for Education Research, Madison, WI, in the amount of \$1,153,418.25, to administer the Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State-to-State for English language proficiency test for all English language learners. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2028. **100% Education Trust Fund**

#140 Authorized the Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) to enter into a **sole source** contract with Riverbend Community Mental Health, INC., Concord, NH, in an amount not to exceed \$80,000 to provide support services for VR customers. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2024. **100% Federal Funds**

#141 Authorized the Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) to enter into a **sole source** contract with Seacoast Mental Health Center, INC., Portsmouth, NH in an amount not to exceed \$80,000 to provide support services for VR customers. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2024. **100% Federal Funds**

#142 Authorized the Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) to enter into a **sole source** contract with The Mental Health Center for Southern NH d/b/a CLM Center for Life Management, Derry, NH in an amount not to exceed \$80,000 to provide support services for VR customers. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2024. **100% Federal Funds**

#143 Authorized the Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) to enter into a **sole source** contract with The Lakes Region Mental Health, INC., Laconia, NH, in an amount not to exceed \$80,000 to provide support services for VR customers. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2024. **100% Federal Funds**

#144 Authorized the Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) to enter into a **sole source** contract with The Mental Health Center of Greater Manchester, Inc., Manchester, NH, in an amount not to exceed \$80,000 to provide support services for VR customers. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2024. **100% Federal Funds**

### **POLICE STANDARDS & TRAINING COUNCIL**

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

#145 Authorized to enter into a **retroactive** service contract with Aladdin Food Management Services, LLC., Canonsburg, PA, in the amount of \$414,616 for the provision of meals through the NHTI – Concord’s Community College Capital Commons dining hall to recruits and in-service officers attending programs at the Arthur D. Kehas Law Enforcement Training Facility and Campus. Effective upon G&C approval for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. **100% General Funds**

#146 Authorized to enter into a contract with Daigle Law Group, LLC, Plantsville, CT, in the amount of \$52,125 to provide technical law enforcement training. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2024. **100% General Funds**

### **DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY**

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

#147 Authorized the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to accept and expend Public Assistance Grant Program funds in the amount of \$4,350,162 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for Severe Storm and Flooding in December 2022. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2025. **100% Federal Funds. Fiscal Committee approved on September 14, 2023.**

#148 Authorized the Division of Motor Vehicles to transfer funds in the amount of \$8,638 and create two new expenditure class codes, which were inadvertently left out of the budget during the budget process. (2) Further authorized the allocation of these funds as detailed in the letter dated August 23, 2023. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2024. **64% Intra-Agency Transfers, 36% Federal Funds. Fiscal Committee approved on September 14, 2023.**

#149 Authorized the Division of Fire Standards and Training and Emergency Medical Services to accept and expend funds from the Department of Safety, Office of the Commissioner, in the amount not to exceed \$55,000 for Fire Ground Survival Training and On-Line Training Equipment. Effective upon G&C approval through August 31, 2025. **100% Intra-Agency Transfers**

#150 Authorized the Division of State Police to enter into a contract with Northeast Collision Center LLC, Andover, NH, in the amount of \$124,363 for the reconditioning and transport of surplus vehicles to the White Farm before auction. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2026, with an option to renew for one two-year period. **48.71% General Funds, 37.37% Highway Funds, 13.92% Turnpike Funds**

#151 Authorized the Division of State Police to **retroactively** amend the contract with Utility Associates, Inc. (originally approved by G&C on 8/4/21, Item #67), by \$26,000 from \$3,645,380 to \$3,671,380 to implement the new Digital Evidence Management System for New Hampshire State Police. Effective upon G&C approval from August 2, 2023 through April 30, 2027, with the option to extend for one two-year period. **43.69% General Funds, 42.85% Highway Funds, 13.46% Turnpike Funds**

#152 Authorized the NH Office of Highway Safety to enter into a grant agreement with Department of Safety, Homeland Security & Emergency Management, in the amount of \$17,076.35 to provide funding for a Department of Safety, Homeland Security & Emergency Management employee to work in an overtime capacity to provide for entry, retrieval, and analysis of highway safety related data. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2024. **100% Federal Funds**

#153 Authorized the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to **retroactively** amend the grant agreement with the Town of Milford, NH (originally approved by G&C on 12/18/19, Item #159), to update their Hazard Mitigation Plan by extending the completion date from April 1, 2023 to April 1, 2024. Effective upon G&C approval for the period of April 1, 2023 through April 1, 2024. No additional funding is being requested. **100% Federal Funds**

### **DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

#154 The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Wheeler, seconded by Councilor Gatsas authorized to enter into a subgrant with the Northumberland Police Department, Groveton, NH, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 from the US Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Byrne Discretionary Community Project Funding/Byrne Discretionary Grant Program, for the purpose of funding activities surrounding the purchase of law enforcement equipment, supplies, and training. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2023. **100% Federal Funds**

## DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

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

#155 Authorized the Division of Plant and Property Management to accept and expend a grant from the NH Department of Energy in the amount of \$180,000 for the purpose of supporting the State Energy Manager's office for programs which reduce energy consumption and reduce cost in NH State buildings. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2024. **100% Federal Revenue Transfer from Other Agency. Fiscal Committee approved on September 14, 2023.**

#156 Authorized to transfer funds in the amount of \$50,000 between classes and create new expenditure class (Current Expenses) in the accounting unit as detailed in the letter dated August 24, 2023, to address shortfalls in the current appropriated budget. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2024. **100% Transfer from Other Agencies. Fiscal Committee approved on September 14, 2023.**

#157 Authorized, on behalf of the Department of Transportation, by transferring \$4,145,000 from the Highway Surplus Account to support the Winter Maintenance Employee Retention Incentive Program. **100% Highway Funds.** (2) Further authorized to transfer \$713,500 from the Turnpike General Reserve Account to support the Winter Maintenance Employee Retention Incentive Program. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2024. **100% Turnpike Funds. Fiscal Committee approved on September 14, 2023.**

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

#159 Authorized the Bureau of Court Facilities to enter into a **retroactive sole source** lease agreement with the Town of Hooksett, NH, for an amount not to exceed \$407,016, to provide courtroom and office space comprised of 6,093 square feet for the 6<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court - District Division - Hooksett located at 101 Merrimack Street, Hooksett, NH. Effective upon G&C approval for the period of September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2028. **100% Transfer Funds (Transfer from AOC, Rent from Other Agencies). Fiscal Committee approved on September 14, 2023.**

#160 Authorized to enter into an amendment to an existing contract with Zero Waste & Recycling Services Inc., Bow, NH, for solid waste removal and disposal services by adding one new location and by increasing the price limitation by \$3,992.56 from \$1,609,772.62 to an amount up to and not to exceed \$1,613,765.18. Effective upon G&C approval through October 31, 2024.

#161 Authorized to enter into a contract with One Source Environmental, LLC, Windham, NH in an amount up to and not to exceed \$750,000 for asbestos abatement, mold remediation and lead containing paint removal services. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2026, with the option to extend for up to two additional years.

#162 Authorized the Division of Public Works Design and Construction to enter into a contract with Triple Construction, LLC, Hudson, NH for a total price not to exceed \$465,195 for Building 1 Improvements in Center Stafford, NH. (2) Further authorized a contingency in the amount of \$80,000 for unanticipated site expenses, bringing the total to \$545,195. (3) Further authorized a payment of \$26,000 to the Department of Administrative Services, Division of Public Works Design and Construction, for engineering services provided, bringing the total amount to \$571,195. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2024. **100% Federal Funds**

#163 Authorized the Commissioner of the Department of Administrative Services to make transfers from the Salary Adjustment Fund to agency permanent personnel salary accounts after approval by the Director of Personnel during the period of September 21, 2023 to July 19, 2024, for transfers related to FY24 and to report transfers made as soon as practical after each quarter of the year end closing date. (2) Further authorized the Commissioner of the Department of Administrative Services to make transfers from the Benefit Adjustment Fund to agency benefit accounts during the period of September 21, 2023 to July 19, 2024, for transfers related to FY24 and to report transfers made as soon as practical after each quarter of the year end closing date.

#164 Authorized, with Councilor Warmington abstaining, to accept and place on file the report containing a list of vendors agencies have contracted with for the quarter ending June 30, 2023.

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**ITEM REMOVED FROM THE TABLE**

On August 23, 2023:

The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Wheeler, seconded by Councilor Kenney, voted to **table** Item #172 below.

On September 6, 2023:

No action was taken.

On September 20, 2023:

The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Wheeler, seconded by Councilor Kenney, voted to remove tabled item #172 below. Further, the Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Wheeler, seconded by Councilor Warmington voted to adopt item #172 below for the purpose of discussion. Following discussion, previously tabled item #172 was approved.

**DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

#172 Authorized to enter into a contract with Pete's Tire Barns, Inc., Orange, MA, in an amount up to and not to exceed \$753,500 for tire retread services. Effective upon G&C approval for the period of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2028, with an option to extend for up to two additional years.

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The next regular Governor and Executive Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday October 4, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at Shaker Village in Canterbury, NH.

The Honorable Board then adjourned at 11:50 a.m.