

GOVERNOR AND EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MINUTES  
State House, Concord, NH  
October 18, 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:

- Councilor Kenney offered a prayer
- Major General David J. Mikolaities led the Pledge of Allegiance
- Proclamation
  - White Cane Safety Day
    - Joined by Randy Pierce and CEO of Future in Sight

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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 October 4, 2023 meeting.

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The Governor and Executive Council, on motion of Councilor Kenney, seconded by Councilor Wheeler, approved the appointment of several persons nominated for Civil Commissions from the October 4, 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.

Compensation Appeals Board - RSA 281-A:42-a  
Laurence W. Getman, Bow

Effective: October 18, 2023

Fish and Game Commission  
Marc M. H. Lachance, (i), Gilmanton

Effective: October 18, 2023

New Hampshire Real Estate Commission - RSA 331-A:5  
Paul A. Lipnick, Nashua

Effective: December 31, 2023

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**NOMINATIONS**

The following nominations were submitted:

Board of Foresters - RSA 310-A: 100  
(Industrial Forester)  
Richard R. Roy, Concord  
Reappointment

Effective: Upon Confirmation  
Term: August 22, 2028

Board of Mental Health Practice - RSA 330-A: 3  
(Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist)  
Kristin Grasso, Windham  
Reappointment

Effective: Upon Confirmation  
Term: October 31, 2026

Board of Professional Geologists - RSA 310-A:120  
Nikki Delude Roy, Northwood  
Reappointment

Effective: Upon Confirmation  
Term: October 4, 2028

<u>Board of Veterinary Medicine</u> - RSA 332-B:3 Selvi Lampman, Lee Vacancy	Effective: Upon confirmation Term: March 5, 2028
<u>Boxing and Wrestling Commission</u> - RSA 285 Arthur J. Nolin, Pembroke Reappointment	Effective: Upon Confirmation Term: July 15, 2024
<u>Director, Division of Learner Support, Department of Education</u> - RSA 21-N:3 Melissa A. White, Hopkinton Reappointment Salary: LG GG, \$ 116,031	Effective: Upon Confirmation Term: December 11, 2027
<u>Director, Division of Marketing, Merchandising, and Warehousing, State Liquor Commission</u> - RSA 176:8 Mark Roy, Laconia Succeeding: Lorrie L. Piper, Weare Salary: LG, GG, \$110,282	Effective: Upon Confirmation Term: October 15, 2027
<u>Justice of the Land Use Review Docket, Superior Court</u> - RSA 491:7-b (Chapter 79, 2023) Michael A. Klass, Hopkinton Vacancy	Effective: Upon Confirmation Term: Until 70 Years of Age
<u>Juvenile Parole Board</u> - RSA 170-H:3 Michael J. O'Connor, Swanzey Reappointment	Effective: Upon Confirmation Term: July 1, 2028
<u>Office of the Consumer Advocate, Consumer Advocate</u> - RSA 363:28, I Donald M. Kreis, Concord Reappointment Salary: LG FF, \$112,770	Effective: Upon Confirmation Term: November 5, 2027
<u>Penalty Appeal Board</u> - RSA 273:11-b (Labor) Richard J. Laughton Jr., Durham Reappointment	Effective: Upon Confirmation Term: January 5, 2025
<u>Penalty Appeal Board</u> - RSA 273:11-b (Attorney Chairman) Richard A. Mitchell, Dunbarton Vacancy	Effective: Upon Confirmation Term: 3 Years from Confirmation
<u>Penalty Appeal Board</u> - RSA 273:11-b (Management) Constance J. Morneau, Wolfeboro Succeeding: Gayle E. Troy, Dunbarton	Effective: Upon Confirmation Term: April 11, 2026
<u>Rivers Management Advisory Committee</u> - RSA 483:8 (Historic/Archaeological) Brooke Kenline-Nyman, Weare Succeeding: Victoria Bunker, New Durham	Effective: Upon Confirmation Term: June 15, 2025
<u>Rivers Management Advisory Committee</u> - RSA 483:8 (Conservation Interest) Michele L. Tremblay, Penacook Reappointment	Effective: Upon Confirmation Term: December 28, 2026
<u>State Historical Resources Council</u> - RSA 227-C (Cultural Heritage Law) Ricardo A. St. Hilaire, Lebanon Succeeding: Nancy C. Dutton, Wilmot	Effective: Upon Confirmation Term: December 10, 2027

State Historical Resources Council - RSA 227-C  
(Decorative Arts and Artifacts)  
Hollis E. Brodrick, Portsmouth  
Succeeding: Richard W. Pease, Bedford

Effective: Upon Confirmation  
Term: December 10, 2027

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### **CONFIRMATIONS**

The Governor and Council confirmed the following:

Board of Land Surveyors - RSA 310-A:55  
Michael R. Dahlberg, New Boston  
Reappointment

Effective: October 18, 2023  
Term: August 12, 2028

Board of Medicine - RSA 329  
(Physician/Surgeon)  
Beatrice C. Engstrand, Gorham  
Vacancy

Effective: October 18, 2023  
Term: April 21, 2025

Board of Professional Engineers - RSA 310-A:3  
(Public Member)  
Shawn G. Bergeron, Sr., Madison  
Vacancy

Effective: October 18, 2023  
Term: August 21, 2026

Board of Psychologists - RSA 329-B:3  
(Psychologist)  
Alicia M. Key, West Lebanon  
Succeeding: Deborah Warner, Littleton

Effective: October 18, 2023  
Term: July 1, 2026

Deputy Commissioner, Department of Health and Human Services - RSA 126-A:7  
Morissa S. Henn, Concord  
Succeeding: Lori A. Weaver, Concord  
Salary: LG, KK \$151,666

Effective: October 18, 2023  
Term: August 18, 2024

Current Use Advisory Board - RSA 79-A  
(Forest Landowner)  
Thomas Chrisenton, Lyndeborough  
Succeeding: Susan Bryant-Kimball, Sandwich (resigned)

Effective: October 18, 2023  
Term: September 9, 2025

Justice, New Hampshire Circuit Court - RSA 490-F - **Councilor Wheeler voted no**  
Elizabeth Paine, Center Sandwich

Effective: October 18, 2023  
Term: Until 70 Years of Age

Pharmacy Board - RSA 318:2  
(Pharmacist)  
Purvi Patel, Gilford  
Succeeding: Nicole J. Harrington, Nashua (resigned)

Effective: October 18, 2023  
Term: September 6, 2028

Pharmacy Board - RSA 318:2  
(Hospital Pharmacist)  
Robert H. Theriault, Jr., Barrington  
Succeeding: John Genovese, Swanzey

Effective: October 18, 2023  
Term: September 6, 2028

Residential Ratepayers Advisory Board - RSA 363:28-a  
(Represents interests of persons of low-income)  
Ryan Clouthier, Hooksett  
Reappointment

Effective: October 18, 2023  
Term: October 14, 2026

Residential Ratepayers Advisory Board - RSA 363:28-a  
(Represents interests of residents of low-income housing)  
Matthew J. Kfoury, Manchester  
Reappointment

Effective: October 18, 2023  
Term: October 14, 2026

Residential Ratepayers Advisory Board - RSA 363:28-a  
(Represents interests of small business owners)  
Dana C. Nute, Sanbornton  
Reappointment

Effective: October 18, 2023  
Term: January 5, 2027

Wetlands Council - RSA 21-0:5-a  
(Member Conservation District)  
Richard Mellor, Rindge  
Reappointment

Effective: October 18, 2023  
Term: December 6, 2024

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### **CONSENT CALENDAR AGENDA**

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

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

**DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY**

- A. Authorized the Division of State Police to allow three Troopers to travel over 300 miles one way in one State Police issued unmarked state vehicle in the amount of \$1,044.75 to attend the Fort Drum Employer Career Fair, at The Peak in Fort Drum, NY from November 1-2, 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 Melissa Mullen into an educational tuition agreement with Boston University – Student Accounting Services, Boston, MA, to participate in Foundations of Analytics and Data Visualization, from October 31, 2023 to December 18, 2023 and to pay costs in the amount of \$860. **20% Federal Funds, 80% General Funds**

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

**GOVERNOR’S COMMISSION ON DISABILITY**

- A. Authorized to accept donations of one Pocketalker with headphones with an estimated value of \$199 and one Elite Screens ezCinema 60-inch portable projector screen valued at approximately \$179 from Michael Racette of Manchester, NH. Effective upon G&C approval.

**DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

- B. Authorized to accept a fellowship award on behalf of William Mannion in the amount of \$618, in support of an invitation extended to Mr. Mannion, a DoIT employee, to speak at the Chief Data Officer Summit on November 2, 2023 at the Magnolia Hotel in St. Louis, MO. Effective upon G&C approval.

**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES**

- C. Authorized the Division of Parks and Recreation, Bureau of Trails to accept a donation from Cross New Hampshire Adventure Trail in the amount of \$20,420 for the purpose of rail trail maintenance throughout the Northern part of NH. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Other Funds**

**DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY**

- D. Authorized to accept donations of used furniture worth and estimated used retail value of \$1,775 from Select Demo Services, LLC, Salem, NH for the purpose of providing furniture at various office locations throughout the Department. Effective upon G&C approval.

**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

- E. Authorized to accept a donation of four used chairs and one used conference table with an estimated fair-market value of \$500 from the United States Attorney Office, District of New Hampshire. Effective upon G&C approval.

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

**FISH AND GAME DEPARTMENT**

- A. Authorized to accept and place on file the biennial report for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023.

**NEW HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL FOR RESPONSIBLE GAMBLING**

- B. Councilor Kenney requested that this item be removed from the consent calendar for discussion. Following discussion, the Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Kenney, seconded by Councilor Gatsas authorized to accept and place on file the annual report for the period ending June 30, 2023.

**DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY**

- C. Authorized to accept and place on file the biennial report for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023.

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

**DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS AND VETERANS SERVICES**

- A. Authorized the nomination of Major Brett A. Bailey, Trenton, IL, 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 nomination of Captain Joel C. Loranger, Newington, 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**

- C. Authorized the confirmation of MAJ Nathan P. Johnston, Bartlett, NH, for appointment to the rank of Major, in the NH Army National Guard.

**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

- D. Authorized to reappoint James R. Davis, as an Assistant Attorney General, at a salary level of \$120,000. Effective upon G&C approval or October 31, 2023, whichever is later, for a term ending October 31, 2028.

**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

- E. Authorized to reappoint Audriana L. Mekula, as an Assistant Attorney General, at a salary level of \$87,000. Effective upon G&C approval or October 31, 2023, whichever is later, for a term ending October 31, 2028.

**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

- F. Authorized to reappoint Mary F. Stewart, as an Assistant Attorney General, at a salary level of \$110,000. Effective upon G&C approval or October 20, 2023, whichever is later, for a term ending October 20, 2028.

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

- G. Authorized the Bureau of Right-of-Way petition for a hearing to repair and reconstruct NH Route 123A and culvert, also known as Brooks Gorge, in Acworth, NH. The NH Route 123A roadway and culvert repairs are located approximately .55 miles west of Gate Mountain Road (MM 107) and are required because of the July 29, 2021 storm event that overtopped the roadway and damaged the existing culvert headwall and wing walls. (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 reconstruction improvements, with a suggested budget of \$714.

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

- H. Authorized the Bureau of Right-of-Way to revise the membership for the Commission for the hearing on the proposed replacement of the deck of the Red List bridge carrying NH 49 over the Mad River in Thornton, NH (originally approved by G&C on 9/20/23, Item #4H), at the request of Councilor Warmington the membership of the proposed Commission has since changed to include Hollie Burbank of Thornton, NH, in place of Sandra Mucci who is unable to serve.

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

- A. NOT USED

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

- B. Authorized to amend an American Rescue Plan Act grant to the Town of Lincoln, NH (originally approved by G&C on 5/4/22, Item #77), by extending the completion date from December 31, 2023 to December 31, 2024, for the implementation of energy efficiency measures at the wastewater treatment facility. This is a no cost time extension. **100% Federal Funds**

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

- C. Authorized the Bureau of Special Education Support to enter into a **sole source** amendment to an existing contract with CAST, Inc., Wakefield, MA (originally approved by G&C on 7/27/22, Item #106), to modify the scope of services to better support the transition of the work from CAST to the NHED, with no change to the price limitation or the end date. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2024. **100% Federal Funds**

**DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

- D. Authorized to enter into an amendment to an existing contract with Tri State Generators LLC, Brentwood, NH (originally approved by G&C on 8/17/22, Item #82), for generator maintenance services, to add one existing generator to the contract, with no change to the price limitation of \$600,000. Effective upon G&C approval through August 31, 2025.

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**REGULAR AGENDA**

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Division of Public Health Services**

#6 The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Warmington, seconded by Councilor Gatsas, with Councilor Wheeler voting **no**, authorized to accept and expend funds from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in the amount of \$1,115,840 to fund the Immunization and Vaccines for Children Program. (2) Further authorized the allocation of these funds in the account, as detailed in the letter dated September 26, 2023. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2025. **100% Federal Funds. Contingent upon Fiscal Committee approval on October 19, 2023.**

**Division of Economic Stability**

#7 The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Warmington, seconded by Councilor Kenney, with Councilor Wheeler voting **no**, authorized to enter into provider agreements with eligible Child Care Providers, for the purpose of providing one-time assistance to Child Care Providers statewide, specifically to reduce operating costs that will enable them to advance efforts for workforce recruitment and retention, and increase child capacity. (2) Further authorized to make unencumbered payments to Child Care Providers, in an amount not to exceed \$3,596,400 for all participating Child Care Providers. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2024. **100% Federal Funds**

**Division for Behavioral Health**

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

#8 Authorized to **retroactively** pay the National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors, Inc., Washington, DC, in the amount of \$10,900 for annual membership dues. Effective upon G&C approval for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. **80% Federal Funds, 20% General Funds**

#9 Authorized to enter into a **sole source** amendment to an existing contract with New Hampshire Coalition of Recovery Residences, Concord, NH (originally approved by G&C on 10/23/19, Item #16), to continue providing certification and support services for recovery homes and to continue administration of a rental assistance program for NH residents who are entering recovery homes in NH by increasing the price limitation by \$267,000 from \$2,263,000 to \$2,530,000 and extending the completion date from October 31, 2023 to June 30, 2024. Effective November 1, 2023, upon G&C approval. **100% Other Funding (Governor's Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs)**

#10 Authorized to enter into a **sole source** contract with Merrimack County Human Services, Boscawen, NH, in the amount of \$48,882 for the provision of a housing services continuum of care project. Effective November 1, 2023, or upon G&C approval, whichever is later, through October 31, 2024. **100% Federal Funds**

#### **New Hampshire Hospital**

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

#11 Authorized to make unencumbered payments to the vendors as detailed in the letter dated October 3, 2023, to provide ambulance transportation services, in a shared amount not to exceed \$70,000. Effective **retroactively** to July 1, 2023, upon G&C approval through June 30, 2024. **68% Other Funds (Provider Fees), 32% General Funds**

#12 Authorized to enter into an amendment to an existing contract with Achievement Therapy Services, LLC, Tilton, NH (originally approved by G&C on 4/11/18, Item #12), to increase funding to support the continuation of physical therapy services for individuals admitted to New Hampshire Hospital, by increasing the price limitation by \$25,874 from \$627,748 to \$653,622, with no change to the contract completion date of June 30, 2024. Effective upon G&C approval. **32% General Funds, 68% Other Funds (Provider Fees)**

#### **Hampstead Hospital & Residential Treatment Facility**

#13 The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Warmington, seconded by Councilor Stevens authorized to enter into a contract with Advanced Prep-Coat, Inc., Putnam, CT, in the amount of \$32,200 for exterior preparation, coating and repair services for one 6,000-gallon capacity outside oil storage tank, and one attached steel secondary containment unit located on the premises at Hampstead Hospital and Residential Treatment Facility. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2024. **100% Other Funds (Agency Income)**

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

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

#14 Authorized to amend a Fiscal Committee Item (originally approved by G&C on 12/22/21, Item #16), to reallocate federal funds in the amount of \$16,088,067 to expense class 102 – Contracts for Program Services, for the performance of work associated with Section 9817 funding based on additional Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) earnings made available to states on services related to Home and Community Based Services (HCBS). (2) Further authorized to accept and expend funds in the amount of \$33,746,013 for the performance of work associated with Section 9817 funding based on additional FMAP earnings made available to states on services related to HCBS. Effective upon G&C approval through March 31, 2025. **100% Federal Funds. Contingent upon Fiscal Committee approval on October 19, 2023.**

#15 Authorized to award a grant agreement to Behavioral Health and Developmental Services of Strafford County, Inc., d/b/a Community Partners, Dover, NH, in the amount of \$227,320 to enable the Grantee to become compliant with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Service's Home and Community Based Services settings final rule. Effective upon G&C approval through March 31, 2024. **100% Federal Funds**

#16 Authorized to enter into a grant agreement with A.W. Holdings, LLC, Fort Wayne, IN, in the amount of \$4,000,000 to increase housing capacity by forty beds 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 last home is placed in service. **100% Federal Funds**

#17 Authorized to enter into a grant agreement with Behavioral Health and Developmental Services of Strafford County, Inc., d/b/a Community Partners, Dover, NH, in the amount of \$250,030 to increase housing capacity by two beds 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 last home is placed in service. **100% Federal Funds**

#18 Authorized to enter into a grant agreement with Community Options, Inc., Princeton, NJ, in the amount of \$3,200,000 to increase housing by thirty-two beds 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 last home is placed in service. **100% Federal Funds**

#19 Authorized to enter into a grant agreement with Farmsteads of New England, Inc., Hillsborough, NH in the amount of \$1,300,000, to increase housing capacity by nine beds for three individuals who are eligible for one of NH's Home and Community Based 1915c Waivers and six individuals who are disabled and are experiencing homelessness and eligible to receive services through the Home Community Based Services State Plan 1915(i). 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**

#20 Authorized to enter into a grant agreement with Next Steps Community Services, LLC, Madison, NH, in the amount of \$1,600,000 to increase housing capacity by sixteen beds 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 Medicaid Services**

#21 The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Stevens, seconded by Councilor Warmington authorized to enter into a **retroactive** amendment to an existing contract with Delta Dental Plan of New Hampshire, Inc., Concord, NH (originally approved by G&C on 11/2/22, Item #9A), to modify the scope of services for the Dental Medicaid program in accordance with Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services requirements, with no change to the price limitation of \$33,484,749 and no change to the contract completion date of March 31, 2026. Effective **retroactive** to April 1, 2023, upon G&C approval.

#### **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

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

#22 Authorized the Bureau of Finance and Contracts to transfer \$2,581,546 from the Highway Surplus Account for new stipend amounts per the DOT Collective Bargaining Agreement. Effective July 1, 2023, upon G&C approval through June 30, 2025. **100% Highway Funds.** (2) Further authorized to transfer \$215,057 from the Turnpike General Reserve Account for new stipend amount per the DOT Collective Bargaining Agreement. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2025. **100% Turnpike Funds. Contingent upon Fiscal Committee approval on October 19, 2023.**

#23 Authorized the Bureau of Turnpikes to hold an organized meeting for the purpose of training and recognizing Department of Transportation employees, to be held on October 26, 2023 at the Turnpike Hooksett Maintenance Shed location, with a total cost of \$4,940. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Turnpike Funds**

#24 Authorized the Bureau of Right-of-Way to pay property owners, tenants, and/or claimants \$233,349.33 as documented in the Contemplated Awards list, for amounts greater than \$5,000 for the period extending from September 7, 2023 through September 30, 2023. Effective upon G&C approval.

#25 Authorized the Bureau of Right-of-Way to pay a property owner \$99,420 as documented in the Contemplated Awards list, for amounts greater than \$5,000 for the period extending from August 24, 2023 through September 6, 2023. Effective upon G&C approval.

#26 Authorized the Bureau of Right-of-Way to sell a parcel of state-owned land, consisting of 14+/- acres, located at 185 Pine Knoll Terrace in the Town of Lisbon, NH, to Paul R. and Sandra E. Goyette for \$131,100, which includes the \$1,100 administrative fee. (2) Further authorized to compensate Carey & Giampa Realtors, LLC from the proceeds of the sale in the amount of \$6,500 for real estate services. Effective upon G&C approval.

#27 Authorized the Bureau of Rail & Transit to pay an amount not to exceed \$1,278,704 to Southwestern Community Services, Inc., Keene, NH, to renovate property located at 148 John Stark Highway, Newport, NH. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2025. **100% Federal Funds**

#28 Authorized the Bureau of Aeronautics to **retroactively** award a grant to the City of Keene, NH, 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 Dillant-Hopkins Airport, Keene, NH. Effective upon G&C approval through January 25, 2026. **100% Federal Funds**

#29 Authorized the Bureau of Aeronautics to **retroactively** award a grant to the Town of Plymouth, 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 Plymouth Municipal Airport, Plymouth, NH. Effective upon G&C approval through January 25, 2026. **100% Federal Funds**

#30 Authorized the Bureau of Aeronautics to **retroactively** award a grant to the Town of Whitefield, NH, in the amount of \$13,000, for the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations 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 Mt. Washington Regional Airport. Effective upon G&C approval through May 3, 2025. **100% Federal Funds**

#31 Authorized the Bureau of Turnpikes to enter into a contract with Boraczek Septic and Drain, Inc., Hampstead, NH, on the basis of a sole bid in the amount of \$56,075 for septic pumping and cleaning, and sewer and floor drainage line jetting and routing services at facilities maintained by the Bureau of Turnpikes. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2025. **100% Turnpikes Funds**

#32 Authorized the Bureau of Turnpikes to enter into a contract with Pescinski Painting, LLC, Tilton, NH, on the basis of a secondary low bid in the amount of \$93,000 for graffiti painting services at various locations along I-293, I-93, and NH 101. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2024. **23.7% Turnpike Funds, 76.3% Highway Funds**

#33 Authorized the Bureau of Materials and Research to enter into an agreement with GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc., Bedford, NH, for an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000, for On-Call Geotechnical Engineering Services for various transportation projects located throughout the State. Effective upon G&C approval through October 31, 2027.

#34 Authorized the Bureau of Materials and Research to enter into an agreement with Haley & Aldrich, Inc., Bedford, NH, for an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000, for On-Call Geotechnical Engineering Services for various transportation projects located throughout the State. Effective upon G&C approval through October 31, 2027.

#35 Authorized the Bureau of Mechanical Services to enter into a contract with Sturm Corp, d/b/a Cranes 101, Bellingham, MA, on the basis of a low bid offer of \$195,000 for providing Aerial Lift ANSI Inspection, scheduled maintenance, repair service and unanticipated emergency repairs and associated parts. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2026. **94.2% Highway Funds, 5.8% Other Funds**

#36 Authorized the Bureau of Mechanical Services to enter into a contract with Hews Company, LLC, Bow, NH, on the basis of a single bid offer of \$195,000 for providing Crane Truck inspection, repair, scheduled service and unanticipated emergency repairs and associated parts. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2026. **5.8% Other Funds, 94.2% Highway Funds**

#37 Authorized the Bureau of Highway Design to enter into an agreement with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., Auburn, NH, for an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000 for on-call engineering for highway design and related technical/professional consulting services for various transportation projects located throughout the State. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2028.

#38 Authorized the Bureau of Highway Design to enter into an agreement with SLR International Corporation, Cheshire, CT, for an amount not to exceed \$2,959,305 for NH 12 reconstruction. Effective upon G&C approval through August 30, 2027. **100% Federal Funds**

#39 Authorized the Bureau of Fuel Distribution to enter into a **retroactive sole source** agreement with Gilbarco Inc., Greensboro, NC, in the amount of \$46,601 for the maintenance of the State of New Hampshire Statewide Fuel Distribution System software, hardware, maintenance, and development. Effective July 1, 2022, upon G&C approval through December 31, 2023. **45% Other Funds, 55% Highway Funds**

#40 Authorized the Bureau of Highway Design to amend a contract with Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc., Bedford, NH (originally approved by G&C on 4/7/21, Item #18), to perform final design to address transportation system needs at a new I-93 Exit 4A and along NH Route 102 in the Towns of Derry and Londonderry, NH, by extending the completion date from May 31, 2025 to October 31, 2025. (2) Further authorized to increase the fee by \$2,456,466.01 from \$10,837,567.26 to \$13,294,033.27. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds**

#41 Authorized the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with Brox Industries, Inc., Dracut, MA, on the basis of a low bid of \$1,347,563.25 for pavement resurfacing of a 1.8-mile section of I-93 NB in Manchester, NH. (2) Further authorized a contingency in the amount of \$67,378.16 for payment of latent conditions, which may appear during the construction of the project. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds**

#42 Authorized the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with C.W. Sliter & Sons, LLC d/b/a CWS Fence & Guardrail Co., Andover, NH, on the basis of a low bid of \$1,994,006.25 for guardrail replacement in District 2 in the Towns of Franklin, Boscawen, Enfield, Canaan, Orange, Grafton, Danbury, Wilmot, Andover and Springfield. (2) Further authorized a contingency in the amount of \$199,400.63 for payment of latent conditions, which may appear during the construction of the project. Effective upon G&C approval through September 20, 2024. **100% Federal Funds**

#42A Authorized the Executive Office to increase the hourly rental rates for private contracted rental equipment for winter maintenance plowing and spreading of material by 15%. The Department continues to have difficulty competing with adjacent states, municipalities and private companies to attract CDL holders for Department Highway maintenance positions which has resulted in a driver shortage for state equipment. Coupled with this internal shortage, the Department has had similar difficulty in attracting private rental equipment with drivers to supplement the Department's internal shortage of staff. Their internal shortage of available CDL drivers with plowing experience only serves to heighten their need for recruiting and retaining sufficient contracted equipment. Failure to attract internal or rental resources to meet the snow removal needs will likely result in reduced plowing frequency which will translate into longer periods of degraded driving conditions and longer durations before highways are fully treated. The contract agreements will be set up on a five-year term. The funding is through the Highway Fund and Turnpike Fund

*[\\*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.\\*](#)*

#### **GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON DISABILITY**

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

#43 Authorized to accept and expend funds from the Institute of Human Centered Design, New England ADA Center in the amount of \$16,000 to provide guidance, training, and research in relation to the Americans with Disabilities Act. Effective upon G&C approval through August 31, 2024. **100% Private Local Funds**

#44 Authorized to accept and place on file to Annual Telecommunications Equipment Assistance Program Report for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

#### **DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

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

#45 Authorized to purchase Certificate Management Software from Red River Technology LLC, Claremont, NH in the amount of \$496,893.08 for implementing the cybersecurity zero trust initiative. Effective upon G&C approval through October 1, 2025. **100% ARP Federal Funds**

#46 Authorized, on behalf of the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Economic Stability, to enter into a **sole source** contract amendment with Konica Minolta Business Solutions, USA, Inc., Ramsey, NJ (originally approved by G&C on 6/29/22, Item #77), to add additional statements of work and funding to support system enhancements as needed by DHHS, that were not included in the prior action, by increasing the price limitation by \$51,000 from \$481,151 to \$532,151, with no change to the contract completion date of June 30, 2026. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Other (Agency Class 27)**

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

#47 The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Wheeler, seconded by Councilor Stevens authorized to exercise a renewal option to an existing contract with Gerald P. Koocher, Ph.D., L.P., ABPP, Chestnut Hill, MA (originally approved by G&C on 3/23/22, Item #58), for psychology consultant services by extending the completion date from December 31, 2023 to December 31, 2024, which includes the option to extend services for two additional one-year periods. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Agency Funds**

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

#48 The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Wheeler, seconded by Councilor Gatsas authorized to place Ms. Nicole Tilton at Step 7 of unclassified salary grade DD, earning \$99,500 annually, for the position of Multi Entity Manager. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% General Funds**

#### **JUDICIAL COUNCIL**

#49 The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Stevens, seconded by Councilor Warmington authorized to amend a Fiscal Committee item (originally approved by G&C on 10/27/21, Item #49), to reallocate federal funds in the amount of \$8,216 to address indigent defense needs resulting from the pandemic, and to create expense classes Indirect Cost and Audit Fund Set Aside. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2024. **100% Federal Funds. Contingent upon Fiscal Committee approval on October 19, 2023.**

#### **DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS AND VETERANS SERVICES**

#50 The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Kenney, seconded by Councilor Gatsas authorized the Division of Community Based Military Programs to hold an organized meeting on November 7, 2023 at the Puritan Backroom Conference & Event Center, Manchester, NH for a total conference cost not to exceed \$4,099 to provide Veteran-Friendly Businesses with essential information related to supporting the mental health and wellness of veteran employees in the workplace and effectively recruiting and retaining veteran employees in the workforce. Effective upon G&C approval through December 30, 2023. **100% General Funds**

#### **DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, MARKETS & FOOD**

#51 The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Gatsas, seconded by Councilor Warmington authorized the Division of Agricultural Development to transfer funds in and among classes within an accounting unit and to create a new class code in the amount of \$63,393, for better use of appropriated federal funds. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2025. **100% Federal Funds. Contingent upon Fiscal Committee approval on October 19, 2023.**

#### **GOVERNOR'S OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF AND RECOVERY**

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

#52 Authorized to enter into an agreement with the Town of Conway, NH, in the amount of \$72,057 in American Rescue Plan Act State Fiscal Recovery Funds as part of the Municipal Boat Launch Investment Program, which will provide awards to local governments seeking to repair or replace municipally-owned boat launches located in NH. Effective upon G&C approval through August 31, 2024. **100% Federal Funds**

#53 Authorized to enter into an agreement with the Town of Madison, NH, in the amount of \$12,833 in American Rescue Plan Act State Fiscal Recovery Funds as part of the Municipal Boat Launch Investment Program, which will provide awards to local governments seeking to repair or replace municipally-owned boat launches located in NH. Effective upon G&C approval through August 31, 2024. **100% Federal Funds**

#54 Authorized to enter into a forgivable loan agreement with Families Flourish Northeast, Lebanon, NH (originally approved by G&C on 7/27/22, Item #52), in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000, in American Rescue Plan Act State Fiscal Recovery Funds as part of the Pregnant and Parenting Residential Treatment Investment Program to provide relief for residential treatment programs serving pregnant and parenting persons with SUD and co-occurring mental illness(es), as well as support for services these entities provide to the children of those receiving treatment. Effective upon G&C approval through March 31, 2025. **100% Federal Funds**

## DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

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

#55 Authorized the Division of Economic Development, APEX Accelerator Program to **retroactively** renew its membership with the Association of Procurement Technical Assistance Centers, Gallatin, TX, in the amount of \$3,307.45 to provide government contracting news/updates, networking/information sharing platform(s), and training. Effective upon G&C approval for the period May 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024. **100% Federal Funds**

#56 Authorized to enter into a contract with Harvey International, Inc., Sherbrooke, Quebec, Canada, in an amount not to exceed \$68,550 for consultancy services to assist in the development of a strategy and action plan to recruit Canadian firms in the provinces of Quebec, New Brunswick, Newfoundland, and Labrador, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island to invest and create jobs in NH. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2024. **100% Federal Funds**

#57 Authorized the Division of Travel and Tourism Development to enter into a **sole source** contract with Reel-Scout, Inc., Charlotte, NC, in the amount of \$11,460 for film office database services. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2024. **100% Other Funds (Revolving)**

#58 Authorized, with Councilor Wheeler voting **no**, the Division of Economic Development to award \$450,000 from the InvestNH Municipal Per Unit Grant Program to one recipient, the City of Nashua, NH, as incentive reward payments to municipalities for expending the permitting process for new affordable housing developments in their communities. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2024. **100% Federal Funds**

#59 Authorized, with Councilor Wheeler voting **no**, the Division of Economic Development to award \$316,230 from the InvestNH Municipal Demolition Program to four recipients in the amounts as detailed in the letter dated September 19, 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**

#60 Authorized the Division of Travel and Tourism Development to award grants to the organizations as detailed in the letter dated September 20, 2023, in the total amount not to exceed \$388,365.06 for marketing projects under the Joint Promotional Program for the grant period. Effective upon G&C approval through the dates indicated. **100% General Funds**

#61 Authorized to accept and place on file the report detailing activity for the Council of Partner Agencies for the calendar year 2021-22.

## FISH AND GAME DEPARTMENT

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

#62 Authorized to accept and expend \$131,726 of American Rescue Plan State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds from the Department of Environmental Services for the purpose of continuing a temporary full time staff member to provide assistance in permit application review. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2024. **100% Federal Fund Transfer from Other Agency. Contingent upon Fiscal Committee approval on October 19, 2023.**

#63 Authorized to accept and expend federal funds in the amount of \$797,125 from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service for the purpose of acquiring 635+/- acres in the Town of Springfield, NH. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2024. **100% Federal Funds. Contingent upon Fiscal Committee approval on October 19, 2023.**

#64 Authorized to accept and expend a grant award from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in the amount of \$186,948 for the purpose of funding a saltmarsh monitoring and restoration planning project. (2) Further authorized to establish a temporary full-time Biologist I position for the purpose of implementing a saltmarsh monitoring and restoration planning project. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2025. **100% Federal Funds. Contingent upon Fiscal Committee approval on October 19, 2023.**

## DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

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

#65 Authorized the Division of Forests and Lands to **retroactively** amend a Fiscal Committee Item (originally approved by G&C on 3/22/23, Item #54), by extending the end date from June 30, 2023 to June 30, 2025 for grant funds from the Federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law-State Forest Action Plan Implementation from the United States Department of Agriculture, United States Forest Service. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds. Contingent upon Fiscal Committee approval on October 19, 2023.**

#66 Authorized the Division of Parks and Recreation to enter into a **retroactive** contract with Baldwin & Son, LLC, Naples, ME in the amount of \$14,840 to construct temporary beach berms at Hampton Beach State Park. Effective upon G&C approval for the period of October 5, 2023 through October 15, 2023. **100% Other Funds (Agency Income)**

#67 Authorized the Division of Forests and Lands to enter into a contract with Innovative Roofing NH, LLC, Derry, NH, in the amount of \$40,729 to perform roof replacement on the Pole Barn at the North Country Resources center in Lancaster, NH. Effective upon G&C approval through December 22, 2023. **100% Capital Funds**

#68 Authorized the Division of Forests and Lands to enter into a **sole source** contract with Sanschagrin Logging, Milan, NH in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 for boom mowing and bush hogging the roadsides and wildlife openings along Nash Stream Road, East Branch Road, and Little Bog Pond Road in Nash Stream Forest. Effective upon G&C approval through December 15, 2023. **100% Other Funds (Agency Income)**

#69 Authorized the Division of Parks and Recreation, Cannon Mountain to enter into a **sole source** contract with Doppelmayr USA, Inc., Salt Lake City, UT in the amount of \$21,302 for labor and materials required to inspect the Cannon Mountain Aerial Tramway's drive control system and safety control system at Cannon Mountain Ski Area. Effective upon G&C approval through November 30, 2023. **100% Cannon Mountain Capital Improvement Fund**

#70 Authorized the Division of Parks and Recreation, Cannon Mountain to enter into a **sole source** contract with Doppelmayr USA, Inc., Salt Lake City, UT in the amount of \$2,760 for labor and materials required to install a new programmable logic controller on the Mittersill Double Chairlift at Cannon Mountain Ski Area. Effective upon G&C approval through November 30, 2023. **100% Cannon Mountain Capital Improvement Fund**

#71 Authorized the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources to enter into a contract with Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc., Albany, NY in the amount of \$750,709 for Digital Online User Generated Review and Compliance system development and implementation. Effective upon G&C approval through July 31, 2026, with the option to renew for one additional three-year period. **95% Federal Funds (ARPA), 5% Other Funds (Agency Income)**

#72 Authorized the Division of the Arts to award a Public Value Partnership grant to The Barnstormers Theater, Inc., Tamworth, 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% Federal Funds**

#73 Authorized the Division of the Arts to award a Public Value Partnership grant to Bethlehem Redevelopment Assoc., 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**

#74 Authorized the Division of the Arts to award a Public Value Partnership grant to Capital Center for the Arts, 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**

#75 Authorized the Division of the Arts to award a Public Value Partnership grant to The Currier Museum of Art, Manchester, 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**

#76 Authorized the Division of the Arts to award a Public Value Partnership grant to Journeys in Education, Peterborough, NH in the amount of \$10,500 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**

#77 Authorized the Division of the Arts to award a Public Value Partnership grant to North Country Chambers Players, Franconia, 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**

#78 Authorized the Division of the Arts to award a Public Value Partnership grant to Peterborough Players, Inc., Peterborough, 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**

#79 Authorized the Division of the Arts to award a Public Value Partnership grant to Prescott Park Arts Festival, Inc., Portsmouth, NH in the amount of \$13,000 to strengthen their capacity for affordable diverse art programs to NH residents and visitors. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2024. **100% Federal Funds**

#80 Authorized the Division of the Arts to award a Public Value Partnership grant to Symphony New Hampshire, Nashua, 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**

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

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

#81 Authorized to budget and expend funds under the provision of RSA 486:14, in the amount of \$48,000,000 for the issuance of low interest wastewater loans. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2025. **100% Clean Water Revolving Loan Funds. Contingent upon Fiscal Committee approval on October 19, 2023.**

#82 Authorized to amend a Fiscal Committee Item (originally approved by G&C on 11/22/22, Item #100) by accepting and expending \$39,181,548 in federal funds from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to fund investments in drinking water infrastructure through NH's Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2025. **100% Federal Funds. Contingent upon Fiscal Committee approval on October 19, 2023.**

#83 Authorized to amend a Fiscal Committee Item (originally approved by G&C on 6/16/21, Item #101) by reallocating funds in the amount of \$5,045,000 between class lines to cover additional personnel, contracts and Interagency grants in order to best use the available appropriation. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2025. **100% Federal Funds. Contingent upon Fiscal Committee approval on October 19, 2023.**

#84 Authorized to amend a Fiscal Committee Item (originally approved by G&C on 2/8/23, Item #96), by accepting and expending \$40,341,283 in federal funds from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to fund investments in drinking water infrastructure through NH's Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program. **92.75% Federal Funds, 7.25% Match Funds.** (2) Further authorized to transfer federal funds between accounting units in the amount of \$489,974, as detailed in the letter dated September 21, 2023. (3) Further authorized the funds to be allocated as shown in said letter. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2025. **100% Federal Funds. Contingent upon Fiscal Committee approval on October 19, 2023.**

#85 Authorized to **retroactively** pay membership dues to the Consensus Building Institute, Cambridge, MA in the amount of \$10,000 for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% General Funds**

#86 Authorized to enter into a **sole source** amendment with Eurofins Environment Testing Northeast, LLC, North Kingston, RI for sample containers, transportation, and analysis for perfluorinated compounds for the Winnepesaukee River Basin Program by increasing the contract amount by \$13,299.50 from \$8,403 to \$21,702.50. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2025. **100% WRBP Funds**

#87 NOT USED

#88 Authorized to amend a **sole source** agreement with Research Triangle Institute d/b/a RTI International, Research Triangle Park, NC (originally approved by G&C on 10/21/21, Item #88), by extending the contract amount by \$106,599 from \$331,678 to \$438,277 to allow for two years of support for watershed modeling and forecasting as well as public access to observed watershed data. **100% Dam Maintenance Funds**

#89 Authorized to award an Asset Management grant to Andover Village Water District, Andover, NH, totaling \$56,500 to improve public water system management. Effective upon G&C approval through July 1, 2025. **100% Federal Funds**

#90 Authorized to award a grant to the Bay Sewer District, Center Harbor, NH, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 to perform a lagoon decommissioning feasibility analysis. Effective upon G&C approval through April 30, 2025. **100% Federal Funds**

#91 Authorized to award a grant to Golden Hill Estates Condominium Association, Plaistow, NH in the amount not to exceed \$36,500 to install a treatment system to remediate per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances. Effective upon G&C approval through December 1, 2024. **100% Federal Funds**

#92 Authorized to award a grant to the City of Laconia Water Works, Laconia, NH in the amount not to exceed \$33,029 for drinking water cybersecurity improvements. Effective upon G&C approval through June 1, 2024. **100% Federal Funds**

#93 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**

#94 Authorized to award a Lead Service Line Inventory Grant to the Town of Lincoln, NH, in the amount of \$50,000 to develop and implement drinking water service line inventories at the Town's drinking water system. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2024. **100% Federal Funds**

#95 Authorized to award a Strategic Planning grant to the Two Rivers Mobile Home Community Cooperative, Inc., Campton, NH, totaling \$50,000 to improve public water system sustainability. Effective upon G&C approval through June 1, 2025. **100% Federal Funds**

#96 Authorized to amend a Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan agreement with the Town of Exeter, NH (originally approved by G&C on 1/22/21, Item #104), to increase funding by \$3,500,000 from \$1,600,000 to \$5,100,000, to fund ongoing construction of the Squamscott River Sewer Siphon and Webster Avenue Pump Station Rehabilitation Design project, under the provisions of RSA 486:14 and NH Code of Admin Rules Env-Wq 500 et seq. Effective upon G&C approval. **83% Federal Funds, 17% Capital (Other) Funds**

#97 Authorized to enter into grant agreements with the Towns of Atkinson and Derry totaling \$16,038 to fund Household Hazard Waste collection projects. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2025. **100% Hazardous Waste Funds**

#98 Authorized to award a grant to the City of Claremont, NH in the amount not to exceed \$1,518,000 for drinking water system improvements. Effective upon G&C approval through June 1, 2025. **23% Federal Funds, 77% Drinking Water & Groundwater Trust Fund.** (2) Further authorized a loan agreement with the City of Claremont, NH in the amount not to exceed \$2,150,000 to finance drinking water system improvements under the provisions of RSA 486:14 and NH Code of Admin Rules Env-Wq 1100 et seq. Effective upon G&C approval. **87.34% Federal Funds, 12.66% General Funds**

#99 Authorized to award a grant to Abenaki Water Co., Inc., Plainville, CT, in the amount not to exceed \$280,000 for water system improvements in Carroll, NH under the provisions of RSA 485:F. Effective upon G&C approval though October 31, 2025. (2) Further authorized a loan agreement Abenaki Water Co., Inc., Plainville, CT, in the amount not to exceed \$2,520,000 to finance water system improvements in Carroll, NH under the provisions of RSA 485:F and NH Code of Administrative Rules Env-Dw 1300 et seq. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund**

#100 Authorized to award an ARPA grant and a Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund grant to the Greystone Commons Condominium Association, Lee, NH in the amount not to exceed \$349,230 for drinking water system improvements. Effective upon G&C approval through December 1, 2025. **43% Federal Funds, 57% Drinking Water & Groundwater Trust Fund.** (2) Further authorized a loan agreement with Greystone Commons Condominium Association, Lee, NH in the amount not to exceed \$596,520 to finance drinking water system improvements under the provisions of RSA 486:14 and NH Code of Admin Rules Env-Wq 1100 et seq. Effective upon G&C approval. **87.34% Federal Funds, 12.66% General Funds**

#101 Authorized to award a grant to the Town of Northumberland, NH in the amount not to exceed \$2,495,800 for drinking water system improvements. Effective upon G&C approval through December 1, 2025. **40% Federal Funds, 60% Drinking Water & Groundwater Trust Fund.** (2) Further authorized a loan agreement with the Town of Northumberland, NH in the amount not to exceed \$880,200 to finance drinking water system improvements under the provisions of RSA 486:14 and NH Code of Admin Rules Env-Wq 1100 et seq. Effective upon G&C approval. **87.34% Federal Funds, 12.66% General Funds**

#102 Authorized Lone Star LLC's request to perform work on Sagamore Creek in Rye, NH.

#103 Authorized NHDOT's request to perform work on Hampton Harbor in Seabrook and Hampton, NH.

#104 Authorized Aurelie P/Thomas c Teebagy's request to perform work on Lake Winnepesaukee in Meredith, NH.

#105 Authorized USAF Logistics Engineering And Force Protection's request (originally approved by G&C on 12/19/18, Item #53) for a five-year time extension to perform work on Piscataqua River in Newington, NH.

#### **NEW HAMPSHIRE VETERANS HOME**

#106 The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Kenney, seconded by Councilor Stevens authorized to enter into a contract with CK Landmark Construction Corp., Concord, NH, in the amount of \$29,500 to provide a walking path around our Wildlife Pond that is located on the grounds of the Home. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2024. **100% Other Funds**

#### **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

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

#107 Authorized the Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) to purchase accommodation equipment and technology for a VR Counselor, in an amount not to exceed \$4,522, to accomplish essential functions of the job. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds**

#108 Authorized the Bureau of Adult Education to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the NH Department of Corrections, NH State Prison, Concord, NH in an amount not to exceed \$232,696.27 to provide an adult education and literacy program as defined under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2026. **30% Federal Funds, 70% General Funds**

#109 Authorized the Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) to enter into a **retroactive** contract with Northeast Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services, Inc., Concord, NH, in an amount not to exceed \$227,755.61, to provide Independent Living, Part B services. Effective upon G&C approval for the period of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2027. **100% Federal Funds**

#### **NEW HAMPSHIRE LOTTERY**

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

#110 Authorized to enter into a **sole source** contract with Scott's Integrity Automotive, Inc., Concord, NH, in the amount of \$75,000, for automotive repair and preventative maintenance services. Effective upon G&C approval for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025. **100% Lottery Funds**

#111 Authorized to amend a contract with GYK Antler, Manchester, NH (originally approved by G&C on 5/18/22, Item #93), for the advertising and promotion of state lottery games by increasing the price limitation by \$1,400,000 from \$8,025,000 to \$9,425,000. This amendment is considered **sole source** as it exceeds 10% of the original contract price. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2025. **100% Lottery Funds**

## DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY

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

#112 Authorized the Office of the Commissioner to accept and expend Non-Profit Security Grant Program funds from the US Department of Homeland Security in the amount of \$850,000 to equip eligible nonprofit entities with physical and cybersecurity enhancements. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2025. **100% Federal Funds. Contingent upon Fiscal Committee approval on October 19, 2023.**

#113 Authorized the Division of State Police to transfer funds and establish a new expenditure class code within SP Federal Grants, as detailed in the letter dated October 2, 2023, in the amount of \$637,323. This transfer is necessary to align appropriations with the approved federal grant award. Effective upon G&C approval through March 31, 2024. **100% Federal Funds. Contingent upon Fiscal Committee approval on October 19, 2023.**

#114 Authorized the Division of Administration to **retroactively** pay an invoice dated October 31, 2022, in the amount of \$11,453.23 to Bumper to Bumper Autobody, Bow, NH, for EQ219 repair services. Effective upon G&C approval. **34% General Funds, 41% Highway Funds, 25% Turnpike Funds**

#115 Authorized the Division of State Police to make a one-time **retroactive** payment to former State Police Major Mark B. Hall in the amount of \$2,216.53 for work performed at an incorrect hourly rate from the period of December 30, 2022 through September 7, 2023. Effective upon G&C approval. **41% Highway Funds, 34% General Funds, 25% Turnpike Funds**

#116 Authorized the Division of State Police to make a one-time **retroactive** payment to former State Police Major Chad S. Lavoie in the amount of \$1,564.21 for work performed at an incorrect hourly rate from the period of September 9, 2022 through September 7, 2023. Effective upon G&C approval. **41% Highway Funds, 34% General Funds, 25% Turnpike Funds**

#117 Authorized the Division of State Police to make a one-time **retroactive** payment to former State Police Major Matthew S. Shapiro in the amount of \$2,590.92 for work performed at an incorrect hourly rate from the period of September 8, 2021 through September 7, 2023. Effective upon G&C approval. **41% Highway Funds, 34% General Funds, 25% Turnpike Funds**

#118 Authorized the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to enter into a grant agreement with the Town of Rumney, NH, in an amount of \$4,000 to update the community's Local Emergency Operation Plan. Effective upon G&C approval through August 31, 2024. **100% Federal Funds**

#119 Authorized the Division of Motor Vehicles to enter into a **sole source** contract amendment with Thales DIS USA, Inc. (originally approved by G&C on 6/10/15, Item #111), by increasing the price limitation by \$884,333 from \$6,552,000 to \$7,436,333 for the production of driver licenses and to extend the end date from December 31, 2023 to December 31, 2024. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2024. **100% Agency Income**

## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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

#120 Authorized to grant an annual salary increment to Amy Van Auken, Victim/Witness Specialist, from a salary level of \$80,824 to a new salary level of \$85,514. Effective upon G&C approval, or October 20, 2023, whichever is later.

#121 Authorized to grant an annual salary increment to Sunniva (Sunny) Mulligan Shea, Victim/Witness Specialist, from a salary level of \$85,514 to a new salary level of \$90,176. Effective upon G&C approval, or October 20, 2023, whichever is later.

#122 Authorized to grant an annual salary increment to Bianca L. Yaksic (Monroe), Victim/Witness Specialist, from a salary level of \$85,514 to a new salary level of \$90,176. Effective upon G&C approval, or October 20, 2023, whichever is later.

## DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

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

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

#124 Authorized to enter into a contract with International Consulting Acquisition Corp. d/b/a ISG Public Sector, Stamford, CT in an amount up to and not to exceed \$1,557,000 for Independent Verification & Validation Services of Enterprise Resource Planning Implementation Services. Effective upon G&C approval through October 31, 2025, with the option to extend for up to six additional months. **100% General Funds**

#125 Authorized to enter into a contract with Haworth, Inc., Chicago, IL, in an amount up to and not to exceed \$4,410,779.38 for office furniture and related services through a participating agreement with the National Association of State Procurement Officials Value Point. Effective upon G&C approval through January 21, 2028.

#126 Authorized to enter into a contract with MillerKnoll, Inc., Chicago, IL, in an amount up to and not to exceed \$1,464,108.65 for office furniture and related services through a participating agreement with the National Association of State Procurement Officials Value Point. Effective upon G&C approval through January 21, 2028.

#127 Authorized to enter into a contract with Dell Marketing L.P., Round Rock, TX in an amount up to and not to exceed \$8,693,071 for computer equipment, peripherals & related services through a Participating Agreement with the National Association of State Procurement Officials Value Point Master Agreement. Effective upon G&C approval for the period November 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025.

#128 Authorized to enter into a contract with Cousineau Forest Products, Inc., Henniker, NH, in an amount up to and not to exceed \$1,494,000 for bulk supply and delivery of wood chips. Effective upon G&C approval for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2028, with the option to extend for up to an additional two years.

#129 Authorized to enter into a contract with Southworth-Milton, Inc., d/b/a Milton Cat, Milford, MA in the amount up to and not to exceed \$1,280,400 for generator rental services. Effective upon G&C approval through July 31, 2026, with the option to extend up to an additional two years.

#130 Authorized to enter into a contract with Presby Steel, LLC, Berlin, NH, in an amount up to and not to exceed \$1,154,541.25 for miscellaneous hot and cold rolled steel in less than milled quantities. Effective upon G&C approval for the period December 1, 2023 through November 30, 2028, with the option to renew for an additional two-year period.

#131 Authorized to enter into a contract with Accurate Tree Service, LLC, Hooksett, NH, in an amount up to and not to exceed \$376,000 for tree pruning, removal and stump grinding. Effective upon G&C approval for the period December 1, 2023 through November 30, 2028, with the option to renew for an additional two-year period.

#132 Authorized to enter into a contract with Northern Tree Service, LLC, Palmer, MA, in an amount up to and not to exceed \$873,125 for tree pruning, removal and stump grinding. Effective upon G&C approval for the period December 1, 2023 through November 30, 2028, with the option to renew for an additional two-year period.

#133 Authorized to enter into an amendment to an existing contract with Waste Management of New Hampshire, Inc., Foxboro, MA, for recycling collection services by adding one new location and by increasing the price limitation by \$3,432 from \$411,800 to an amount up to and not to exceed \$415,232 with no change to the completion date. Effective upon G&C approval through April 30, 2025.

#134 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 \$394,248 for REBID-Transitional Work Center Bathroom Replacement, Concord, NH. (2) Further authorized a contingency in the amount of \$7,421 for unanticipated site expenses, bringing the total to \$401,669. (3) Further authorized a payment of \$13,000 to the Department of Administrative Services, Division of Public Works Design and Construction, for engineering services provided, bringing the total amount to \$414,669. Effective upon G&C approval through April 5, 2024. **100% Capital Funds**

#135 Authorized, on behalf of the Veterans Home and the Department of Health and Human Services, to increase the salaries of the unclassified employees, as detailed in the letter dated October 4, 2023, to establish a \$1,000 differential above a subordinate classified employee. Effective the first day of the pay period following approval of the G&C.

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**ITEM REMOVED FROM THE TABLE AND FAILED**

On September 20, 2023 :

The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Wheeler, seconded by Councilor Kenney, voted to **table** Item #22 below.

On October 4, 2023 :

The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Kenney, seconded by Councilor Stevens, voted to remove item #22 from the table. Then the Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Kenney, seconded by Councilor Stevens voted to adopt the item for the purpose of discussion. Following discussion, the Governor and Council on motion of Kenney, seconded by Councilor Wheeler, and with Councilor Stevens voting **no**, voted to retable item #22 below.

On October 18, 2023 :

The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Wheeler, seconded by Councilor Gatsas, voted to remove previously tabled item #22 from the table. Then, the Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Gatsas, seconded by Councilor Stevens voted to adopt the item for the purpose of discussion. Following discussion, when asked who would be in favor of voting down previously tabled item #22, Councilors Kenney, Warmington, Gatsas, and Wheeler voted yes; Councilor Stevens voted no. Further, when asked if anyone would be in favor of moving forward with previously tabled item #22, Councilor Stevens voted yes; Councilors Kenney, Warmington, Gatsas, and Wheeler voted no. Therefore, previously tabled item #22 below was **voted down**.

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
Division of Long Term Supports and Services**

#22 **VOTED DOWN** - Authorize 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**

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**LATE ITEM**

**NEW HAMPSHIRE COMMISSION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS**

#A The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Wheeler, seconded by Councilor Stevens authorized the Commission for Human Rights, to enter into a **sole source** lease agreement with Gerald P. McCarthy Properties, West Wareham, MA in an amount not to exceed \$758,744 for 9,600 square feet of office space located at 57 Regional Dr., Suite #8, Concord, NH. Effective upon G&C approval for the period of November 1, 2023 through October 31, 2028. **85% General Funds, 15% Federal Funds.**

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The next regular Governor and Executive Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday November 8, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at the State House, Concord, NH.

The Honorable Board then adjourned at 12:07 p.m.