

GOVERNOR AND EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MINUTES
The Rocks, Bethlehem, NH
July 24, 2024, 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:

- Bethlehem Chief of Fire & Emergency Management Jack Anderson led the Pledge of Allegiance
- Performance: Ashley Jane's Hootenanny of Bethlehem
 - Joined by: Ashley Jane, Steve Wright, Brian Warwick & Chris Cruger
- Commendation: Town of Bethlehem's 250th Anniversary
 - Joined by:
 - Mike Bruno – Chair of the Bethlehem Select Board
 - Clare Brown – President of the Bethlehem Historical Society
 - Linda Moore – Board Member of the Bethlehem Historical Society
 - Dawn Ferringo – Member of the 250th Committee
 - Pam Sullivan – Sullivan Creative / Member of the 250th Committee
- Commendation: North Haverhill Fair
 - Joined by: North Haverhill Fair Association
 - David Lackie (President)
 - John Aldrich (Vice President)

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The Governor and Executive Council on motion of Councilor Warmington, seconded by Councilor Kenney, voted to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2024 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 July 10, 2024 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:

Board of Psychologists – RSA 329-B:3
Tonya F. Warren, Plymouth

Effective: July 24, 2024

Higher Education Commission – RSA 21-N:8-a
Kim M. Mooney, Keene

Effective: July 24, 2024

Volunteer New Hampshire Board of Directors – RSA 19-H
Joanne Randall, Epsom

Effective: July 24, 2024

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CONFIRMATIONS

The Governor and Council confirmed the following:

Board of Barbering, Cosmetology, and Esthetics – RSA 313-A
(Barber)

Breanna D. Neal, Laconia
Succeeding: Joshua Craggy, Concord

Effective: July 24, 2024
Term: July 1, 2026

Board of Dental Examiners – RSA 317-A:2
(Dentist)

Roger A. Achong, Concord
Reappointment

Effective: July 24, 2024
Term: July 26, 2029

Deputy Commissioner, Department of Health and Human Services – RSA 126-A:7

Morissa S. Henn, Concord
Reappointment

Effective: July 24, 2024
Term: August 18, 2028

New Hampshire Municipal Bond Bank – RSA 35-A
(Public Finance)

Adam Denoncour, Dunbarton
Succeeding: James P. Gerry, Bedford (resigned)

Effective: October 1, 2024
Term: July 1, 2027

State Board of Fire Control – RSA 153:2
(Forest Fire Warden)

Daniel Defosses, Campton
Reappointment

Effective: July 24, 2024
Term: September 27, 2029

Water Council – RSA 21-O:7
(Public Member)

(Chair)
John W. Farrell, Londonderry
Succeeding: John A. Gilbert, Concord

Effective: July 24, 2024
Term: December 27, 2026

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NOMINATIONS

The following nominations were submitted:

Air Resources Council – RSA 21-O:11
(General Public)

J. Ryan Bielagus, Moultonborough
Reappointment

Effective: Upon Confirmation
Term: December 6, 2027

Air Resources Council – RSA 21-O:11
(Recreation)

Kris Nils Blomback, Henniker
Reappointment

Effective: Upon Confirmation
Term: October 24, 2027

Air Resources Council – RSA 21-O:11
(Fuel Oils Industry)

Jason R. Leduc, Portsmouth
Reappointment

Effective: Upon Confirmation
Term: September 6, 2027

Air Resources Council – RSA 21-O:11
(Natural Gas Industry)

Alec O’Meara, Exeter
Succeeding: Mark Lambert, Bedford

Effective: Upon Confirmation
Term: October 4, 2027

<u>Board of Physical Therapists</u> – RSA 328:F:4 (Physical Therapist) Jennifer A. Carrier, Gilford Reappointment	Effective: Upon Confirmation Term: January 8, 2027
<u>Board of Physical Therapists</u> – RSA 328:F:4 (Physical Therapist) Nicole Lavoie, Nashua Reappointment	Effective: Upon Confirmation Term: January 8, 2026
<u>Commissioner, Department of Revenue Administration</u> – RSA 21-J Lindsey M. Stepp, Holderness Reappointment	Effective: Upon Confirmation Term: September 1, 2028
<u>Director of Nursing, Department of Corrections</u> – RSA 21-H:6 Tiffany Crowell, Concord Succeeding: Ryan K. Landry, Tilton	Effective: Upon Confirmation Term: Commissioner’s Pleasure
<u>Enhanced 911 Commission</u> – RSA 106-H (Rep. of the Professional Firefighters of NH) Cassandra Leavitt, Hampton Succeeding: Amanda Cormier, Hudson (resigned)	Effective: Upon Confirmation Term: September 16, 2026
<u>Enhanced 911 Commission</u> – RSA 106-H (Rep. Mobile Telecommunications Carriers Industry) Patrick Robinson, Manchester Reappointment	Effective: Upon Confirmation Term: March 8, 2027
<u>Enhanced 911 Commission</u> – RSA 106-H (Nom N.H. Municipal Association) David Stack, Concord Reappointment	Effective: Upon Confirmation Term: August 12, 2026
<u>Executive Director, Fish and Game Department</u> – RSA 206:8, I Stephanie L. Simek, Olympia, WA Succeeding: Scott R. Mason, Stratford	Effective: Upon Confirmation Term: August 5, 2028
<u>Justice, New Hampshire Superior Court</u> – RSA 491:1 Rudolph W. Ogden III, Hooksett	Effective: Upon Confirmation Term: Until 70 years of age
<u>New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission</u> – RSA 484:19 Thomas P. Ballestero, Madbury Reappointment	Effective: Upon Confirmation Term: September 30, 2027
<u>New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission</u> – RSA 484:19 Frederick J. McNeill, Manchester Reappointment	Effective: Upon Confirmation Term: August 12, 2027
<u>New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission</u> – RSA 484:19 Marco Philippon, Concord Reappointment	Effective: Upon Confirmation Term: September 30, 2027
<u>New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission</u> – RSA 484:19 Robert W. Varney, Bow Reappointment	Effective: Upon Confirmation Term: September 30, 2027
<u>New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Authority, Board of Directors</u> – RSA 227-M:4 (Cultural and Historical Resource Interests) Erin Hammerstedt, Harrisville Succeeding: F. Colin Cabot, Loudon	Effective: September 7, 2024 Term: September 6, 2028

New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Authority, Board of Directors – RSA 227-M:4
(Cultural and Historical Resource Interests)
Rodney Rowland, New Castle
Succeeding: Amanda Merrill, Durham
Effective: September 7, 2024
Term: September 6, 2028

New Hampshire Veterans Home Board of Managers – RSA 119:2
(Female Resident)
Diana D. Brown, Tilton
Succeeding: Elaine K. Baker, Tilton
Effective: Upon Confirmation

Oil Fund Disbursement Board – RSA 146-D:4
(Petroleum Refiners)
Thomas J. Frawley, Lyme
Reappointment
Effective: Upon Confirmation
Term: January 1, 2027

Oil Fund Disbursement Board – RSA 146-D:4
(Petroleum Distributor)
Daniel S. Freihofer, Lyme
Reappointment
Effective: Upon Confirmation
Term: January 1, 2027

Oil Fund Disbursement Board – RSA 146-D:4
(Petroleum Dealer)
Thomas Klemm, Jr., Pelham
Reappointment
Effective: Upon Confirmation
Term: January 1, 2025

Oil Fund Disbursement Board – RSA 146-D:4
(Public Member)
Kevin A. Sheppard, Manchester
Reappointment
Effective: Upon Confirmation
Term: January 1, 2027

Pharmacy Investigator, Office of Professional Licensure and Certification – RSA 310:3,III
Lindsey Laliberte, Hooksett
Succeeding: James H. Queenan, Hampton
Salary: LG BB \$120,000
Effective: Upon Confirmation
Term: Exec Director’s pleasure

Wetlands Council – RSA 21-O:5-a
(Elected Municipal Official)
(Nominated by the Municipal Association)
Gretchen A. Young, Dover
Reappointment
Effective: Upon Confirmation
Term: January 3, 2027

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CONSENT CALENDAR AGENDA

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

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

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

- A. Authorized to enter Thomas Grinley into an educational tuition agreement with Walden University, Baltimore, MD, to participate in Capstone, from August 26, 2024 to November 10, 2024 and to pay costs in an amount of \$2,850. **20% Federal Funds, 80% General Funds**

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- B. Authorized to enter William Humphrey into an educational tuition agreement with Boise State University, Boise, ID, to participate in Instructional Design, from August 19, 2024 to December 6, 2024 and to pay costs in an amount of \$2,200. **20% Federal Funds, 80% General Funds**

LIQUOR COMMISSION

- C. Authorized to pay the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., Gainesville, VA, the amount of \$4,065, for Fiscal Year 2025 membership dues. Effective upon G&C approval for the period of August 1, 2024 through July 31, 2025. **100% Liquor Funds**

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

#3 **MOP 150, I, B (3): Reports and Findings** - NONE

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

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS AND VETERANS SERVICES

- A. Authorized the confirmation of MAJ Joseph A. Ebner, Plymouth, NH, for appointment of the rank of Major, in the NH Army National Guard.

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- B. Authorized the confirmation of Darick W. Krause, Buxton, ME, for appointment of the rank of Major, in the NH Army National Guard.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

- C. Authorized to appoint Jennifer L. Boucher, as a Criminal Justice Investigator, at a salary level of \$79,144. Effective upon G&C approval, or July 26, 2024, whichever is later, with a term ending July 1, 2026.

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

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Division of Long Term Supports and Services

- A. Authorized to amend an existing contract with Lamprey Health Care, Inc., Newmarket, NH (originally approved by G&C on 9/21/22, Item #27), to change the scope of services by removing the Powerful Tools for Caregivers program and adding the Walk with Ease program, with no change to the price limitation of \$330,922, and no change to the contract completion date of September 30, 2025. Effective upon G&C approval.

FISH AND GAME DEPARTMENT

- B. Authorized to enter into a wildlife habitat improvement agreement with Flint Farm, LLC for the management of 23.5 acres of agricultural land on the Bofinger Wildlife Management Area in the Town of Milan, NH. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2034. No funding is involved.

FISH AND GAME DEPARTMENT

- C. Authorized to amend an existing **sole source** grant agreement with the Wells National Estuarine Research Management Authority, Wells, ME (originally approved by G&C on 3/9/22, Item#56), by extending the completion date from August 31, 2024 to August 31, 2025, with no change to the price limitation of \$67,230, to work with NHFG on research to better understand population dynamics of juvenile lobster. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds**

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REGULAR AGENDA

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Division for Behavioral Health

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

#6 Authorized to enter into a **sole source** amendment to an existing contract with Brain Injury Association of New Hampshire, Concord, NH (originally approved by G&C on 4/20/22, Item #20), to continue raising awareness of the connection between brain injury and substance use disorder, by exercising a contract renewal option with no change to the price limitation of \$200,000 and extending the completion date from June 30, 2024 to June 30, 2025. Effective **retroactive** to July 1, 2024, upon G&C approval.

#7 Authorized to enter into a **sole source** amendment to an existing contract with Cross Roads House, Inc., Portsmouth, NH (originally approved by G&C on 7/19/23, Item #17), to add funding for the continued provision of a housing services continuum of care project, by increasing the price limitation by \$45,228 from \$1,647,712 to \$1,692,940 with no change to the contract completion date of July 31, 2027. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds**

Division of Public Health Services

#8 The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Warmington, seconded by Councilor Stevens authorized to enter into a contract with Health Management Associates, Inc., Okemos, MI, in the amount of \$459,297, to provide targeted services for thirteen Critical Access Hospitals to identify population health needs in their service area and provide technical assistance. Effective upon G&C approval through May 31, 2027, with the option to renew for up to two additional years. **100% Federal Funds**

Division of Medicaid Services

#9 The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Stevens, seconded by Councilor Warmington authorized to **retroactively** pay the National Association of Medicaid Directors, Washington, DC, in the amount of \$10,018, for annual membership dues. Effective July 1, 2024, upon G&C approval, whichever is later, for the period from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. **50% Federal Funds, 50% General Funds**

#10 Authorized to enter into a **sole source** amendment to an existing contract amendment to its existing Cooperative Project Agreement with University of New Hampshire, Institute for Health Policy and Practice, Durham, NH (originally approved by G&C on 6/21/17, Item #11), for UNH to continue to provide the Department with technology infrastructure, expertise, technical assistance, and support for certain core Department Medicaid functions and deliverables, by increasing the price limitation by \$845,790 from \$8,486,126 to \$9,331,916 and by extending the expiration date from July 31, 2024 to June 30, 2026. Effective August 1, 2024, upon G&C approval. **76% Federal Funds, 24% General Funds**

Glenciff Home

#11 The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Warmington, seconded by Councilor Kenney authorized to enter into a **sole source** amendment to an existing contract with Denise Stuart, Plymouth, NH (originally approved by G&C on 10/19/22, Item #19), for the continued provision of dental hygienist services at Glenciff Home, by exercising a contract renewal option by increasing the price limitation by \$7,500 from \$15,000 to \$22,500 and extending the completion date from September 30, 2024 to September 30, 2025. Effective October 1, 2024, upon G&C approval. **32% General Funds, 68% Other Funds (Agency Income)**

Hampstead Hospital & Residential Treatment Facility

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

#12 Authorized, with Councilor Kenney voting **no**, to enter into a **retroactive sole source** contract with Healthcare Services Group, Inc., Bensalem, PA, in the amount of \$887,000, for the provision of housekeeping and laundry services at Hampstead Hospital. Effective **retroactively** to July 1, 2024, upon G&C approval through June 30, 2026, with the option to renew for up to three additional years. **33.33% General Funds, 66.67% Other Funds (Agency Income)**

#13 Authorized to enter into a **retroactive sole source** contract with Unidine Corporation, Boston, MA, in the amount of \$2,300,804, for dietary services, including preparation and service of meals at Hampstead Hospital and Residential Treatment Facility. Effective **retroactively** to July 1, 2024, upon G&C approval through June 30, 2026, with the option to renew for up to three additional years. **33.33% General Funds, 66.67% Other Funds (Agency Income Funds)**

#14 Authorized to enter into a **sole source** amendment to an existing contract with UpReach Therapeutic Equestrian Center, Inc., Goffstown, NH (originally approved by G&C on 6/23/23), to add mobile Equine Assisted Services for patients at Hampstead Hospital and Residential Treatment Facility, by increasing the price limitation by \$16,608 from \$20,204 to \$36,812 with no change to the contract completion date of June 30, 2025. Effective upon G&C approval. **33.33% General Funds, 66.67% Other Funds (Agency Income Funds)**

Division of Long Term Supports and Services

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

#15 Authorized to enter into a **sole source** contract with Area Agency of Greater Nashua, Inc., Nashua, NH, in the amount of \$400,000, inclusive of a shared price limitation of \$160,000, for the provision of community-based health care coordination for children with special healthcare needs, birth to twenty-one years of age, and their families. Effective **retroactive** to July 1, 2024, upon G&C approval through June 30, 2026, with the option to renew for up to two additional years. **50.26% Federal Funds, 49.74% General Funds**

#16 Authorized to enter into amendments to existing grant agreements with the Grantees as detailed in the letter dated July 10, 2024 (originally approved by G&C on 3/13/24), to allow grantees to be reimbursed for costs to implement Electronic Visit Verification incurred from February 1, 2023, and extend the completion date from June 30, 2024 to March 31, 2025, with no change to the price limitation of \$330,712. Effective **retroactive** to February 1, 2023, upon G&C approval.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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

#17 Authorized the Bureau of Right-of-Way to pay property owners \$1,012,400 as documented in the Contemplated Awards list, for amounts greater than \$5,000, for the period extending from June 1, 2024 through June 12, 2024. Effective upon G&C approval.

#18 Authorized the Bureau of Right-of-Way to pay property owners \$56,800 as documented in the Contemplated Awards list, for amounts greater than \$5,000, for the period extending from June 13, 2024 through June 24, 2024. Effective upon G&C approval.

#19 Authorized the Bureau of Environment to sell the currently dismantled Flying Yankee Train, a diesel-electric powered, three-car train, manufactured by Edward G. Budd Manufacturing Company, to The Flying Yankee Restoration Group, d/b/a The Flying Yankee Association, Nashua, NH, for nominal consideration of \$1.00. Effective upon G&C approval.

#20 Authorized the Bureau of Right-of-Way to enter into a **sole source** agreement with Maine Technical Source, Inc., Yarmouth, ME, in the amount of \$40,540.59, for the purpose of purchasing a Global Navigation Satellite System unit, data collectors, and the software licenses and peripheral equipment for the use of the instruments in the field, as detailed in the letter dated July 3, 2024. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2025. **100% Highway Funds**

#21 Authorized the Bureau of Bridge Design to enter into an Agreement with Hardesty & Hanover, LLC, Bedford, NH, for an amount not to exceed \$750,000, for on-call complex and routine bridge inspection and load rating services for various transportation projects located throughout the State. Effective upon G&C approval through May 31, 2027.

#22 Authorized the Bureau of Environment to enter into an Agreement with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., Auburn, NH, for an amount not to exceed \$250,000, to provide on-call underwater bridge inspection services for various structures located throughout the State. Effective upon G&C approval, with the option to renew for one year.

#23 **TABLED** - The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Wheeler, seconded by Councilor Stevens, voted to **table** the request of the Bureau of Highway Maintenance to enter into a rental agreement with United Rentals (North America), Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$298,710, based on a rental agreement for two 60' x 12' insulated mobile office trailers, each with restroom, in Twin Mountain, NH. Effective upon G&C approval through July 31, 2027. **100% Highway Funds**

#24 Authorized the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with L & D Safety Marking Corp., Barre, VT, on the basis of a single bid of \$265,150, for installation of rumble strips, along US Rt 2 from MP 11.9 in Jefferson, NH to MP 35.4 in Shelburne, NH. (2) Further authorized a contingency in the amount of \$13,257.50, for payment of latent conditions, which may appear during the construction of the project. Effective upon G&C approval through September 27, 2024. **100% Federal Funds**

#25 Authorized the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with Roadsafe Traffic Systems, Inc., Avon, MA, on the basis of a low bid of \$1,349,140, for removal and replacement of four Dynamic Message Signs within the Turnpikes system. (2) Further authorized a contingency in the amount of \$40,474.20 for payment of latent conditions, which may appear during the construction of the project. Effective upon G&C approval through September 26, 2025. **100% Turnpike Funds**

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

DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

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

#26 Authorized to enter into a **sole source** Cooperative Project Agreement with University of New Hampshire, University System of New Hampshire, Durham, NH, in the amount not to exceed \$117,000, for the purpose of providing Wide Area Network backup internet services. Effective **retroactive** to July 1, 2024, upon G&C approval through June 30, 2027. **Statewide Telecommunications Revolving Funds**

#27 Authorized, on behalf of the New Hampshire Liquor Commission, to amend an existing **sole source** contract with Essential Enterprise Solutions, Inc., Mechanicsburg, PA (originally approved by G&C on 7/31/19, Item #50), by increasing the price limitation by \$632,450.33 from \$2,255,742.62 to \$2,888,192.95 for the purpose of expanding the Agreement's scope to include support for additional hardware within the NHLC's retail stores and extending the contract completion date from July 31, 2024 to July 31, 2025. Effective upon G&C approval. **92% Liquor Funds, 8% Class 027 Funds: Agency Class 027 by the NHLC to reimburse DoIT's is 100% Liquor Funds, NHLC funding is 100% Liquor Funds**

STATE TREASURY

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

#28 Authorized, as Trustee of the New Hampshire Higher Education Savings Plan Trust, to amend the documents relating to the New Hampshire College Tuition Savings Plan, as detailed in the letter dated July 10, 2024. Effective August 1, 2024, upon G&C approval.

#29 Authorized, with Councilors Gatsas and Wheeler voting **no**, to enter into a **sole source** contract with Kelmar Associates, LLC, Wakefield, MA (originally approved by G&C on 4/23/14, Item #15), in the amount not to exceed \$3,247,741 for the administration and ongoing support of a hosted software as a service unclaimed property solutions, supporting the State Treasury's abandoned property operations. Effective upon G&C approval for the period August 25, 2024 through August 24, 2034.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY

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

#30 Authorized, under the Community Development Block Grant program, to award a grant to the City of Claremont, NH, in the amount of \$25,000, on behalf of Turning Points Network, to support its planning study at the property situated at 227 Broad Street, Claremont, NH. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2025. **100% Federal Funds**

#31 Authorized, under the Community Development Block Grant program, to award a grant to the Town of Northumberland, NH, in the amount of \$500,000, to support its water and sewer system improvement project at the Brookview Cooperative Mobile Home Park, Inc. situated at 16 Marietta Lane, Northumberland, NH. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2025. **100% Federal Funds**

#32 Authorized, under the Community Development Block Grant program, to amend a grant to the County of Grafton, Haverhill, NH (originally approved by G&C on 7/19/23), by increasing the original amount by \$267,000 from \$267,000 to a total of \$534,000, and extending the original completion date from June 30, 2024 to June 30, 2025, on behalf of the New Hampshire Alliance of Regional Development Corporations to provide technical assistance to businesses throughout the State of New Hampshire. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2025. **100% Federal Funds**

#33 Authorized, under the Community Development Block Grant program, to amend a grant to the County of Grafton, North Haverhill, NH (originally approved by G&C on 7/19/23, Item #36), by increasing the grant amount by \$747,615 from \$747,615 to a total of \$1,495,230 and by extending the completion date from December 31, 2024 to December 31, 2025, for the purpose of assisting five organizations provide microenterprise training and technical assistance, direct grants and down payment assistance, and lending capital to micro businesses. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2025. **100% Federal Funds**

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

#34 **TABLED** - The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Gatsas, seconded by Councilor Warmington voted to adopt this item for discussion. Following discussion, the Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Gatsas, seconded by Councilor Wheeler voted to **table**, with Councilor Warmington voting **no**, the request to enter into a **sole source** purchase with Axon Enterprise, Inc., Scottsdale, AZ, in the amount of \$1,967,574.89, for the purchase of Axon Taser 10 Energy Weapons. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% General Funds**

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

#35 The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Gatsas, seconded by Councilor Stevens authorized to enter into a contract with Daymark Energy Advisors, Inc, Worcester, MA, in an amount not to exceed \$360,000, for rate case consultant services related to rate cases before the PUC. Effective upon G&C approval through July 24, 2026, with the option to extend by two additional years. **100% Other Funds (Special Utility Assessment)**

FISH AND GAME DEPARTMENT

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

#36 Authorized to **retroactively** pay the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, Washington, DC, in the amount of \$28,760, for Fiscal Year 2025 annual assessment as per RSA 213:1 Article XI. Effective July 1, 2024, upon G&C approval through June 30, 2025. **100% Fish and Game Funds**

#37 Authorized to make payments to Events New England LLC, Manchester, NH, in the amount of \$5,473.87, to provide tents, tables and chairs for the Annual Hunter Education Volunteer Instructor Recognition Banquet and Training. Effective **retroactive** to June 1, 2024, upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds**

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL & CULTURAL RESOURCES

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

#38 Authorized a salary increment for the Director of the Arts, Ms. Adele Bauman, in the amount of \$4,755, from the current salary of \$87,225 to a new salary of \$91,980. Effective August 25, 2024, upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds**

#39 Authorized the Division of Forests and Lands to exercise a **retroactive** contract renewal option with Sovereign Sportsman Solution, LLC, Kansas City, MO (originally approved by G&C on 8/26/20, Item #54), for an Online Fire Permit System by extending the completion date from June 30, 2024 to June 30, 2028. Effective upon G&C approval. No State Funds Required.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

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

#40 Authorized to **retroactively** pay membership dues to the Coastal States Organization, Washington, DC, in the amount of \$8,801. Effective July 1, 2024, upon G&C approval, through June 30, 2025. **100% Federal Funds**

#41 Authorized to **retroactively** pay the Northeast Environmental Enforcement Project, Hillard, OH, in the amount of \$4,000, for Fiscal Year 2025 membership dues. Effective July 1, 2024, upon G&C approval through June 30, 2025. **37.5% Federal Funds, 62.5% Hazardous Waste Funds**

#42 Authorized to make **retroactive unencumbered sole source** prior year payment of an invoice for \$6,810.50, from Rowell's Services, LLC, Northfield, NH, for emergency response measures in Gilford, NH. **100% WRBP Funds**

#43 Authorized to award a grant to the Town of Hopkinton, 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, 2026. **90% Federal Funds, 10% Other Funds**

#44 Authorized to award a grant to the Town of Meredith, NH, in the amount not to exceed \$60,000, for the development and implementation of an Asset Management Program for the Town's stormwater system. Effective upon G&C approval through July 1, 2026. **90% Federal Funds, 10% Other Funds**

#45 Authorized to award a grant to the Town of Pelham, 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, 2026. **90% Federal Funds, 10% Other Funds**

#46 Authorized to award a grant to the Milford School District, Milford, NH, in the amount not to exceed \$60,000, lead remediation in drinking water in school under the provisions of RSA 485:F. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2025. **100% Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund**

#47 Authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the Town of Hillsborough, NH, totaling \$432,712, for partial funding of two plow trust replacements. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2026. **100% NH Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust Funds**

#48 Authorized to enter into a cooperative project agreement with the University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH, totaling \$40,037, for partial funding of six electric plug-in power pedestals for use by ocean-going diesel vessels to reduce idling while in port. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2025. **100% NH Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust Funds**

#49 Authorized to approve a Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan agreement with the Town of Henniker, NH, in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000, to finance the Wastewater Treatment Facility Supplemental Upgrade project under the provisions of RSA 486:14 and NH Code of Admin Rules Env-Wq et seq. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% CWSRF Repayment Funds**

#50 Authorized to approve a Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan agreement with the Town of Newmarket, NH, in an amount not to exceed \$1,750,000, to finance the Infiltration and Inflow Rehabilitation project under the provisions of RSA 486:14 and NH Code of Admin Rules Env-Wq et seq. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% CWSRF Repayment Funds**

#51 Authorized to award a grant to the Lakes Region Manufactured Housing Cooperative, Belmont, NH, in the amount not to exceed \$812,500, for water system improvements under the provisions of RSA 485:F. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2026. (2) Further authorized a loan agreement with the Lakes Region Manufactured Housing Cooperative, in the amount not to exceed \$812,500, to finance water system improvements under the provisions of RSA 485:F and NH Code of Admin Rules Env-DW 1300 et seq. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund**

#52 Authorized Ronald Hoehn's request to perform work on Big Island Pond in Derry, NH.

#53 Authorized Onaway Camp Trust's request to perform work on Newfound Lake in Hebron, NH.

#54 Authorized Winmiir Condominium Association's request to amend a Wetland Bureau Permit for work on Lake Winnepesaukee in Tuftonboro, NH (originally approved 9/18/19, Item #76).

#54A Authorized to enter into grant agreements with the entities as detailed in the letter dated June 20, 2024, totaling \$16,051, to fund Household Hazardous Waste collection projects. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2025. **100% Hazardous Waste Funds**

NEW HAMPSHIRE VETERANS HOME

#55 The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Kenney, seconded by Councilor Warmington authorized to enter into an amendment to an existing contract with CK Landmark Construction Corporation, Concord, NH (originally approved by G&C on 5/15/24, Item #127), for NHVH internal building sewer line repair by extending the completion date from June 30, 2024 to July 31, 2024, with no change to the price limitation of \$47,670. Effective **retroactive** to July 1, 2024, upon G&C approval.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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

#56 Authorized to enter into a contract with Acolad, Inc., New York, NY, in an amount not to exceed \$132,000, to provide transcription services and preparation of meeting minutes for hearings and various statewide board and commission meetings. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2029, with the option to renew for one five-year term. **57% General Funds, 43% Other**

#57 Authorized the Division of Learner Support, Bureau of Instructional Support to enter into a contract with Measurement Incorporated, Albany, NY, in the amount of \$217,409.87, to provide an annual Comprehensive Statewide Evaluation report for the Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers(21st CCLC) Office, 21st CCLC subgrantee technical assistance for evaluation, as well as subgrantee continuous improvement efforts to support data, metrics, and outcomes. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2027. **100% Federal Funds**

#58 Authorized the Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation to enter into a **sole source** contract with Sky's the Limit Communications, LLC, Hershey, PA, in an amount not to exceed \$726,951, to provide Pre-Employment Transition Services to students who are blind and vision-impaired. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2026. **100% Federal Funds**

#59 Authorized the Bureau of Special Education Support to enter into a **retroactive sole source** contract with The New Hampshire Association of Special Education Administrators, Inc., Concord, NH, in an amount not to exceed \$477,546, to provide services in support of recruiting and retaining new special education teachers and administrators. Effective upon G&C approval for the period of July 1, 2024 through September 30, 2026. **100% Federal Funds**

#60 Authorized the Division of Learner Support to enter into a **sole source** amendment, via change order, to a contract with Alma Technologies, Inc., Portland, OR (originally approved by G&C on 6/15/22, Item #128), by increasing the price limitation by \$4,130,000 from \$2,489,900 to \$6,619,900 and adding to the scope of services to add in the special education student information system to the statewide student information system, with no change to the completion date. Effective upon G&C approval through December 8, 2026, with an option to renew for five additional Fiscal Years. **29% Education Trust Fund Funds, 71% Federal Funds**

#60A Authorized to enter into a **sole source** amendment to an existing contract with New Hampshire Community Behavioral Health Association, Concord, NH (originally approved by G&C on 6/31/21, Information Item #FF), by increasing the price limitation by \$500,000 from \$2,794,600 to \$3,294,600 with no change to the project completion date to implement behavioral health supports as part of the Rekindle Curiosity camp program. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2024. **100% Federal Funds**

DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY

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

#61 Authorized the Division of Administration to **retroactively** pay annual membership dues to the International Fuel Tax Agreement, Inc., Chandler, AZ, in the amount of \$17,000. Effective upon G&C approval for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. **100% Agency Income (Cost of Collection)**

#61A Authorized the Office of the Commissioner to disburse death benefits in the amount of \$100,000 to Mr. Christopher T. Wyman, Merrimack, NH as the surviving spouse of deceased retired Lt. Jessica L. Wyman (Nashua Fire Department) as a result of her death on November 28, 2023. Investigation determined that her death constitutes in the line-of-duty death. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% General Funds**

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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

#62 Authorized to appoint Susan Watkins, as Chief Forensic Investigator, at a salary level of \$91,980. Effective upon G&C approval, or July 26, 2024, whichever is later, with a term ending January 24, 2026.

#63 Authorized to appoint Caroline Brenner, as Deputy Chief Forensic Investigator, at a salary level of \$78,299. Effective upon G&C approval, or July 26, 2024, whichever is later, with a term ending November 8, 2028.

#64 Authorized to appoint Kate Dow, as an Assistant Deputy Medical Examiner, at a salary level of \$70,510. Effective upon G&C approval, or July 26, 2024, whichever is later.

#65 Authorized to enter into a subgrant with the New Hampshire Police Standards and Training Council, Concord, NH, in an amount not to exceed \$17,531.81, from the US Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance, Discretionary Community Project Funding for the purpose of establishing a Narcan, CPR, and AED training program for all law enforcement and security personnel throughout the state. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2025. **100% Federal Funds**

#66 Authorized to **retroactively** amend an existing subgrant with the New Hampshire Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, Concord, NH (originally approved by G&C on 6/14/23, Item #158), from the Federal Victim of Crime Act Grant, by extending the end date only, from June 30, 2024 to September 30, 2024, for the purpose of providing services to victims of crime. Effective July 1, 2024, upon G&C approval through September 30, 2024. No additional funds are involved in this time extension. **100% Federal Funds**

#67 Authorized to **retroactively** enter into subgrants with the subrecipients as detailed in the letter date July 1, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$464,000, from the New Hampshire Regional Drug Task Force appropriation for the purpose of supporting drug task force program operations. Effective July 1, 2024, upon G&C approval through June 30, 2025. **100% General Funds**

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

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

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

#69 Authorized the Division of Plant and Property to make a **retroactive sole source** payment to Advance Excavating and Paving, Suncook, NH, for invoices dated November 3, 2023 and April 1, 2024 totaling \$25,073.64, for paving services that were provided at 97 Pleasant Street and 36 Clinton Street in Concord, NH. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Transfer from Other Agencies**

#70 Authorized to enter into a new contract with Clean Restroom Rentals, Inc., Westborough, MA, in an amount up to and not to exceed \$812,963.25, for portable toilet services in Belknap, Carroll, Cheshire, Hillsborough, Merrimack, Rockingham, and Strafford Counties. Effective upon G&C approval through November 30, 2029, with the option to renew for up to an additional three years.

#71 Authorized to enter into a **retroactive** contract with Richen Management LLC, Dover Foxcroft, ME, in the amount up to and not to exceed \$548,262, for janitorial cleaning services. Effective upon G&C approval or July 1, 2024, whichever is later, through June 30, 2027, with the option to renew for up to an additional two-year period.

#72 Authorized to enter into a contract with Accent Designs, LLC d/b/a American Blind & Shade, Ellicott City, MD, for a total price not to exceed \$28,406, to furnish and install Cellular Shards at 19 Pillsbury Street, Concord, NH. Effective July 1, 2024 or upon G&C approval, whichever is later, through August 30, 2024, with an option to extend under terms and conditions acceptable to both parties. **100% Revolving Funds**

#73 Authorized to enter into a contract with W.B. Mason Co. Inc., Brockton, MA, in an amount up to and not to exceed \$18,192,170.70, for printing paper and envelopes. Effective upon G&C approval for the period of September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029, with the option to extend for up to four additional years.

#74 Authorized to enter into a **sole source** amendment to an existing contract with The Granit Wholesalers LLC, Concord, NH (originally approved by G&C on 3/27/24, Item #84), for building materials and hardware by increasing the price limitation by \$156,317.40 from \$322,309.58 to an amount up to and not to exceed \$478,626.98 with no change to the completion date. Effective upon G&C approval.

#75 Authorized to enter into a contract with Red River Technology LLC, Claremont, NH, in an amount up to and not to exceed \$4,000,000, for cloud solutions through a Participating Agreement with the National Association of State Procurement Officials Value Point Master Agreement. Effective upon G&C approval through September 15, 2026.

#76 Authorized to enter into a contract with Kueper North America LLC, Charleston, SC, in an amount up to and not to exceed \$448,744.56 for supply and delivery of snowplow and grader cutting edges through a participating agreement with the National Association of State Procurement Officials Value Point Contract. Effective upon G&C approval through March 28, 2029, with the option to extend for up to an additional two years.

#77 Authorized to enter into a new contract with New England Trauma Services, LLC, Mansfield, MA, in an amount up to and not to exceed \$1,611,360 for bulk debris and encampment cleanup services. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2027, with the option to renew for up to an additional two years.

#78 Authorized to enter into a contract with Beattie Enterprises, Inc., Lancaster, NH, for equipment rental with operator services in an amount of up to and not to exceed \$393,839.04. Effective upon G&C approval through February 28, 2027, with the option to renew for up to an additional two years.

#79 Authorized the Division of Public Works Design and Construction to enter into a contract with Jeremy Hiltz Excavating, Inc., Bristol, NH, for a total price not to exceed \$264,925, for Wastewater System Improvements. **100% Federal Funds.** (2) Further authorized a contingency in the amount of \$35,000 for unanticipated site expenses, bringing the total to \$299,925. **100% Capital Funds.** (3) Further authorized a payment of \$35,000 to the Department of Administrative Services, Division of Public Works Design and Construction, for engineering services provided, bringing the total to \$334,925. Effective upon G&C approval through the completion of the construction administration services, estimated to be December 6, 2024, unless extended in accordance with the contract terms. **100% Federal Funds**

#80 Authorized to **retroactively** enter into a **sole source** Facilities Operation and Maintenance Vendor Management Agreement with the abutting Granite Place landowner, 2GRANITE PLACE LLC, Concord, NH, in an amount not to exceed \$506,836.45, in order to allocate shared landowner responsibility for the operation and maintenance of certain areas and facilities subject to mutual easements on either or both parcels of land at Granite Place located off of Rumford Street in Concord. Effective upon G&C approval, the agreement shall become **retroactively** effective as of the recent acquisition of the Granite Place South parcel by the State of New Hampshire on April 30, 2024 through April 30, 2029, with the ability to extend as needed until either of the parties divests itself of its Granite Place land parcel. **100% Agency Transfer**

#81 Authorized to enter into a **sole source** and **retroactive** contract with D.L. King & Associates, Inc., Merrimack, NH, for a total price not to exceed \$80,000 to provide and install new concrete foundation and concrete apron (flatwork) around the new foundation for a new permanent memorial to be located on the State House Plaza, Concord, NH. Effective **retroactive** to July 1, 2024, upon G&C approval through September 1, 2024. **100% General Funds**

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The next regular Governor and Executive Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday August 7, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at Pinkerton Academy, Derry, NH.

The Honorable Board then adjourned at 12:00 p.m.