

GOVERNOR AND EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MINUTES
State House, Concord, NH
January 15, 2025, 10:00 a.m.

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

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Today's pre-meeting ceremonial items included:

- Father Jason Jalbert offered a prayer
- Councilor Kenney led the Pledge of Allegiance
- Commendation:
 - Frederick Antell, 100 year-old Tuftonboro man who created a new bumper sticker for traffic safety awareness
- Performance:
 - Liz Fiella and Dan Fiella played traditional folk music

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The Governor and Executive Council on motion of Councilor Stevens, seconded by Councilor Kenney, voted to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2025 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:

New Hampshire Commission for Human Rights - RSA 354-A:4
Christian Kim, Pembroke

Effective: January 7, 2025

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NOMINATIONS

The following nomination was submitted:

Director, Division of Administration, State Liquor Commission – RSA 176:8
Patricia Peters, Barrington
Succeeding: James C. Vara, Andover (resigned)

Effective: Upon Confirmation
Term: August 5, 2028

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CONSENT CALENDAR AGENDA

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

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

DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY

- A. Authorized the Division of State Police's request to allow Trooper First Class Kevin Devlin and Trooper James Powers to travel over 300 miles one way in a rented vehicle, in the amount of \$2,851.35, to Shallow Creek Kennels Inc., Sharpville, PA from February 4, 2025 through February 7, 2025, to purchase two police canines for their upcoming school that is scheduled to begin in March 2025. 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 Danijela Korasic into an educational tuition agreement with University of New Hampshire – College of Professional Studies, Durham, NH, to participate in Leadership in Integrative Capstone, from January 21, 2025 to March 14, 2025 and to pay costs in an amount of \$1,290. **20% Federal Funds, 80% General 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 JUSTICE

- A. Authorized to reappoint Christen Lavers, as an Assistant Attorney General, at a salary level of \$84,000. Effective upon G&C approval, or January 24, 2025, whichever is later, for a term ending January 24, 2030.

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

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

- A. Councilor Stephen requested that this item be removed from the consent calendar for discussion. After discussion, the Governor and Council authorized to enter into an amendment to an existing contract with Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, Inc., Manchester, NH (originally approved by G&C on 6/24/20, Item #190), for telephone and data communication services by extending the completion date from January 31, 2025 to January 31, 2026, with no change to the price limitation. Effective upon G&C approval.

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

- B. Authorized to amend 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 two generators no longer under manufacturer's warranty, with no change to the price limitation of \$600,000. Effective upon G&C approval through August 31, 2025.

FISH AND GAME DEPARTMENT

- C. **WITHDRAWN** – The Governor withdrew the request to enter into a management agreement with Bruce White, Rindge, NH, for the management of an active sugar orchard within the Pearly Lake Wildlife Management Area in Rindge, NH, as detailed in the letter dated December 16, 2024. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2035.

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REGULAR AGENDA

BUSINESS AND FINANCE AUTHORITY

#6 The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Liot Hill, seconded by Councilor Stevens, and further on a roll call vote as follows: Councilor Kenney – Yes, Councilor Liot Hill – Yes, Councilor Stevens – Yes, Councilor Stephen – Yes, and Councilor Wheeler - **no**, a public hearing pursuant to RSA 162-I:9 with regard to the recommendation of the Business Finance Authority of the State of New Hampshire (the "Authority") to Authorized the issuance of an up to \$50,000,000 taxable loan comprising a loan of certain funds of the Authority in the amount of up to \$10,000,000 and two revenue bonds aggregating up to \$40,000,000 to be issued by the Authority ("Series A Bond" and "Series B Bond," and together, the "Bonds") and to award a guarantee of the State of New Hampshire of the payment of the Series B Bond in the principal amount of up to \$31,500,000. The Series A Bond will be purchased by Claremont Savings Bank and the Series B Bond will be purchased by Bank of America, N.A., each for the benefit of Whelen Engineering Company, Inc. (the "Borrower") (or an affiliate thereof) to finance the acquisition and improvements of an approximately 22-acre parcel of land improved by a building structure of approximately 98,000 square feet and related appurtenances located in the Town of Charlestown, New Hampshire, which will be owned by the Authority and sublet by the Borrower to its affiliate, Greensource Fabrication LLC for the manufacturing of printed circuit boards for the defense and aerospace industries and for infrastructure projects.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES Office of the Commissioner

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

#7 Authorized to accept and expend \$61,284 from the United States Department of Agriculture – Food and Nutrition Service, to procure a contract for income and employment verification services provided by Equifax, via The Work Number. (2) Further authorized the allocation of these funds as detailed in the letter dated December 26, 2024. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2025. **100% Federal Funds**

#8 **TABLED** - The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Wheeler, seconded by Councilor Stephen, voted to **table** the request to place Micheal Cameron at Step 4 for the position of Supervising Staff Attorney, Division of Children, Youth and Families, unclassified salary grade EE, earning \$92,389 annually. Effective January 24, 2025, upon G&C approval. **36.8% Federal Funds, 63.2% General Funds**

#9 **TABLED** - The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Wheeler, seconded by Councilor Stephen, voted to **table** the request to place Tracie Gelbstein at Step 5 for the position of Supervising Staff Attorney, Division of Children, Youth and Families, unclassified salary grade EE, earning \$97,435 annually. Effective January 24, 2025, upon G&C approval. **36.8% Federal Funds, 63.2% General Funds**

#10 **TABLED** - The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Wheeler, seconded by Councilor Stephen, voted to **table** the request to place Brian Goodchild at Step 6 for the position of Supervising Staff Attorney, Division of Children, Youth and Families, unclassified salary grade EE, earning \$102,482 annually. Effective January 24, 2025, upon G&C approval. **36.8% Federal Funds, 63.2% General Funds**

#11 **TABLED** - The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Wheeler, seconded by Councilor Stephen, voted to **table** the request to place Darin Hood-Tucker at Step 6 for the position of Supervising Staff Attorney, Division of Children, Youth and Families, unclassified salary grade EE, earning \$102,482 annually. Effective January 24, 2025, upon G&C approval. **36.8% Federal Funds, 63.2% General Funds**

#12 **TABLED** - The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Wheeler, seconded by Councilor Stephen, voted to **table** the request to place Ross McLeod at Step 5 for the position of Supervising Staff Attorney, Division of Children, Youth and Families, unclassified salary grade EE, earning \$97,435 annually. Effective January 24, 2025, upon G&C approval. **36.8% Federal Funds, 63.2% General Funds**

Division for Children, Youth & Families

#13 The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Stephen, seconded by Councilor Wheeler authorized to accept and expend \$20,642 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, John H. Chafee Foster Care Program for Successful Transition to Adulthood, to provide support to the expanding array of services for youth and young adults currently or formerly in foster care. (2) Further authorized the allocation of these funds as detailed in the letter dated December 26, 2024. **100% Federal Funds**

Division for Behavioral Health

#14 The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Stevens, seconded by Councilor Kenney authorized, with Councilor Wheeler voting **no**, to **retroactively** continue the full-time temporary position MISC SOC SCV SPECS-6, a position that provides coordination and support for the Opioid Abatement Trust Fund Advisory Commission. Effective **retroactive** to November 10, 2024, upon G&C approval through November 9, 2025. **100% Other Funds (Opioid Abatement Trust Fund)**

#15 NOT USED

New Hampshire Hospital

#16 The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Wheeler, seconded by Councilor Stephen authorized to enter into a **sole source** amendment to an existing contract with Granite VNA, Inc., Concord, NH (originally approved by G&C on 2/8/23, Item #28), for foot care services to patients at New Hampshire Hospital, by exercising a contract renewal option by increasing the price limitation by \$19,800 from \$16,000 to \$35,800 and extending the completion date from June 30, 2025 to June 30, 2027. Effective July 1, 2025, upon G&C approval. **30% General Funds, 70% Other Funds (Provider Fees and Intra-agency Transfers)**

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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

#17 Authorized the Bureau of Finance & Contracts to pay membership dues **retroactively** in the amount of \$99,000, for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, to the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, Washington, DC, for continued membership in the national transportation organization. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2025. **100% Federal Funds**

#18 Authorized the Bureau of Right-of-Way to pay property owners \$51,600 as documented in the Contemplated Awards list, for amounts greater than \$5,000 for the period extending from December 7, 2024 through December 13, 2024. Effective upon G&C approval.

#19 Authorized the Bureau of Right-of-Way to sell 32.23 +/- acres of State-owned land located northeast of Eaton Road (NH Route 153) and Stark Road, essentially lying between the two roads, in the Town of Conway, NH. The sale will be directed to James and Jean Drummond for \$175,000, and assessing a \$1,100 administrative fee. Effective upon G&C approval.

#20 Authorized the Bureau of Bridge Design to enter into a Cooperative Agreement with the State of Maine, to allow the Department to reimburse Maine for its estimated share of \$1,800,000 for costs associated with bridge rehabilitation on the Piscataqua River Bridge carrying US 1 ByPass over the Piscataqua River between Portsmouth, NH and Kittery, ME, to replace the lift span operating ropes and resulting/recommended retrofits. Effective upon G&C approval through October 9, 2029, and continuing through engineering design, construction, inspection, and final acceptance of the completed project, and final project closeout by MaineDOT, in accordance with the Department's 10-Year Transportation Improvement Plan. (Project costs will be shared 50% by NH and 50% by Maine)

#21 Authorized the Bureau of Aeronautics to accept and expend grant revenue in the amount of \$43,675 in FY25 from the Federal Aviation Administration to cover eligible administrative costs. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2028. **100% Federal Funds**

#22 Authorized the Bureau of Turnpikes to **retroactively** continue its membership and participation with the E-ZPass Interagency Group, New York, NY, by paying annual membership dues in the amount of \$50,000 for Calendar Year 2025. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Turnpike Funds**

#23 Authorized the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with Pike Industries, Inc., Belmont, NH, on the basis of a low bid of \$15,649,329.61, for pavement resurfacing of two sections in five Towns (Auburn, Candia, Epping, Exeter, and Hampton) in Districts 5 and 6. (2) Further authorized a contingency in the amount of \$782,466.48 for payment of latent conditions, which may appear during the construction of the project. Effective upon G&C approval through October 2, 2026, unless amended by the Department in accordance with the Standard Specifications. **100% Federal Funds**

#24 Authorized the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with R.S. Audley, Inc., Bow, NH, on the basis of a low bid of \$4,684,000.06, for replacement of the bridge carrying US 4 over Blackwater River in Andover, NH. (2) Further authorized a contingency in the amount of \$374,720.01 for payment of latent conditions, which may appear during the construction of the project. Effective upon G&C approval through May 15, 2026, unless amended by the Department in accordance with the Standard Specifications. **100% Federal Funds**

#25 Authorized the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with Continental Paving, Inc., Londonderry, NH, on the basis of a low bid of \$7,158,333.90, for pavement resurfacing of three roadway sections in six Towns (Newport, Sunapee, Rumney, Plymouth, Warren and Wentworth). (2) Further authorized a contingency in the amount of \$357,916.70 for payment of latent conditions, which may appear during the construction of the project. Effective upon G&C approval through September 26, 2025, unless amended by the Department in accordance with the Standard Specifications. **100% Federal Funds**

#26 Authorized the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with Continental Paving, Inc., Londonderry, NH, on the basis of a low bid of \$2,271,868 for intersection reconstruction at Rowe's Corner in Newton, NH. (2) Further authorized a contingency in the amount of \$113,593.40 for payment of latent conditions, which may appear during the construction of the project. Effective upon G&C approval through September 25, 2026, unless amended by the Department in accordance with the Standard Specifications. **100% Federal Funds**

OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION

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

#27 Authorized to exercise a **retroactive** contract renewal option, with Cheryl Donnell, DVM, Brookline, NH (originally approved by G&C on 3/13/24, Item #41), for Veterinary Investigative Services, by extending the completion date from December 31, 2024 to December 31, 2025, with no change to the price limitation. **100% Agency Funds**

#28 Authorized to exercise a **retroactive** contract renewal option 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, 2024 to December 31, 2025, with no change to the price limitation. **100% Agency Funds**

#29 Authorized to exercise a **retroactive** contract renewal option with Myra Nikitas, RDH, CPHDH, Nashua, NH (originally approved by G&C on 9/20/23, Item #68A), for Dental Health Investigative Services, by extending the completion date from December 31, 2024 to December 31, 2025, with no change to the price limitation. **100% Agency Funds**

#30 Authorized to amend an existing **sole source** contract, by **retroactively** exercising a renewal option, with Tara West, LCSW, Danville, NH (originally approved by G&C on 5/1/24, Item #52), for Mental Health Practice Investigative Services, by increasing the price limitation by \$5,000 from \$10,000 to an amount not to exceed \$15,000, and extending the completion date from December 31, 2024 to December 31, 2025. **100% Agency Funds**

#31 Authorized to exercise **retroactive** contract renewal options with the Contractors as detailed in the letter dated December 11, 2024 (originally approved by G&C on 5/1/24, Item #54), for the provision of Expert Physician Consultant Services, by extending the completion date from December 31, 2024 to December 31, 2025, with no change to the shared price limitation. **100% Agency Funds**

STATE TREASURY

#32 The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Stevens, seconded by Councilor Wheeler authorized to pay the College Savings Foundation, Rockville, MD, the amount of \$2,500, for membership dues for the period January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. **100% Other Funds (Unique Plan Management Fees)**

BOARD OF TAX AND LAND APPEALS

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

#33 Councilor Liot Hill made a motion to table this item; there being no second, the Governor and Council authorized to increase the salary of Michele E. LeBrun, Chair, to establish a \$1,000 differential above a subordinate classified employee, at the annual salary of \$109,966, which is \$8,476 above the labor grade DD maximum step on the unclassified salary chart. Effective upon G&C approval. **90% General Funds, 10% Fuel Inventory Maintenance**

#34 Councilor Liot Hill made a motion to table this item; there being no second, the Governor and Council authorized to increase the salary of Theresa M. Walker, Board Member, to establish a \$1,000 differential above a subordinate classified employee, at the annual salary of \$109,966, which is \$8,476 above the labor grade DD maximum step on the unclassified salary chart. Effective upon G&C approval. **90% General Funds, 10% Fuel Inventory Maintenance**

#35 Councilor Liot Hill made a motion to table this item; there being no second, the Governor and Council authorized to increase the salary of Eric J. Wind, Esq., Board Member, to establish a \$1,000 differential above a subordinate classified employee, at the annual salary of \$109,966, which is \$8,476 above the labor grade DD maximum step on the unclassified salary chart. Effective upon G&C approval. **90% General Funds, 10% Fuel Inventory Maintenance**

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

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

#36 **TABLED** - The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Stephen, seconded by Councilor Stevens, voted to **table** the request to the Office of Workforce Opportunity to enter into a contract with Thomas P. Miller and Associates, LLC, Indianapolis, IN, not to exceed the amount of \$564,415 for the implementation of the 4-year WIOA combined state plan as well as drafting and implementing the two year revisions as required under WIOA. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2026. **100% Federal Funds**

#37 Authorized the Office of Workforce Opportunity to enter into a **sole source** amendment to an existing contract with Southern New Hampshire Services d/b/a Community Action Partnership Hillsborough and Rockingham Counties, Manchester, NH (originally approved by G&C on 12/18/20, Item #37), for the delivery of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Adult Program services by increasing the price limitation by \$220,273 from \$8,818,490 to \$9,038,763 with no change to the completion date of June 30, 2025. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds**

FISH AND GAME DEPARTMENT

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

#38 Authorized to enter into a contract with Capital Appraisal Associates, Inc., Concord, NH, in the amount of \$7,000, to prepare two appraisal reports that conform to the most recent edition of both the Uniform Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Acquisition and the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice on two properties owned by NHFG in Newmarket and Ashland, NH. Effective upon G&C approval through March 31, 2025. **75% Federal Funds, 25% Wildlife Habitat Funds**

#39 Authorized to enter into a **sole source** contract with the Wildlife Management Institute, Cabot, VT, in the amount of \$27,386, to provide a scope of services that include dues and assessments, as well as research and management of multiple waterfowl species. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2025. **100% Game Management Funds**

#40 Authorized to enter into a **sole source** grant agreement with the Audubon Society of New Hampshire, Concord, NH, in the amount of \$62,000, for implementing Wildlife Action Plan strategies. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2025. **100% Federal Funds**

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL & CULTURAL RESOURCES

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

#41 Authorized to continue one full-time temporary RECR ATTNDANTS-3, a position that is essential for the effective and efficient operations of Cannon Mountain and Franconia Notch State Park. Effective upon G&C approval for the period February 17, 2025 through February 17, 2026. **100% Other Funds**

#42 Authorized to continue one full-time temporary GENERAL RPR WKRS-2, a position that is essential for the effective and efficient operations of Cannon Mountain and Franconia Notch State Park. Effective upon G&C approval for the period February 17, 2025 through February 17, 2026. **100% Other Funds**

#43 Authorized the New Hampshire State Library to renew a membership with the Chief Officers of State Library Agencies, Lexington, KY, in the amount of \$8,000. Effective **retroactive** to January 1, 2025, upon G&C approval through December 31, 2025. **28% General Funds, 72% Federal Funds**

#44 Authorized the Division of Parks and Recreation, Cannon Mountain Ski Area to make a **retroactive** payment the National Ski Areas Association, Lakewood, CO, in the amount of \$5,698.40 for membership dues. Effective upon G&C approval for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. **100% Other Funds (Agency Income)**

#45 Authorized the Division of Parks and Recreation, Cannon Mountain Ski Area to **retroactively** pay NH Ski for Schools, Waterville Valley, NH, the amount of \$29,517 for membership dues. Effective upon G&C approval for the period January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. **100% Other Funds (Agency Income)**

#46 Authorized the Division of Parks and Recreation, Cannon Mountain Ski Area to make a **retroactive** payment to Ski New Hampshire, Inc., Conway, NH, the amount of \$5,426.62 for membership dues. Effective upon G&C approval for the period January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. **100% Other Funds (Agency Income)**

#47 Authorized the Division of Parks and Recreation, Bureau of Community Recreation to award a Land and Water Conservation Fund – State Assistance Program Sub-Grant to the City of Dover, NH, in the amount of \$500,000, for development of public outdoor recreational property. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2027. **100% Federal Funds**

#48 Authorized the Division of Parks and Recreation, Bureau of Community Recreation to award a Land and Water Conservation Fund – State Assistance Program Sub-Grant to the Town of Stratford, NH, in the amount of \$168,527.96, for development of public outdoor recreational property. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2027. **100% Federal Funds**

#49 Authorized the Division of Parks and Recreation to enter into a **retroactive** amendment to an existing contract with CK Landmark Construction Corporation, Concord, NH (originally approved by G&C on 4/10/24, Item #61A), for renovations to the Winslow and Rollins State Parks in Kearsarge State Forest by extending the completion date from November 1, 2024 to December 20, 2024, with no change to the price limitation of \$622,135. Effective upon G&C approval. **63% Capital Funds, 37% Federal Funds**

#50 Authorized the Division of Parks and Recreation to enter into a **retroactive** Special Use Permit with Mammoth March of Miami, FL, for the Mammoth March at Bear Brook State Park. Effective upon G&C approval for the period of September 18, 2024 through September 21, 2024. (2) Further authorized the Division of Parks and Recreation to accept payment from Mammoth March of Miami, FL, in the amount of \$3,560, for Special Use Permit fees for the 1st Annual Mammoth March at Bear Brook. Effective upon G&C approval. These fees include administrative and event fees as well as the park day use fees for each participant.

#51 Authorized the Division of Parks and Recreation to enter into a contract with Premier Fence, LLC, Canton, MA, in the amount of \$45,369 to replace an area of guardrail damaged in April 2024 by a vehicle at Hampton Beach State Park, Hampton, NH. Effective upon G&C approval through May 23, 2025. **100% Revolving Funds**

#52 Authorized the Division of Parks and Recreation to **retroactively** amend a contract agreement with Atkinson Conservation Commission, Atkinson, NH (originally approved by G&C on 8/7/24, Item #39), for the construction of Accessible Trails in Slade Town Forest, Atkinson, NH by extending the completion date from December 31, 2024 to August 31, 2025, with no change to the funding amount. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds**

#53 Authorized the Division of Parks and Recreation, Bureau of Trails to **retroactively** amend a contract agreement with the New Hampshire Audubon Society, Concord, NH (originally approved by G&C on 8/7/24, Item #39), for the upgrade of accessible trails at the Massabesic Nature Center in Auburn, NH to extend the completion date from December 31, 2024 to August 31, 2025 with no change to the price limitation of \$80,000. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds**

#54 Authorized the Division of Parks and Recreation, Bureau of Trails to **retroactively** amend an Item (originally approved by G&C on 10/27/21, Item #84), to accept and expend funds from the United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service for a Challenge Cost Share Agreement by extending the completion date from December 31, 2024 to July 5, 2026, with no change to the price limitation of \$51,000. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds**

#55 Authorized the Division of Forests and Lands, Natural Heritage Bureau to enter into a **sole source** contract with SylvaQuest, LLC, Strafford, NH, in the amount of \$17,298, for work on federally threatened plant species. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2025. **100% Federal Funds**

#56 Authorized the Division of Forests and Lands to enter into a **retroactive** and **sole source** Cooperative Project Agreement with the University of New Hampshire, Cooperative Extension (UNH-CE), Durham, NH, to address selected needs of the public in natural resources with university-based educational outreach programs in such areas as forest stewardship, forest health, urban and community forestry, economic viability, and natural resource conservation education, in an amount not to exceed \$115,000. Effective upon G&C approval for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. **100% General Funds**

#57 Authorized the Division of the Arts to award a Public Value Partnership Grant to Apple Hill Center for Chamber Music, Inc., Sullivan, NH, in the amount of \$13,500 to strengthen their capacity for affordable diverse arts programs to New Hampshire residents and visitors. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2025. **100% General Funds**

#58 Authorized the Division of the Arts to award a Public Value Partnership Grant to Arts Alive, Inc., Keene, NH, in the amount of \$15,000 to strengthen their capacity for affordable diverse arts programs to New Hampshire residents and visitors. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2025. **100% General Funds**

#59 Authorized the Division of the Arts to award a Public Value Partnership Grant to Friends of the Music Hall, Portsmouth, NH, in the amount of \$15,000 to strengthen their capacity for affordable diverse arts programs to New Hampshire residents and visitors. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2025. **100% General Funds**

#60 Authorized the Division of the Arts to award a Public Value Partnership Grant to Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum, Warner, NH, in the amount of \$15,000 to strengthen their capacity for affordable diverse arts programs to New Hampshire residents and visitors. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2025. **100% General Funds**

#61 Authorized the Division of the Arts to award a Public Value Partnership Grant to North Country Chambers Players, Inc., Franconia, NH, in the amount of \$15,000 to strengthen their capacity for affordable diverse arts programs to New Hampshire residents and visitors. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2025. **100% General Funds**

#62 Authorized the Division of the Arts to award a Partnership Grant to North Country Educational Services Agency, Gorham, NH, in the amount of \$29,000 to be the fiscal agent for the New Hampshire Poetry Out Loud High School Recitation program. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2025. **100% Federal Funds**

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

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

#63 Authorized to amend a grant agreement to the Merrimack Village District, Merrimack, NH, by increasing the grant amount from \$1,500,000 to \$1,825,000 and extending the completion date from June 1, 2025 to December 31, 2027, for water system improvements. Effective upon G&C approval. **82% Federal Funds, 18% Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund**

#64 Authorized to enter into a contract with Tighe & Bond, Inc., Portsmouth, NH, in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 to provide as needed engineering and technical support services for the Wastewater Engineering Bureau. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2028. **100% CWSRF Loan Management Funds**

#65 Authorized to approve a PFAS Remediation loan agreement with Pennichuck Water Works, Inc., Nashua, NH, in the amount not to exceed \$11,450,000 to finance water system improvements, subject to conditions as detailed in the letter dated January 10, 2025. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% PFAS Remediation Response Fund**

#66 Authorized Devost Yacht Club & West Shore Marine's request to perform work on Newfound Lake, Bristol, NH.

#67 Authorized The Mike and See Vang-Segala Revocable Trust's request to perform work on Lake Winnepesaukee in Alton, NH.

#68 Authorized Heath J Todd Revocable Trust's request to perform work on Piscataqua River in Dover, NH.

#69 Authorized Zachary Leavitt's request to perform work on Piscataqua River in Dover, NH.

#70 Authorized Michael J. Fracchia Trust's request to amend a Wetland Bureau Permit for work on Lake Winnepesaukee in Moultonborough, NH (previously approved by G&C on 5/15/24, Item #123).

#71 Authorized Northgate Ossipee LLC's request to perform work on Ossipee Lake in Ossipee, NH.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

#72 The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Wheeler, seconded by Councilor Stephen authorized the Bureau of Instructional Support, Office of The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Title Programs to hold an organized event on March 26 and 27, 2025 at Southern New Hampshire University, Manchester, NH, for a total event cost not to exceed \$5,000 for the purpose of the "2025 Spring ESEA Title Programs Conference." Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2025. **100% Federal Funds**

DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY

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

#73 Authorized the Division of State Police to **retroactively** pay annual membership dues of \$10,300 to the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance, Washington, DC, for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. Effective January 1, 2025, upon G&C approval. **86% Federal Funds, 14% Highway Funds**

#74 Authorized the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to enter into grant agreement with the Town of Campton, NH, in the amount of \$9,562.50 to update their Hazard Mitigation Plan. Effective upon G&C approval through September 23, 2027. **100% Federal Funds**

#75 Authorized the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to enter into grant agreement with the Town of Sanbornton, NH, in the amount of \$9,843.75 to update their Hazard Mitigation Plan. Effective upon G&C approval through September 23, 2027. **100% Federal Funds**

#76 Authorized to enter into grant agreements with local entities, as detailed in the letter dated December 6, 2024, in the amount of \$361,294.68 for a portion of the 2022 Homeland Security Grant Program. Effective upon G&C approval, full contract execution at the local agency level and review and approval by the NH Department of Justice, and grantee funding acceptance of the award terms and conditions through the eligible Federal Grant period of August 31, 2025. **100% Federal Funds**

#77 Authorized to enter into grant agreements with the municipalities and state agencies, as detailed in the letter dated November 22, 2024, in the amount of \$134,279 for the Operation Stonegarden portion of the 2024 Homeland Security Grant Programs. Effective upon G&C approval, full contract execution at the local agency level and review and approval by the NH Department of Justice, and grantee funding acceptance of the award terms and conditions through the eligible Federal Grant period of August 31, 2027. **100% Federal Funds**

#78 Authorized the Division of State Police to enter into a contract with Banks Chevrolet Cadillac, LLC, Concord, NH, in an amount not to exceed \$71,500 to provide surplus vehicles reconditioning, storage and transportation to the NH State Surplus (White Farm). Effective upon G&C approval for the period December 31, 2025, with the option to renew for two one year periods at the sole discretion of the State. **58% General Funds, 29.5% Highway Funds, 12.5% Turnpike Funds**

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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

#79 Authorized to **retroactively** pay organizational dues to the National Association of Medicaid Fraud Control Units, Washington, DC, in the amount of \$15,904 for the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit's Annual Dues for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. Effective upon G&C approval. **75% Federal Funds, 24% General Funds, 1% Agency Income**

#80 Authorized to grant an annual salary increment to Courtney Sirois, Victim/Witness Specialist, in the amount of \$4,755, from a salary level of \$77,686 to a salary level of \$82,441. Effective upon G&C approval.

#81 Authorized to enter into a subgrant with the New Hampshire Department of Safety, Concord, NH, in an amount not to exceed \$66,954, from the US Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant, Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA) reallocation grant to help maintain the Sex Offender Registry and to comply with SORNA requirements. Effective upon G&C approval through July 31, 2025. **100% Federal Funds**

#82 Authorized to **retroactively** amend an existing subgrant with 603 Legal Aid, Concord, NH (originally approved by G&C on 2/21/24, Item #164), by extending the end date from December 31, 2024 to June 30, 2025, with no change to the price limitation of \$40,000, for the purpose of continuing to provide services for women in New Hampshire who are victims of violent crimes. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds**

#83 Authorized to **retroactively** amend an existing subgrant to the Portsmouth Police Department, Portsmouth, NH (originally approved by G&C on 5/1/24, Item #157), by extending the end date from December 31, 2024 to June 30, 2025, with no change to the price limitation of \$25,025, for the purpose of continuing provide services for women in New Hampshire who are victims of violent crimes. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds**

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

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

#84 Authorized the State Suggestion and Extraordinary Service Award Evaluation Committee's request for special recognition to Jennifer Goodwin from the Insurance Department. Effective upon G&C approval.

#85 NOT USED

#86 Authorized to continue one full-time temporary DATA SCIENTISTS-2, a position that supports the State Energy Management office. Effective February 21, 2025, upon G&C approval through June 30, 2025. **100% General Funds**

#87 Authorized to enter into a new contract with Irving Oil Terminal Inc., Portsmouth, NH, in an amount up to and not to exceed \$1,245,511.73 for On-Road Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel Supply and Delivery. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2026, with the option to renew for up to an additional three years.

#88 Authorized to enter into a contract with Johnson Control Fire Protection LP, Nashua, NH, in an amount up to and not to exceed \$556,627.50 for fire suppression system testing & inspection services. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2027, with the option to renew for up to an additional two years.

#89 Authorized to amend an existing contract with The Eliminator Pest Control Inc., Lyndonville, VT (originally approved by G&C on 3/27/24, Item #82), by increasing the price limitation by \$5,744.88 from \$410,888.40 to \$416,633.28 with no change to the contract completion date for pest & wildlife control services. Effective upon G&C approval through March 31, 2027.

#90 Authorized the Division of Public Works Design and Construction to enter into a **retroactive sole source** amendment to an existing contract with Triple Construction, LLC, Hudson, NH (originally approved by G&C on 11/29/23, Item #157), by increasing the price limitation by \$35,970 from \$553,142 to a total price not to exceed \$589,112 and by extending the completion date from June 24, 2024 to February 1, 2025 for Philbrook Sewer Line Replacement, Concord, NH. Effective upon G&C approval through February 1, 2025, unless extended in accordance with the contract terms. **100% Federal Funds**

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LATE ITEM

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

A. The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Kenney, seconded by Councilor Stephen authorized to make a retroactive unencumbered payment of an invoice in the amount of \$1,033.91 to DRC Automotive, Suncook, NH, for the repair of department fleet vehicles. Effective upon G&C approval. 100% Federal Funds
(2) Further authorized to make a retroactive unencumbered payment of invoices totaling \$11,139 to Shoubert's Auto, Boscawen, NH for the repair of department fleet vehicles. Effective upon G&C approval. 25% Federal, 28% General, 47% Other Funds

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The next regular Governor and Executive Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday February 5, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at the State House, Concord, NH.

The Honorable Board then adjourned at 12:30 p.m.