

GOVERNOR AND EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MINUTES
State House, Concord, NH
February 5, 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:

- Pastor Stephanie Pope offered a prayer
- Jillian Mars, NHTI Student, led the Pledge of Allegiance
- Commendation:
 - Lebanon Police Department for their response to the "Dairy Twirl" Fire
 - Joined by: Sergeant Logan Scelza, Corporal Dean Bullock, Officer Kevin Champney, Officer Stephen Nix, and Officer Matthew Kaufman
 - Lebanon Fire Department for their response to the "Dairy Twirl" Fire
 - Captain Jonathan Copeland, Lieutenant John Cook, Firefighter Ian Dewey, Firefighter Christian Wilde, and Firefighter Alex Hoehn
- Performance:
 - Second Wind, acoustic duo Terry Ray Gould and Suzi Hastings

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The Governor and Executive Council on motion of Councilor Kenney, seconded by Councilor Wheeler, voted to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2025 meeting.

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The Governor and Executive Council, on motion of Councilor Kenney, seconded by Councilor Liot Hill, approved the appointment of several persons nominated for Civil Commissions from the January 15, 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:

Board of Registration of Funeral Directors and Embalmers - RSA 325:2
Vincent A. Baiocchetti III, Gilmanton Iron Works Effective: December 4, 2024

Connecticut Lakes Headwaters Citizens Committee - RSA 12-A:9-b
Harry Brown, Stewartstown Effective: October 4, 2024

Council for Responsible Gambling - RSA 338-B:4
Debi A. LaPlante, Salem Effective: January 2, 2025

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Heather M. Gray, Derry Effective: January 2, 2025

State Board of Fire Control - RSA 153:2
(Chief of a Municipal Fire Department)
Scott E. Hunter, New Boston Effective: January 2, 2025

Volunteer New Hampshire Board of Directors - RSA 19-H
(Expertise in needs of disadvantaged youth)
Andrea E. M. Brochu, Jefferson Effective: October 8, 2024

Board of Medicine - RSA 329
(Osteopath)
Richard G. Kardell, Gorham Effective: February 5, 2025

Board of Psychologists - RSA 329-B:3
(Psychologist)
Robert P. Walrath, Merrimack Effective: February 5, 2025

Board of Foresters - RSA 310-A:100
(Public Forester)
Steven S. Roberge, Peterborough Effective: February 5, 2025

Board of Landscape Architects - RSA 310-A:142
Leo F. Urban, Manchester Effective: February 5, 2025

State Board of Education - RSA 21-N:10
(At-large)
James F. Laboe, Hopkinton Effective: February 26, 2025

Board of Mental Health Practice - RSA 330-A:3
(Public Member)
Christina A. Gribben, Plymouth Effective: February 5, 2025

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CONFIRMATION

The Governor and Council confirmed the following:

Director, Division of Administration, State Liquor Commission – RSA 176:8
Patricia Peters, Barrington Effective: February 5, 2025
Succeeding: James C. Vara, Andover (resigned) Term: August 5, 2028

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NOMINATIONS

The following nominations were submitted:

Connecticut Lakes Headwaters Citizens Committee - RSA 12-A:9-b
Keith Robinson, Pittsburg Effective: Upon confirmation
Succeeding: Harry C. Brown, Stewartstown (resigned) Term: August 14, 2026

State Board of Education - RSA 21-N:10
(At-large)
Ann Lane, Durham Effective: Upon confirmation
Succeeding: James F. Laboe, Hopkinton (resigned) Term: January 31, 2028

State Board of Education - RSA 21-N:10
(Dist. 2)
James F. Laboe, Hopkinton Effective: Upon confirmation
Succeeding: Ann Lane, Durham Term: January 31, 2029

State Board of Education - RSA 21-N:10
(Dist. 4)
Andrew Cline, Bedford Effective: Upon confirmation
Reappointment Term: January 31, 2029

Volunteer New Hampshire Board of Directors - RSA 19-H
Aaron Dupuis, Epping Effective: Upon confirmation
Reappointment Term: January 24, 2028

Volunteer New Hampshire Board of Directors - RSA 19-H
 (Representing a Business Community)
 Terry Gupta, Merrimack
 Succeeding: Connor Jennings, Manchester (resigned)
 Effective: Upon confirmation
 Term: March 26, 2026

Board of Trustees, New Hampshire Retirement System - RSA 100-A:14
 (Permanent Fireman Member Nom. By the NH State Permanent Firemen's Assoc.)
 Andrew Martineau, Bow
 Reappointment
 Effective: Upon confirmation
 Term: July 1, 2027

Board of Registration of Funeral Directors and Embalmers - RSA 325:2
 Timothy Eldridge, Effingham
 Succeeding: Susan J. Hopkins, Salem
 Effective: Upon confirmation
 Term: June 13, 2029

Personnel Appeals Board, Division of Personnel - RSA 21-I:45, RSA 273- D
 (Attorney licensed in NH & experienced in the conduct of adjudicative hearings and decision writing)
 Donald Frechette, r, East Wakefield
 Succeeding: Jason R. L. Major, r, Epsom
 Effective: Upon confirmation
 Term: October 2, 2025

Business Finance Authority - RSA 162-A:4
 Stephen M. Duprey, Concord
 Reappointment
 Effective: Upon confirmation
 Term: November 3, 2027

Business Finance Authority - RSA 162-A:4
 Cheryl Coletti-Lawson, Henniker
 Succeeding: Jason Syversen, Dunbarton
 Effective: Upon confirmation
 Term: November 3, 2027

Board of Dental Examiners - RSA 317 A:2
 (Dentist)
 Salman Malik, Londonderry
 Succeeding, Jay A. Patel, Concord
 Effective: Upon confirmation
 Term: July 15, 2029

Executive Branch Ethics Committee - RSA 21- G:29
 Richard Merkt, i, Westmoreland
 Vacancy
 Effective: Upon confirmation
 Term: June 30, 2026

Pharmacy Board - RSA 318:2
 (Pharmacist)
 William L. Irvin, Windham
 Succeeding: David Rochefort, Littleton (resigned)
 Effective: Upon confirmation
 Term: September 6, 2026

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CONSENT CALENDAR AGENDA

The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Kenney, seconded by Councilor Liot Hill 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 Krystle Mallory into an educational tuition agreement with Southern New Hampshire University, Boston, MA, to participate in Program Planning and Evaluation in Public Health, from March 24, 2025 to June 1, 2025 and to pay costs in an amount of \$1,433.25. **20% Federal Funds, 80% General Funds**

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

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL & CULTURAL RESOURCES

- A. Authorized the Division of Parks and Recreation to accept a donation of \$5,000 from AYCO Charitable Foundation on behalf of their client, Conaty Family Fund. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Other Funds**

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

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

- A. Authorized to accept and place on file the Report and Findings of Councilor Joseph D. Kenney with regard to a certain project in participation with the Tilton School, Tilton, NH.

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

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS AND VETERANS SERVICES

- A. Authorized the nomination of Jennifer R. Perez, Center Barnstead, NH, for promotion to the rank of Major, in the NH Army National Guard. This officer meets the physical, moral and professional qualifications for this grade promotion in the NH Army National Guard.

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- B. **TABLED** - Councilor Wheeler requested that this item be removed from the consent calendar for discussion. Following discussion, the Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Wheeler, seconded by Councilor Kenney, with Councilor Liot Hill voting **no**, voted to **table** the request of the nomination of Captain Nathaniel Richter, Mansfield Center, CT, 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.

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- C. Authorized the nomination of Jill M. Sabatine, Providence, RI, for promotion to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, in the NH Army National Guard. This officer meets the physical, moral and professional qualifications for this grade promotion in the NH Army National Guard.

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- D. Authorized, with Councilor Stevens voting **no**, the nomination of MAJ Khalil F. Shahin, Bedford, NH, for promotion to the rank of Major, in the NH Army National Guard. This officer meets the physical, moral and professional qualifications for this grade promotion in the NH Army National Guard.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

- E. Authorized to appoint Colin Carroll, as an Assistant Attorney General, at a salary level of \$81,000. Effective upon G&C approval, or February 7, 2025, whichever is later, for a term ending August 15, 2028.

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

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

- A. Authorized to amend an American Rescue Plan Act grant to the City of Claremont, NH (originally approved by G&C on 11/22/22, Item #144), by extending the completion date from April 30, 2025 to April 30, 2026, for the Wastewater Treatment Facility Dewatering Upgrades. Effective upon G&C approval. This is a no cost time extension. **100% Federal Funds**

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- B. Authorized to amend an American Rescue Plan Act grant to the Town of Colebrook, NH (originally approved by G&C on 12/21/22, Item #99), by extending the completion date from May 15, 2025 to July 31, 2026, for the Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade and Lagoon Cleanout project. This is a no cost time extension. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds**

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

- C. Authorized to enter into an amendment to an existing contract with Zak Payne Building Construction, Surry, NH (originally approved by G&C on 2/8/23, Item #141), for carpentry services in state owned buildings by extending the completion date from February 7, 2025 to February 7, 2026, with no change to the price limitation of \$495,154. Effective upon G&C approval.

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REGULAR AGENDA

#6 NOT USED

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Division for Behavioral Health

#7 The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Stevens, seconded by Councilor Kenney authorized to accept and expend federal funds in the amount of \$9,846 from the US Department of Health and Human Services to administer the Projects for Assistance in Transition of Homelessness Program. (2) Further authorized the allocation of these funds as detailed in the letter dated January 7, 2025. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2025. **100% Federal Funds**

Division for Children, Youth & Families

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

#8 Authorized to **retroactively** pay the Association of Administrators of the Interstate Compact on Placement of Children, Atlanta, GA \$11,300 for annual membership dues. Effective upon G&C approval for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. **50% Federal Funds, 50% General Funds**

#9 Authorized to accept and expend the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Title II formula grant, in the amount of \$87,196, to fund newly approved and solicited contracts under the State's Title II Delinquency Prevention program for funding expenditures in the current state fiscal year that were not originally planned for when budgeting the state fiscal year. (2) Further authorized the allocation of these funds as detailed in the letter dated January 17, 2025. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2025. **100% Federal Funds**

Division of Economic Stability

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

#10 Authorized to accept and expend \$7,922,683 from the Child Care Development Fund, to fund direct service payments to providers for scholarship. (2) Further authorized the allocation of these funds as detailed in the letter dated December 30, 2024. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2025. **100% Federal Funds. Fiscal Committee approved on January 30, 2025.**

#11 Authorized to accept and expend \$95,259 from the US Department of Agriculture – Food and Nutrition Service, to be used for the statewide outreach and enrollment assistance for New Hampshire's Supplemental Nutrition and Assistance Program. (2) Further authorized the allocation of these funds as detailed in the letter dated January 15, 2025. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2025. **100% Federal Funds**

Hampstead Hospital & Residential Treatment Facility

#12 The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Stevens, seconded by Councilor Stephen authorized to **retroactively** pay The Joint Commission, Oakbrook Terrace, IL, in the amount of \$5,830 for annual membership dues. Effective upon G&C approval for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. **100% Other Funds (Agency Income Funds)**

New Hampshire Hospital

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

#13 Authorized to **retroactively** pay The Joint Commission, Oakbrook Terrace, IL, in the amount of \$5,710 for annual membership dues. Effective upon G&C approval for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. **88% General Funds, 12% Other Funds (Intergovernmental Revenues)**

#14 Authorized to enter into a **sole source** amendment to an existing contract with Granite VNA, Inc., Concord, NH (originally approved by G&C on 1/18/23, Item #22), to continue speech therapy services at New Hampshire Hospital, by exercising a renewal option by increasing the price limitation by \$10,000 from \$19,998 to \$29,998 and by 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)**

#15 **TABLED** - The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Wheeler, seconded by Councilor Kenney, voted to **table** the request to enter into a **sole source** contract with Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital, for itself and on behalf of Dartmouth-Hitchcock Clinic, Lebanon, NH, in the amount of \$25,000 for electroencephalogram interpretation services. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2026, with the option to renew for up to four additional years. **30% General Funds, 70% Other Funds (Provider Fees)**

Division of Public Health Services

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

#16 Authorized to accept and expend funds from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, in the amount of \$1,099,235 to fund the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program. (2) Further authorized the funds to be allocated as detailed in the letter dated December 26, 2024. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2025. **100% Federal Funds. Fiscal Committee approved on January 30, 2025.**

#17 Authorized to accept and expend \$266,084 of federal funds from the US Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration to improve our State Newborn Screening System. (2) Further authorized the funds to be allocated as detailed in the letter dated December 26, 2024. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2025. **100% Federal Funds. Fiscal Committee approved on January 30, 2025.**

#18 Authorized to **retroactively** amend a Fiscal Committee Item (originally approved by G&C on 8/18/21, Item #19) by extending MED-HLTH SVS MGRS-2, a position that is needed to deliver vital functions in the Division's Bureau of Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Recovery. Effective **retroactive** to June 1, 2024, upon G&C approval through June 30, 2025. **100% Federal Funds. Fiscal Committee approved on January 30, 2025.**

#19 NOT USED

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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

#20 Authorized the Bureau of Aeronautics to budget and expend prior year carry-forward funds in the amount of \$290,096 to fund the Airport Improvement and Maintenance Program as prescribed by State statute. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2025. **100% Agency Income – Aircraft Toll (Fuel Fees). Fiscal Committee approved on January 30, 2025.**

#21 Authorized the Division of Operations to accept and expend revenue in the amount of \$1,899,093 from a SMART (Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation) Grant from the United States Department of Transportation, Office of the Secretary, for retrofitting of Inductive Loop Detectors at 10 pre-selected locations across New Hampshire. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2025. **100% Federal Funds. Fiscal Committee approved on January 30, 2025.**

#22 Authorized the Division of Operations to transfer \$305,000 within various accounting units and classes, as detailed in the letter dated January 6, 2025. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2025. **100% Highway Funds. Fiscal Committee approved on January 30, 2025.**

#23 Authorized to transfer \$327,720 between classes to enable the purchase of vehicle detection systems for implementation by Department forces. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2025. **100% Federal Funds. Fiscal Committee approved on January 30, 2025.**

#24 Authorized the Division of Operations to transfer \$5,706,710 from the Highway Surplus Account to fund winter maintenance activities. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2025. **100% Highway Funds. Fiscal Committee approved on January 30, 2025.**

#25 NOT USED

#26 Authorized the Bureau of Right-of-Way to sell approximately 0.65 acres of State-owned land situated on the northerly side of NH Route 101A (Nashua Street) in the Town of Milford, NH. The proposed buyer, the Town of Milford, has agreed to purchase the land for \$170,500, which includes the administrative fee of \$1,100. Effective upon G&C approval.

#27 Authorized the Bureau of Right-of-Way to sell approximately 0.25 acres of State-owned land situated on the westerly side of NH Route 101 (Horace Greeley Highway) in the Town of Milford, NH. Charles Simpson and Lou-Ann Poor have agreed to purchase the land for \$20,500, for a combined total of \$21,600, which includes the administrative fee of \$1,100. Effective upon G&C approval.

#28 Authorized the Bureau of Right-of-Way to pay property owners \$105,300 as documented in the Contemplated Awards list, for amounts greater than \$5,000 for the period extending from November 14, 2024 through December 30, 2024. Effective upon G&C approval.

#29 Authorized the Bureau of Right-of-Way to pay a property owner \$5,000 as documented in the Contemplated Awards list, for amounts greater than \$5,000 for the period extending from December 31, 2024 through December 31, 2024. Effective upon G&C approval.

#30 Authorized the Bureau of Transportation Systems Management & Operations to enter into a Cooperative Agreement with the State of Maine to allow the Department to bill the Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the Maine Turnpike Authority (MTA) for costs associated with Intelligent Transportation Systems improvements for maintenance and operations for the Part Time Shoulder Use System on the Piscataqua River between Portsmouth, NH and Kittery, ME. Effective upon G&C approval and continuing for a period of 10 years for the maintenance and operations of the completed project, in accordance with the Department's 10-Year Transportation Improvement Plan. **Project costs will be shared 33.3% by NHDOT, 33.3% MDOT, 33.3% by MTA.**

#31 Authorized the Bureau of Aeronautics to **retroactively** amend a grant to Jaffrey Airfield Silver Ranch (originally approved by G&C on 3/3/21, Item #22), to regrade, rehabilitate, pave, hydroseed, mark and light Runway 16-34 Jaffrey Airfield Silver Ranch Airport, Jaffrey, NH. The total State share of the project, including the amendment, will increase from \$458,444 to \$484,693.40 which equates to a total increase of \$26,249.40. Effective upon G&C approval through May 1, 2025. **100% Other Funds (Agency Funds)**

#32 Authorized the Bureau of Rail & Transit to sell a 9,625 square foot (0.22+/-) parcel of state-owned railroad property, located within the Berlin Branch Railroad Corridor in the Town of Littleton, NH, to Brook Road Management, LLC for \$2,400, plus a one-time administrative fee of \$1,100. Effective upon G&C approval.

#33 Authorized the Bureau of Rail & Transit to sell an 18,900 square foot (0.43+/-) parcel of state-owned railroad property located within the Berlin Branch Railroad Corridor in the Town of Littleton, NH, to Rail Trail Properties, LLC for \$11,400, plus a one-time administrative fee of \$1,100. Effective upon G&C approval.

#34 Authorized the Bureau of Rail & Transit to sell a 12,800 square foot (0.29+/-) parcel of state-owned railroad property located within the Cheshire Branch Railroad Corridor in the Town of Troy, NH, to the Town of Troy for \$3,120, plus a one-time administrative fee of \$1,100. Effective upon G&C approval.

#35 Authorized the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with Northeast Traffic Control Services, Plymouth, MA, on the basis of a low bid of \$1,206,925 for Emergency Vehicle Load Posting Sign installation at various bridges statewide. (2) Further authorized a contingency in the amount of \$60,346.25, for payment of latent conditions which may appear during the construction of the project. Effective upon G&C approval through September 12, 2025, unless amended by the Department in accordance with the Standard Specifications. **100% Federal Funds**

#36 Authorized the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with C.W. Sliter & Sons, LLC d/b/a CWS Fence & Guardrail, Andover, NH, on the basis of a low bid of \$1,981,870 for guardrail upgrades in Hinsdale, Winchester and Fitzwilliam on Routes 10, 12, and 119. (2) Further authorized a contingency in the amount of \$198,187, for payment of latent conditions which may appear during the construction of the project. Effective upon G&C approval through September 19, 2025, unless amended by the Department in accordance with the Standard Specifications. **100% Federal Funds**

#37 Authorized the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with Pike Industries, Inc., Belmont, NH, on the basis of a low bid of \$5,792,485 for pavement resurfacing on US 4/NH 16 (Spaulding Turnpike) in Portsmouth and Newington from the Portsmouth Traffic Circle to Exit 1. (2) Further authorized a contingency in the amount of \$289,624.25, 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% Turnpike Funds**

#38 Authorized the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with Pike Industries, Inc., Belmont, NH, on the basis of a sole bid of \$6,344,732.95 for pavement resurfacing on three sections in two Towns (Enfield and Lebanon) in District 2. (2) Further authorized a contingency in the amount of \$317,236.65, for payment of latent conditions which may appear during the construction of the project. Effective upon G&C approval through August 21, 2026, unless amended by the Department in accordance with the Standard Specifications. **100% Federal Funds**

#39 Authorized the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with Cold River Bridges, LLC, Walpole, NH, on the basis of a low bid of \$475,910 for culvert replacement and roadway reconstruction along NH 123A in Acworth, due to the damage as a result of the July 29-30, 2021 storm event. (2) Further authorized a contingency in the amount of \$71,386.50, for payment of latent conditions which may appear during the construction of the project. Effective upon G&C approval through August 15, 2025, unless amended by the Department in accordance with the Standard Specifications. **100% Other Funds**

#40 Authorized the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with B.U.R. Construction, LLC, Newport, NH, on the basis of a low bid of \$23,054,582.88 for reconfiguration of the "dog-leg" intersection of US 202, NH 124 and NH 137 in Jaffrey, NH. (2) Further authorized a contingency in the amount of \$1,613,820.80, for payment of latent conditions which may appear during the construction of the project. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2028, 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 Liot Hill, seconded by Councilor Stevens acted as follows:

#41 Authorized to **retroactively** renew membership with the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying, Greenville, SC, in the amount of \$9,100, for membership in NCEES and the preparation of scoring of the engineering and land surveying examinations from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. **100% Agency Funds**

#42 Authorized to exercise a **retroactive** contract renewal option, with Jessica Reeves, MSN, MPH, Keene, NH (originally approved by G&C on 4/6/22, Item #32), for Nurse Consultant Services, by extending the completion date from December 31, 2024 to December 31, 2025, with no change to the price limitation. **100% Agency Income**

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY

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

#43 Authorized, under the Community Development Block Grant program, to award a grant to the Town of Gorham, NH, in the amount of \$500,000 on behalf of Gorham Community Learning Center to support the Gorham Community Learning Center Expansion and Acquisition project, which involves the acquisition and rehabilitation of a vacant building located at 355 Main Street, Gorham, NH. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2027. **100% Federal Funds**

#44 Authorized, with Councilor Wheeler recusing himself, under the Community Development Block Grant program, to award a grant to the Town of Meredith, NH, in the amount of \$500,000 on behalf of Lakes Region Community Land Trust, Inc d/b/a Lakes Region Community Developers (LRCD) to support the LRCD Frances Court Affordable Housing project, which involves the acquisition of four manufactured homes located at 5,9,11 and 21 Frances Court, Meredith, NH. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2027. **100% Federal Funds**

JUDICIAL COUNCIL

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

#45 Authorized to receive an additional appropriation from funds not otherwise appropriated in the total amount of \$1,000,000. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2025. **100% General Funds. Fiscal Committee approved on January 30, 2025.**

#46 Authorized to receive an additional appropriation from funds not otherwise appropriated in the total amount of \$2,500,000. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2025. **100% General Funds. Fiscal Committee approved on January 30, 2025.**

OFFICE OF THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE

#47 The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Liot Hill, seconded by Councilor Stevens authorized to **retroactively** pay the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates, Silver Spring, MD, the amount of \$5,061.83 for calendar year 2025 membership dues. Effective upon G&C approval for the period January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. **100% Other Funds (Utilities Assessments)**

LIQUOR COMMISSION

#48 The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Stevens, seconded by Councilor Stephen authorized to **retroactively** amend an existing contract with New England Coastal Realty, Inc d/b/a Keller Williams Coastal Realty, Portsmouth, NH (originally approved by G&C on 1/22/21, Item #80) for real estate brokerage, marketing, and consulting services related to the proposed redevelopment of the Interstate 95 liquor store rest area properties in Hampton, NH and the contemplated sale of a significant portion thereof. The amendment will extend the completion date by an additional two years, with an option to renew for an additional two years, with no change to the fee agreement. Effective upon G&C approval through January 22, 2027. **100% Liquor Funds**

FISH AND GAME DEPARTMENT

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

#49 Authorized the transfer of \$339,000 from the New Hampshire Fish and Game Fund Reserve to the Fish and Game FY 2025 Operating Budget. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2025. **Fiscal Committee approved on January 30, 2025.**

#50 NOT USED

#51 Authorized to enter into a grant agreement with Hanover Conservancy, Hanover, NH in the amount of \$30,000 to provide partial funding for the acquisition and conservation of an approximately 140-acre parcel in the Town of Hanover, NH. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2025. **100% Other (Fisheries Habitat Funds)**

#52 Authorized to enter into a **retroactive sole source** contract with Adam Vaillancourt Roofing and Construction, LLC, Milford, NH, in the amount of \$147,999 to install new roofing at the Milford State Fish Hatchery, Milford, NH. Effective upon G&C approval for the period November 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. **100% Capital Funds**

#53 Authorized to enter into a **sole source** amendment to an existing contract with Sovereign Sportsman Solutions, LLC d/b/a PayIt, LLC, Nashville, TN (originally approved by G&C on 5/15/19, Item #55), by increasing the price limitation by \$60,000 from \$234,305 to \$294,305 for funding maintenance expenses on the Fish and Game Event Management System. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2029. **100% Federal Funds**

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL & CULTURAL RESOURCES

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

#54 Authorized the Division of Parks and Recreation, Community Recreation Bureau to transfer funds in the amount of \$179,937 for the purpose of supporting the administrative management of the LWCF program within the Community Recreation Bureau and establish a new appropriation class. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2025. **100% Federal Funds. Fiscal Committee approved on January 30, 2025.**

#55 Authorized to budget and expend prior year carry forward funds in the amount of \$594,000 to promote the use and conservation of cultural resources in New Hampshire and to preserve the cultural heritage that belongs to all New Hampshire citizens pursuant to RSA 261:97-c, I. **100% Agency Income.** (2) Further authorized to accept and expend funds in the amount of \$594,000 from the Conservation Plate Fund. **100% Intra-Agency Transfers**

#56 NOT USED

#57 Authorized to accept and place on file the transfers reports for the first two Fiscal Year 2025 quarters ending December 31, 2024.

#58 NOT USED

#59 Authorized the Division of Parks and Recreation, Bureau of Trails to enter into **retroactive** Land Use Agreement with Bunting Family V, LLC whose agent is F&W Forestry Services, Montpelier, VT in the amount of \$350 for continued Off Highway Recreational Vehicle access across their land for a 1-season period. Effective upon G&C approval for the period May 23, 2024 through October 21, 2024. **100% Other Funds**

#60 Authorized the Division of Parks and Recreation, Bureau of Trails to enter into **retroactive** Trail Use Agreement with Barry J. Kelley, Berlin, NH in the amount of \$4,800 for continued snowmobile access across their land for a 3-year period. Effective upon G&C approval for the period November 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027. **100% Other Funds**

#61 Authorized the Division of the Arts to award a **retroactive** Artist in Residence Grant to Nottingham West Elementary-SAU81, Hudson, NH in the amount of \$4,610 to support an artist residency in music with New Hampshire Roster Artist, Randy Armstrong. Effective upon G&C approval for the period of September 12, 2024 through June 30, 2025. **100% General Funds**

#62 Authorized the Division of the Arts to award an Organizational Capacity Grant to New Hampshire Theatre Project, Portsmouth, NH in the amount of \$4,610 to support projects that strengthen New Hampshire arts organizations to meet their business needs. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2025. **100% General Funds**

#63 Authorized the Division of the Arts to award a Partnership Initiative grant to Keene Chamber Orchestra, Keene, NH in the amount of \$7,600 to support Free Orchestra and Chamber Music outreach concerts. Effective upon G&C approval through November 30, 2025. **100% General Funds**

#64 Authorized the Division of the Arts to award a Public Value Partnership Grant to The Concord Community Music School, Concord, 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**

#65 Authorized the Division of the Arts to award a Public Value Partnership Grant to Lebanon Opera House Improvement Corp., Lebanon, 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**

#66 Authorized the Division of the Arts to award a Public Value Partnership Grant to New Hampshire Music Festival, Inc., Plymouth, NH in the amount of \$11,000 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**

#67 Authorized the Division of the Arts to award a Public Value Partnership Grant to New London Barn Playhouse, Inc., New London, NH in the amount of \$10,000 to strengthen their capacity for affordable diverse arts programs to New Hampshire residents and visitors. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2025. **100% General Funds**

#68 Authorized the Division of Parks and Recreation to enter into a **retroactive** Special Use Permit with Northeastern University, Boston, MA, for the annual Vets Off the Grid camping weekend. Effective upon G&C approval for the period August 23, 2024 through August 25, 2024. (2) Further authorized to accept payment from Northeastern University in the amount of \$3,365, for Special Use Permit fees for the Vets Off the Grid camping weekend. Effective upon G&C approval.

#69 Authorized the Division of Parks and Recreation to enter into a **retroactive** Special Use Permit (SUP) agreement with the Special Olympics of NH, INC., Concord, NH for the 26th Annual Penguin Plunge and the 17th Annual High School Plunge. Effective upon G&C approval for the period of February 4, 2025 through February 11, 2025. (2) Further authorized to accept payment of SUP fees from the Special Olympics of NH, Inc., Concord, NH in the amount of \$4,190 for the 26th Annual Penguin Plunge and the 17th Annual High School Plunge. Effective upon G&C approval.

#70 Authorized to enter into a **retroactive** amendment to an existing grant agreement for a federal Land and Water Conservation Fund – State and Local Assistance Program sub-grant with the City of Concord, NH (originally approved by G&C on 8/30/24, Item #108) by extending the completion date from September 30, 2024 to September 30, 2025, with no change to the grant limitation of \$275,000. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds**

#71 Authorized to enter into a **retroactive** amendment to an existing grant agreement for a federal Land and Water Conservation Fund – State and Local Assistance Program sub-grant with the Town of Enfield, NH (originally approved by G&C on 8/30/24, Item #109) by extending the completion date from September 30, 2024 to September 30, 2025, with no change to the grant limitation of \$125,000. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds**

#72 Authorized to enter into a **retroactive** amendment to an existing grant agreement for a federal Land and Water Conservation Fund – State and Local Assistance Program sub-grant with the City of Keene, NH (originally approved by G&C on 12/20/23, Item #109) by extending the completion date from September 30, 2024 to September 30, 2025, with no change to the grant limitation of \$900,000. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds**

#73 Authorized to enter into a **retroactive** amendment to an existing grant agreement for a federal Land and Water Conservation Fund – State and Local Assistance Program sub-grant with the Town of Lancaster, NH (originally approved by G&C on 8/30/24, Item #113) by extending the completion date from September 30, 2024 to September 30, 2026, with no change to the grant limitation of \$180,000. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds**

#74 Authorized to enter into a **retroactive** amendment to an existing grant agreement for a federal Land and Water Conservation Fund – State and Local Assistance Program sub-grant with the Town of Littleton, NH (originally approved by G&C on 8/30/24, Item #115) by extending the completion date from September 30, 2024 to September 30, 2026, with no change to the grant limitation of \$200,000. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds**

#75 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 Concord, NH in the amount of \$500,000 for the development of public outdoor recreational property. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2027. **100% Federal Funds**

#76 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 Claremont, NH in the amount of \$299,625 for the development of public outdoor recreational property. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2027. **100% Federal Funds**

#77 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 Exeter, NH in the amount of \$297,500 for the development of public outdoor recreational property. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2027. **100% Federal Funds**

#78 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 Gilford, NH in the amount of \$150,000 for the development of public outdoor recreational property. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2027. **100% Federal Funds**

#79 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 Keene, NH in the amount of \$500,000 for the development of public outdoor recreational property. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2027. **100% Federal Funds**

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

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

#80 **TABLED** - The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Wheeler, seconded by Councilor Kenney, voted to **table** the request to waive the provisions of Manual of Procedures (MOP) 150 section V, Governor and Executive Council Approval Thresholds, paragraph A:3, Thresholds Established, and continue to purchase maintenance and repair services for NHDES fleet vehicles in accordance with Administrative Rule (Adm) 608.01, Repairs to Motor Vehicle. Effective as of July 1, 2024, upon G&C approval.

#81 Authorized to **retroactively** amend a Lead Service Line grant to the City of Dover, NH (originally approved by G&C on 5/17/23, Item #82), by extending the completion date from December 31, 2024 to October 1, 2025 to provide additional time to complete work related to meeting federal lead service line inventory requirements. Effective upon G&C approval. No additional funding is involved in this time extension. **100% Federal Funds**

#82 Authorized to **retroactively** amend a Lead Service Line grant to the Town of Hanover, NH (originally approved by G&C on 5/31/23, Item #112), by extending the completion date from October 1, 2024 to October 1, 2025 to provide additional time to complete work related to meeting federal lead service line inventory requirements. Effective upon G&C approval. No additional funding is involved in this time extension. **100% Federal Funds**

#83 Authorized to **retroactively** amend an agreement with the New Hampshire Rivers Council, Concord, NH (originally approved by G&C on 11/22/22, Item #135), for the implementation of the Winnicut River Watershed Restoration and Management Plan to extend the project expiration date from December 31, 2024 to December 31, 2025. Effective upon G&C approval. This is a no-cost time extension. **100% Federal Funds**

#84 Authorized, with Councilor Stephen recusing himself, to award a grant to the Manchester School District, Manchester, NH in the amount not to exceed \$117,700 for lead remediation in drinking water at 19 schools, under the provisions of RSA 485:F. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2025. **100% Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund**

#85 Authorized to award a grant to the Windham School District SAU-95, Windham, NH in the amount not to exceed \$68,896 for lead remediation in drinking water in schools, under the provisions of RSA 485:F. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2025. **100% Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund**

#86 Authorized to amend a grant agreement to the Merrimack Village District, Merrimack, NH (originally approved by G&C on 6/28/23, Item #194), by increasing the grant amount by \$525,000 from \$1,500,000 to \$2,025,000 and extending the completion date from June 1, 2025 to December 31, 2027, for water system improvements under the provisions of RSA 485:F. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund**

#87 Authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the Town of Lancaster, NH totaling \$61,470 for partial funding to replace two loaders, one wheeled and one skid steer. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2026. **100% Federal Funds**

#88 Authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the Nature Conservancy-NH, Concord, NH, in the amount of \$30,000 for the *Restoration Planning for Climate Resilience, Biodiversity, and Ecosystem Function* project. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2026. **100% Federal Funds**

#89 Authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the City of Portsmouth, NH, in the amount of \$9,486 for enhancing resilient wetlands through community engagement and field assessments. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2026. **100% Federal Funds**

#90 Authorized to approve a Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) loan agreement with the Town of Hooksett, NH in an amount not to exceed \$1,960,000, to finance the Martins Ferry Pump Station Main Replacement project under the provisions of RSA 486:14 and N.H. Code of Admin. Rules Env-Wq 500 et seq. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% CWSRF Repayment Funds**

#91 Authorized to amend a Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund grant to the Lakeview Condominium HOA, Enfield, NH (originally approved by G&C on 5/1/24, Item #117), by increasing the grant amount by \$242,490 from \$150,000 to \$392,490 for water system improvements under the provisions of RSA 485:F. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2026. (2) Further authorized to amend a Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund loan to the Lakeview Condominium HOA, Enfield, NH (originally approved by G&C on 5/1/24, Item #117), by increasing the loan amount by \$100,000 from \$350,000 to \$450,000 for water system improvements under the provisions of RSA 485:F and N.H. Code of Admin. Rules Env-Dw 1300. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund**

#92 Authorized the Atmospheric Science & Analysis Bureau to enter into a **sole source** agreement with QA Group LLC d/b/a Quantum Analytics, The Woodlands, TX, in the amount of \$81,862 for a thermal desorption instrumentation support maintenance contract. Effective April 19, 2025, upon G&C approval through April 18, 2030. **100% Federal Funds**

NEW HAMPSHIRE VETERANS HOME

#93 The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Kenney, seconded by Councilor Stevens authorized to transfer General Funds between expenditure classes in the amount of \$267,826, increase and decrease Federal revenues resulting in a net decrease of \$225,893, and increase and decrease Other revenues resulting in a net decrease of \$252,395, to address shortfalls with anticipated surpluses within the Veterans Home Authorized budget. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2025. **48% General Funds, 29% Federal Funds, 23% Other Funds. Fiscal Committee approved on January 30, 2025.**

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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

#94 Authorized the Division of Learner Support, Bureau of Special Education Support to transfer federal grant funds, in the amount of \$407,509, in and among classes, to support professional development and capacity-building initiatives for educators to enhance outcomes for students with disabilities. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2025. **100% Federal Funds. Fiscal Committee approved on January 30, 2025.**

#95 NOT USED

#96 Authorized the Division of Learner Support to **retroactively** amend the accept and expend of American Rescue Plan, Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief funds from the United States Department of Education (originally approved by G&C on 6/30/21, Info Item HH), by extending the end date for funding from September 30, 2024 to June 30, 2025. Effective upon G&C approval. No additional funds are requested. **100% Federal Funds. Fiscal Committee approved on January 30, 2025.**

#97 Authorized the Division of Education Analytics and Resources, to **retroactively** continue one full-time temporary position Misc Bus Ops Specs-5, to continue to administer and oversee the state and federal Alternative/ELA assessment programs. Effective upon G&C approval, **retroactively** from August 2, 2024 through August 1, 2025. **100% Federal Funds**

#98 Authorized the Division of Workforce Innovation, Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation to continue one full-time temporary position Counselors-4. Effective upon G&C approval from February 23, 2025 through February 24, 2026. **100% Federal Funds.** (2) Further authorized the Division of Workforce Innovation, Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation to continue one full-time temporary position Counselors-5. Effective upon G&C approval from February 23, 2025 through February 24, 2026. **100% Federal Funds.**

#99 Authorized, with Councilor Kenney voting **no**, the Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation to hold an organized event on October 9, 2025, at the Puritan Event and Conference Center in Manchester, NH for a total event cost not to exceed \$18,663.25 for the purpose of sponsoring an event titled "The 16th Annual Employment Leadership Awards." Effective upon G&C approval through November 30, 2025. **100% Federal Funds**

#100 Authorized the Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation to enter into a **sole source** lease agreement with 210 Commerce Way, LLC, Portsmouth, NH, for an amount not to exceed \$516,474.12 for the use of office space for the VR Regional Offices in Portsmouth, NH. Effective upon G&C approval for the period of April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2030. **100% Federal Funds**

#101 Authorized to enter into a **sole source** amendment to an existing contract with Professional Learning and Advocacy Consulting and Evaluating, LLC, Burke, VA (originally approved by G&C on 6/28/23, Item #221), to continue to provide the services of an evaluator for the multi-year State Systemic Improvement Plan and to add to services for the monitoring, implementation and data collection related to secondary transition and development of a standard operating policies and procedures manual for the Bureau of Special Education Support, by increasing the price limitation by \$340,500 from \$238,000 to \$578,500 and extending the end date from January 30, 2026 to September 30, 2026. Effective upon G&C approval, with the option to renew for one additional year. **100% Federal Funds**

POLICE STANDARDS & TRAINING COUNCIL

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

#102 Authorized to transfer \$204,149 between various accounting units and classes and create a new expenditure class, as detailed in the letter dated December 18, 2024. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2025. **100% General Funds. Fiscal Committee approved on January 30, 2025.**

#103 Authorized to enter into a contract with Envisage Technologies, LLC, Bloomington, IN in the amount of \$920,278 to provide records management and learning management software services. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2029, with the option to renew for an additional four-year period. **100% General Funds. Contingent upon approval of Item #102 above.**

DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY

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

#104 Authorized the Division of Emergency Services and Communications to accept and expend \$4,878,000 from the US Department of Justice grant entitled FY24 COPS Office Technology and Equipment Program. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2025. **100% Federal Funds. Fiscal Committee approved on January 30, 2025.**

#105 Authorized to accept and expend \$648,718 from the US Department of Transportation, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Agency for software upgrades to the Division of Motor Vehicles State to State. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2025. **100% Federal Funds. Fiscal Committee approved on January 30, 2025.**

#106 Authorized the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to accept and expend Homeland Security Grant Program funds from the Department of Safety, Office of the Commissioner, in an amount not to exceed \$200,808 to enhance election security in the State of New Hampshire. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2025. **100% Intra Agency Transfers. Fiscal Committee approved on January 30, 2025.**

#107 Authorized the Division of Fire Safety to accept and expend funds from the 2024 Homeland Security Grant Program, in the amount of \$209,500 and create new class lines to support this request. This funding will be awarded to the Regional Hazardous Materials Response Teams to conduct standardized training for hazardous materials technicians statewide and will also be used to purchase portable radios for the sworn officers of the NH State Fire Marshal's Office Bureau of Investigations. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2025. **100% Intra Agency Transfers. Fiscal Committee approved on January 30, 2025.**

#108 Authorized the Division of Fire Standards and Training and Emergency Medical Services to accept and expend funds from the 2022, 2023, and 2024 Homeland Security Grant Program in the amount of \$522,700 for the delivery of homeland security training programs and technical rescue equipment. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2025. **100% Intra Agency Transfers. Fiscal Committee approved on January 30, 2025.**

#109 Authorized the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to **retroactively** amend the grant agreement with the City of Lebanon, NH (originally approved by G&C on 12/22/21, Item #103), to update their Hazard Mitigation Plan by changing the completion date from May 29, 2023 to May 29, 2025. Effective upon G&C approval. No additional funds are being requested. **100% Federal Funds**

#110 Authorized the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to **retroactively** amend the grant agreement with the Southwest Regional Planning Commission, Keene, NH (originally approved by G&C on 1/22/21, Item #126), by extending the completion date May 29, 2023 to May 29, 2025, to update the hazard mitigation plans for several communities. Effective upon G&C approval. No additional funds are being requested. **100% Federal Funds**

#111 Authorized the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to **retroactively** amend the grant agreement with the Town of Swanzey, NH (originally approved by G&C on 1/12/22, Item #72), by extending the completion date from May 29, 2023 to May 29, 2025, to complete the stabilization of a 500-foot section of road embankment on Webber Hill Rd. Effective upon G&C approval. No additional funds are being requested. **100% Federal Funds**

#112 Authorized the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to enter into a grant agreement with the Town of Chichester, 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**

#113 Authorized the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to enter into a grant agreement with the Town of Goffstown, NH, in the amount of \$13,124.67 to update their Hazard Mitigation Plan. Effective upon G&C approval through September 23, 2027. **100% Federal Funds**

#114 Authorized the Division of State Police to amend an existing **sole source** contract with Computer Projects of Illinois, Inc., Bolingbrook, IL (originally approved by G&C on 6/14/23, Item #150), to provide a Contact Person Notification Program database Hotfile and update the State's National Crime Information Center interface to National Information Exchange Model compliant XML standards, by increasing the price limitation by \$377,500 from \$5,526,186.63 to \$5,903,686.63, with no change to the contract completion date of June 30, 2028. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Fed Rev Xfers**

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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

#115 Authorized to accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$1,187,487, from the US Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, Federal Fiscal Year 2024 National Criminal History Improvement Program grant for the purpose of enhancing and implementing the criminal history records program. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2025. **100% Federal Funds. Fiscal Committee approved on January 30, 2025.**

#116 Authorized to appoint John A. Drennan, as an Attorney, at a salary level of \$107,000. Effective upon G&C approval or February 7, 2025, whichever is later.

#117 Authorized to grant an annual salary increment to Ashley Taylor, Victim/Witness Specialist, in the amount of \$4,784 from a salary level of \$82,441 to a new salary level of \$87,225. Effective upon G&C approval or February 10, 2025, whichever is later.

#118 Authorized to enter into a subgrant with the Merrimack County Department of Corrections, in an amount not to exceed \$145,575, from the Federal Fiscal Year 2022 and 2023 US Department of Justice, Office of Justice Program, Bureau of Justice Assistance's Residential Substance Abuse Treatment grants, for the purpose of providing services for incarcerated individuals with substance abuse disorders. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2026. **100% Federal Funds**

#119 Authorized to enter into subgrants with the subrecipients as detailed in the letter dated January 2, 2025, in an amount not to exceed \$78,349, US Department of Justice, Office of Violence Against Women, Federal Fiscal Year 2023 and 2024 Violence Against Women Act Formula Grants for the purpose of providing services for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2025. **100% Federal Funds**

#120 Authorized to **retroactively** amend an existing subgrant to the Victory Women of Vision, Manchester, NH (originally approved by G&C on 3/13/24, Item #107), by extending the end date from December 31, 2024 to June 30, 2025, with no change to the price limitation of \$53,324, 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**

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

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

#121 Authorized a Working Capital Warrant for the month of March 2025 in the amount of \$950,000,000 to cover the payment of expenditures for the month.

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

#123 **TABLED** - The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Wheeler, seconded by Councilor Kenney, voted to **table** the request to amend MOP 150 Section V. A. 3. Of the Department of Administrative Services Manual of Procedures, as detailed in the letter dated January 17, 2025. Effective upon G&C approval.

#124 Authorized the Division of Plant and Property to make a one-time **retroactive** and **sole source** payment to Millville Painters, LLC d/b/a CertaPro Painters of Concord/Manchester, Goffstown, NH, in the amount of \$15,649.01 for an invoice dated December 24, 2024 for painting services at the State House in the Governor's office and the surrounding office space. Effective upon G&C approval. **44% Transfer from other Agencies, 56% General Funds**

#125 Authorized to enter into a **retroactive, sole source** amendment to an existing contract with Inspired Ornamental LLC, Salem, NH (originally approved by G&C on 6/26/24, Item #206), for plaster repair services at the State Library, Concord, NH by increasing the price limitation by \$11,800, from \$44,695 to \$56,495 and by extending the completion date from November 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Revolving Funds**

#126 Authorized the Bureau of Court Facilities to make a one-time **retroactive** and **sole source** payment to JRF Coastal Enterprises, LLC d/b/a SERVPRO of Hooksett, Raymond and Epping, Salem, MA, for an invoice dated September 5, 2024, in the amount of \$9,000 for deployment and rental of eight dehumidifiers and an invoice dated August 5, 2024, in the amount of \$11,250 for deployment and rental of ten dehumidifiers at the Rockingham County Superior Courthouse, located at #10 Route 125, Brentwood, NH. Effective upon G&C approval. **96% Transfer from Other Agencies, 4% Agency Income**

#127 Authorized, with Councilor Stevens voting **no**, to accept the gift of a parcel of land situated on the northerly side of Rochester Hill Road (Route 108) in the City of Rochester, NH, having an area of approximately 5.93 acres, together with all easement rights and any other rights appurtenant thereto, from the City of Rochester, for the purpose of constructing and operating a new circuit court facility thereon.

#128 Authorized to enter into a contract with American Alliance Security Agency, Inc., Manchester, NH for a total price not to exceed \$184,756 for security services at the former Laconia State School property. Effective January 31, 2025, or upon G&C approval, whichever is later, through January 31, 2027, with the option to extend for an additional one-year period. **100% General Funds**

#129 Authorized to enter into a contract with Tic Express, LLC, Mansfield, TX, in an amount up to and not to exceed \$2,799,720 for janitorial supplies. Effective upon G&C approval through November 30, 2027, with the option to renew for up to an additional two-year period.

#130 Authorized the Division of Personnel and the Bureau of Education and Training to enter into a **sole source** lease agreement with FourKPH LLC, Manchester, NH, for an amount not to exceed \$623,430 from 9,236 square feet of office space located at 54 Regional Drive, Concord, NH. Effective upon G&C approval for the period April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2028, with a lease extension option for two, one year renewal periods. **62% General Funds, 38% Intra Agency Funds**

#131 Authorized to make a **retroactive** amendment to an existing contract with RH White Construction Co, Inc., Auburn, MA (originally approved by G&C on 10/4/22, Item #46), for steam distribution system repair and maintenance services by exercising a contract renewal option by increasing the price limitation by \$127,030 from \$217,530 to \$344,560 and extending the completion date from November 1, 2024 to November 1, 2025. Effective upon G&C approval. **56% General Funds, 44% Transfers from Other Agencies**

#132 Authorized the Division of Public Works Design and Construction to enter into an amendment to an existing project by increasing the contingency by \$1,550,000 for a total price not to exceed \$2,533,760 for ARPA Secure Psychiatric Unit Forensic Hospital, Concord, NH. Effective upon G&C approval through February 5, 2026, unless extended in accordance with the contract terms. **100% General Funds**

#133 Authorized the Division of Public Works Design and Construction to enter into a contract with Engleberth Construction, Inc., Colchester, VT, for a total price not to exceed \$23,495,934 for Littleton Field Maintenance Shop located in Littleton, NH. (2) Further authorized a contingency in the amount of \$528,000 for unanticipated site expenses. (3) Further authorized a payment of \$274,000 to the Department of Administrative Services, Division of Public Works Design and Construction, for engineering and project management services. Effective upon G&C approval through May 8, 2026, unless extended in accordance with the contract terms. **100% Federal Funds**

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ITEMS REMAIN ON THE TABLE

On January 15, 2025:

The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Wheeler, seconded by Councilor Stephen, voted to **table** items #8 through #12 below.

On February 5, 2025:

Councilor Liot Hill made a motion to remove these items from the table, Councilor Stevens seconded the motion, Councilors Kenney, Stephen, and Wheeler voted **no**, therefore, items #8 through #12 will remain on the table.

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

#8 Authorize to place Michael 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**

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

#9 Authorize 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**

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

#10 Authorize 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**

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

#11 Authorize 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**

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

#12 Authorize 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**

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ITEM REMOVED FROM THE TABLE AND FAILED

On January 15, 2025:

The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Stephen, seconded by Councilor Stevens, voted to **table** item #36 below.

On February 5, 2025:

The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Stephen, and seconded by Councilor Stevens voted to remove item #36 from the table. Then the Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Kenney, seconded by Councilor Stevens, voted to adopt item #36 for the purpose of discussion. Following discussion, Councilors Kenney, Stephen, and Wheeler voting **no**, therefore the Governor and Council **failed** to approve item #36 below.

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

#36 **FAILED** - Authorize 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**

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The next regular Governor and Executive Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday February 26, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at the State House, Concord, NH.

The Honorable Board then adjourned at 12:40 p.m.