

GOVERNOR AND EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MINUTES
State House, Concord, NH
January 28, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

The Governor and Executive Council convened at 10:15 a.m. with all members present.

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Today's pre-meeting ceremonial items included:

- Pastor Tony Bolens of Riverside Assembly of God offered a prayer
- Major Richard K. Sala, USMC (Ret.), Deputy Commissioner at the Department of Education, led the Pledge of Allegiance
- Performance:
 - Councilor Kenney sang the National Anthem
- Commendation:
 - 50th Anniversary of the Rochester Child Care Center

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The Governor and Executive Council on motion of Councilor Liot Hill, seconded by Councilor Wheeler, voted to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2026 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 7, 2026 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:

Director, Division of Economic Development, Department of Business and Economic Affairs - RSA 12-O:9
Chase Hagaman, Bow Effective: January 22, 2026

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CONFIRMATIONS

The Governor and Council confirmed the following:

Fish and Game Commission - RSA 206:2
(Cheshire County)

John W. Caveney, i, Spofford
Reappointment

Effective: January 28, 2026
Term: June 29, 2030

Adult Parole Board - RSA 651-A:3
(Attorney – Member of the NH Bar in Good Standing)

Lynne F. Blankenkemper, Concord
Succeeding: Roger B. Phillips, Concord
Grade GG, Step 6 (Salary): \$118,352

Effective: February 4, 2026
Term: September 16, 2030

Board of Psychologists - RSA 329-B:3
(Licensed School Psychologist-Doctoral or Licensed School Psychologist-Specialist)

Tyler St. Cyr, Hooksett
Vacancy

Effective: January 28, 2026
Term: March 23, 2028

Board of Mental Health Practice - RSA 330-A:3
(Licensed School Social Worker)
Jennifer Rein, Concord
Succeeding: Courtney Porter, Claremont (resigned)

Effective: January 28, 2026
Term: October 19, 2028

Board of Mental Health Practice - RSA 330-A:3
(Licensed Clinical Social Worker)
David Meichsner, Westford, MA
Vacancy

Effective: January 28, 2026
Term: October 31, 2028

Connecticut River Valley Flood Control Commission - RSA 484
Robert E. King, Keene
Vacancy

Effective: January 28, 2026
Term: May 1, 2028

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NOMINATIONS

The following nominations were submitted:

Supreme Court, Judiciary - RSA 490:1
Daniel E. Will, Loudon
Succeeding: Anna Barbara Hantz Marconi, Stratham

Effective: Upon Confirmation
Term: Until the age of 70

Public Utilities Commission - RSA 363
(Chairman)
Christopher Ellms, Jr., Webster
Succeeding: Daniel C. Goldner, Manchester
Grade JJ, Step 7: \$150,849

Effective: Upon Confirmation
Term: July 1, 2031

Director, Office of the Child Advocate - RSA 21-V:3
Diana E. Fenton, Mont Vernon
Succeeding: Cassandra Sanchez, Methuen, MA
Grade HH, Step 6: \$128,912

Effective: Upon Confirmation
Term: January 24, 2030

Commissioner, Department of Business and Economic Affairs - RSA 12-O:5
Lucy Lang, Bedford
Succeeding: James Key-Wallace, Concord (Interim)
Grade KK, Step 7: \$154,700

Effective: Upon Confirmation
Term: July 19, 2029

Skyhaven Airport Advisory Council - RSA 422:37
(Public Member)
Steven Hyde, New Durham
Succeeding: William S. Richard, Durham

Effective: Upon Confirmation
Term: August 14, 2026

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
Reappointment

Effective: Upon confirmation
Term: October 2, 2028

Advisory Committee on Marine Fisheries - RSA 211:60
(Alternate)
N. Ward Byrne, E. Brentwood
Succeeding: G. Ritchie White, Rye

Effective: Upon Confirmation
Term: December 2, 2028

Advisory Committee on Marine Fisheries - RSA 211:60
G. Ritchie White, Rye
Succeeding: Christian Callahan, Portsmouth

Effective: Upon Confirmation
Term: September 29, 2028

Advisory Committee on Marine Fisheries - RSA 211:60
Peter A. Whelan, Portsmouth
Reappointment

Effective: Upon Confirmation
Term: December 31, 2026

Division of Ports and Harbors Advisory Council, Pease Development Authority – RSA 12-G:44
(Commercial Fisherman)
Erik Anderson, Portsmouth
Reappointment

Effective: Upon Confirmation
Term: December 16, 2029

Division of Ports and Harbors Advisory Council, Pease Development Authority – RSA 12-G:44
Joshua Ford, North Hampton
Vacancy

Effective: Upon Confirmation
Term: December 16, 2030

Division of Ports and Harbors Advisory Council, Pease Development Authority – RSA 12-G:44
Vincent Taccetta, Newington
Vacancy

Effective: Upon Confirmation
Term: December 16, 2028

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CONSENT CALENDAR AGENDA

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

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

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

- A. Authorized to enter Rebecca Lovell into an educational tuition agreement with Southern New Hampshire University, Manchester, NH, to participate in Women in Leadership, from February 2, 2026 to April 12, 2026 and to pay costs in the amount of \$1,482.75. **28.14% Federal, 71.86% General Funds**

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

#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 University System of New Hampshire, Durham, NH.

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

- B. Authorized to accept and place on file the Report and Findings of Councilor Karen Liot Hill with regard to a certain project in participation with Cottage Hospital, Haverhill, NH.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

- C. Authorized to accept and place on file the Annual Report for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

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

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS AND VETERANS SERVICES

- A. Councilor Liot Hill 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 Liot Hill authorized the confirmation of Giovanni Gensale, Pelham, NH, for appointment to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, in the NH Army National Guard.

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS AND VETERANS SERVICES

- B. Councilor Liot Hill 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 Liot Hill authorized the confirmation of Jonathan W. Hesketh, Dover, NH, for appointment to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, in the NH Army National Guard.

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DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS AND VETERANS SERVICES

- D. Councilor Liot Hill 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 Liot Hill authorized the confirmation of Patrick Randall, Nashua, NH, for appointment to the rank of Major, in the NH Army National Guard.

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS AND VETERANS SERVICES

- E. Councilor Liot Hill 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 Liot Hill authorized the confirmation of Lieutenant Colonel Sean M. Shanahan, Rochester, NH, for appointment to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, in the NH Air National Guard.

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS AND VETERANS SERVICES

- F. Councilor Liot Hill 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 Liot Hill authorized the confirmation of Jacob D. Akers, Standish, ME, for appointment to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, in the NH Army National Guard.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

- G. Councilor Stephen requested that this item be removed from the consent calendar for discussion. Following discussion, the Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Liot Hill, seconded by Councilor Stephen authorized to appoint John A. Drennan, as an Assistant Attorney General, at a salary level of \$116,420. Effective upon G&C approval or February 7, 2026, whichever is later, for a term ending July 1, 2029. **100% General Funds**

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

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

- A. Councilor Stephen requested that this item be removed from the consent calendar for discussion. Following discussion, the Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Stephen, seconded by Councilor Stevens authorized to amend the subgrant to the New Hampshire Department of Safety, Concord, NH (originally approved by G&C on 6/25/25, Item #171), by amending the scope and allowable expenditures Authorized under the subgrant in support of drug related law enforcement activities for Granite Shield and Northern Shield, with no change to the price limitation of \$546,525.01 and no change to the completion date of June 30, 2027. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% General Funds**

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

- B. Authorized to enter into an amendment to an existing contract with Pine Gate Cooperative, Inc., Plymouth, NH (originally approved by G&C on 6/12/24, Item #58), by extending the completion date from June 30, 2026 to December 31, 2026, and by amending the payment process. Effective upon G&C approval. No additional funding is involved in this time extension. **100% Other (Renewable Energy Fund)**

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

- C. Authorized to enter into an amendment to an existing contract with Soda Brook Cooperative Inc., Northfield, NH (originally approved by G&C on 5/21/25, Item #53), by amending the payment process. Effective upon G&C approval through May 31, 2027. This is a no time extension or additional funding added to this amendment. **100% Other Funds (Renewable Energy Fund)**

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

- D. Authorized to enter into an amendment to an existing grant agreement with Aberdeen West Cooperative, Inc., (originally approved by G&C on 2/17/21, Item #44), by extending the completion date from June 30, 2026 to May 31, 2027 in order to fully complete the project and receive all committed grant funds. Effective upon G&C approval. No additional funding is involved in this time extension. **100% Other Funds (Renewable Energy Fund)**

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

- E. Authorized to amend an American Rescue Plan Act grant agreement with the City of Portsmouth, NH (originally approved by G&C on 12/21/22, Item #88), by extending the completion date from February 28, 2026 to August 31, 2026 and modifying the scope of services to conduct a hazard assessment to identify areas vulnerable to flooding during extreme weather events. Effective upon G&C approval through August 31, 2026. This is a no cost amendment. **100% Federal Funds**

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

- F. Authorized to amend an American Rescue Plan Act grant to the Town of Littleton, NH (originally approved by G&C on 12/21/22, Item #100), by modifying the scope of services and extending the completion date from March 31, 2026 to July 31, 2026, for the wastewater treatment facility upgrade project. Effective upon G&C approval through July 31, 2026. This is a no-cost amendment. **100% Federal Funds**

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

- G. Authorized to amend an American Rescue Plan Act grant to the City of Concord, NH (originally approved by G&C on 3/22/23, Item #69), by extending the completion date from February 28, 2026 to August 31, 2026, to make energy efficiency improvements to the wastewater treatment facility. Effective upon G&C approval through August 31, 2026. This is a no-cost amendment. **100% Federal Funds**

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

- H. Authorized to amend an American Rescue Plan Act grant to the City of Franklin, NH (originally approved by G&C on 3/8/23, Item #35), by modifying the scope of services for the Sewer Replacement project. Effective upon G&C approval through July 31, 2026. This is a no-cost amendment. **100% Federal Funds**

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

- I. Authorized the Bureau of Highway Design to amend a contract with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., Auburn, NH (originally approved by G&C on 2/6/19, Item #16), for preliminary design of improvements to US Route 1 in the City of Portsmouth, NH, by extending the completion date from December 31, 2025 to June 30, 2026. Effective upon G&C approval. Request is for time extension, only. No additional funding is requested.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Division for Children, Youth & Families

- J. Authorized to enter into **sole source** amendments to existing cooperative project agreements with the Contractors as detailed in the letter dated December 31, 2025 (originally approved by G&C on 6/26/24, Item #24) for child welfare tuition partnerships that provide educational opportunities in the field of social work to qualified future employees of the Division of Children, Youth and Families, to modify the scope of services pursuant to RSA 21-I:112-116, with no change to the price limitation of \$525,234 and no change to the contract completion dates of June 30, 2026. Effective upon G&C approval. **75% Federal Funds, 25% General Funds**

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Division for Behavioral Health

- K. Authorized to enter into a **sole source** amendment to an existing contract with New Hampshire Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, Concord, NH (originally approved by G&C on 6/14/23, Item #38), to decrease funding and modify scope for the continued provision of Continuum of Care Housing services, by decreasing the price limitation by \$66,273 from \$1,137,204 to \$1,070,931 with no change to the contract completion date of June 30, 2027. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds**

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Division of Public Health

- L. Authorized to enter into a **sole source** amendment to an existing contract with New Hampshire Hunger Solutions, Inc., Concord, NH (originally approved by G&C on 5/29/24, Item #24), to modify the scope of services in accordance with RSA 21-I:112-116, and by changing the completion date from June 30, 2027 to June 30, 2026, with no change to the price limitation of \$338,000. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds**

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REGULAR AGENDA

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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

#6 Authorized the Bureau of Turnpikes to transfer \$130,000 between various accounts and classes in Turnpike's Administration Support and Turnpike's Central Maintenance in order to pay for services incurred in meeting the State's transportation demands. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2026. **100% Turnpike Funds. Contingent upon Fiscal Committee approval on January 23, 2026.**

#7 Authorized the Bureau of Human Resources to **retroactively** pay Richard King a one-time payment in the amount of \$2,582.97 for compensation owed to him due to a missed increment from October 6, 2024. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Highway Funds**

#8 Authorized the Division of Operations to transfer \$9,441,858 from the Highway Surplus Account to fund winter maintenance activities. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2026. **100% Highway Funds. Contingent upon Fiscal Committee approval on January 23, 2026.**

#9 Authorized the Executive Office to **retroactively** pay membership dues in the amount of \$3,250 to the Institute of Transportation Engineers, Washington, DC, for membership to this organization for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2026. **18% Federal Funds, 76% Highway Funds, 6% Other Funds**

#10 Authorized the Bureau of Turnpikes to transfer funds in the amount of \$60,000 from the Turnpike General Reserve Account to budget and expend revenue for unbudgeted utility expenses for the Department of Business and Economic Affairs Department, Office of the Commissioner, Safety Rest Areas Turnpike. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2026. **100% Turnpike Funds**

#11 Authorized to accept and place on file the Bureau of Highway Design's annual summary of Special, Supplemental, and Account Agreements (and their amendments) with utilities, municipalities and railroad entities that result from impacts to their facilities because the Department administered construction projects.

#12 Authorized the Bureau of Right-of-Way to grant a permanent access easement on state-owned land located on the east side of NH Route 153 in the Town of Wakefield, Carroll County. The conveyance will be a direct sale to Duane and Cynthia Bickford for \$4,800 and the Department will charge an administrative fee of \$1,100. Effective upon G&C approval. *The easement will be conveyed without any explicit covenants, restrictions, or permissions regarding hunting, fishing, or other recreations activities, and applicable local and state laws will govern such activities.*

#13 Authorized the Bureau of Right-of-Way to sell a parcel of State-owned land directly to Richard Trahan, for \$29,000, with the Department assessing an additional administrative fee of \$1,100. The parcel, consisting of 0.40+/- acres of unimproved land, is located on the westerly side of Hodge Hill Road in the Town of Lisbon, County of Grafton. The subject parcel is identified at Tax Map U7 Lot 22. (2) Further authorized to compensate Badger, Peabody, and Smith Realty from the proceeds of the sale, a 6% commission fee of \$1,740 for real estate services. Effective upon G&C approval. *The land will be conveyed without any explicit covenants, restrictions, or permissions regarding hunting, fishing, or other recreations activities, and applicable local and state laws will govern such activities.*

#14 Authorized the Bureau of Right-of-Way to sell two remnant tracts of State-owned land, totaling 0.34+/- acres, situated on the northerly side of NH Route 9 bypass a/k/a Franklin Pierce Highway and westerly of Elm Street in the City of Keene, County of Cheshire. The sale will be direct to Paul Dubriske, who has agreed to purchase the land at fair market value of \$8,000 as determined by a staff appraiser from the Department. The Department will assess an administrative fee of \$1,100. Effective upon G&C approval. *The land will be conveyed without any explicit covenants, restrictions, or permissions regarding hunting, fishing, or other recreations activities, and applicable local and state laws will govern such activities.*

#15 Authorized to accept and place on file the Bureau of Right-of-Way's Contemplated Awards List for amounts under \$5,000, totaling \$22,247.48 for the period beginning October 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. These awards were paid from various transportation funds.

#16 Authorized the Bureau of Right-of-Way to sell 8.93+/- acres of State-owned land located easterly of Route 302 (Eastman Road) and northly of the Saco River in the Town of Conway, County of Carroll. The sale will be directly to Susan Nichols, who has agreed to purchase the land for \$78,000, with an assessed administrative fee of \$1,100. Effective upon G&C approval. *The land will be conveyed without any explicit covenants, restrictions, or permissions regarding hunting, fishing, or other recreations activities, and applicable local and state laws will govern such activities.*

#17 Authorized the Bureau of Right-of-Way to sell a parcel of State-owned land directly to James Nasiatka and Margarita Posso-Nasiatka, for \$39,000, with the Department assessing an additional administrative fee of \$1,100. The parcel, consisting of 0.84+/- acres of unimproved land, is located on the westerly side of Hodge Hill Road in the Town of Lisbon, County of Grafton. The subject parcel is identified at Tax Map U7 Lot 23. (2) Further authorized to compensate Badger, Peabody, and Smith Realty from the proceeds of the sale, a 6% commission fee of \$2,340 for real estate services. Effective upon G&C approval. *The land will be conveyed without any explicit covenants, restrictions, or permissions regarding hunting, fishing, or other recreations activities, and applicable local and state laws will govern such activities.*

#18 Authorized the Bureau of Right-of-Way to sell 0.54+/- acres of State-owned land situated on the northerly side of New Hampshire Route 107 in the Town of Fremont, County of Rockingham. The sale will be directly to Montana Realty Trust, who have agreed to purchase the land for \$45,800. The Department will assess an administrative fee of \$1,100. Effective upon G&C approval. *The unimproved land will be conveyed without any explicit covenants, restrictions, or permissions regarding hunting, fishing, or other recreations activities, and applicable local and state laws will govern such activities.*

#19 Authorized the Bureau of Aeronautics to increase the fleet by one Light Duty Truck 2 to purchase a one-ton all-wheel drive extended cargo van with high top for the purposes of Unmanned Aircraft System response to all disasters and recovery. This van is being purchased through a SMART (Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation) grant (originally approved by G&C on 8/27/25, Item #6). Effective upon G&C approval.

#20 Authorized the Bureau of Aeronautics to **retroactively** award a grant to the City of Keene, NH, for the final design, permitting and bidding to install a perimeter/wildlife fence, Phase II at the Dillant-Hopkins Airport, Keene, NH. Federal and state participation in the amount of \$335,185. Effective upon G&C approval through September 3, 2029. **97.4% Federal Funds, 2.6% State Funds**

#21 Authorized the Bureau of Asset Management, Performance, and Strategy to enter into an agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc., Bedford, NH, for an amount not to exceed \$2,399,992.42 for services necessary for the continued development, implementation, and ongoing support for components of Advanced Digital Construction Management Systems at NHDOT. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2029. **100% Federal Funds**

#22 Authorized the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with Pike Industries, Inc., Belmont, NH, on the basis of a sole bid of \$8,466,783.21 for resurfacing of two sections of Rt. US 3 in Belmont, Laconia, Gilford and Tilton in District 3. (2) Further authorized a contingency in the amount of \$423,339.16, for payment of latent conditions which may appear during the construction of the project. Effective upon G&C approval through October 9, 2026, unless amended by the Department in accordance with the Standard Specifications. **100% Federal Funds**

#23 Authorized the Bureau of Rail and Transit to enter into a **retroactive** lease agreement with Richard Corr, in the amount of \$16,198.75 for the use of state-owned property in Enfield, NH along Mascoma Lake. Effective July 1, 2025, upon G&C approval through June 30, 2030. *The land will be conveyed without any explicit covenants, restrictions, or permissions regarding hunting, fishing, or other recreations activities, and applicable local and state laws will govern such activities.*

#24 Authorized the Bureau of Rail and Transit to enter into a **retroactive** lease agreement with Spinosa Family, in the amount of \$11,132.50 for the use of state-owned property in Laconia, NH along Paugus Bay. Effective July 1, 2025, upon G&C approval through June 30, 2030. *The land will be conveyed without any explicit covenants, restrictions, or permissions regarding hunting, fishing, or other recreations activities, and applicable local and state laws will govern such activities.*

#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 \$9,706,147.04 for resurfacing of various Tier 2 roadways on four sections in five Towns (Allentown, Pembroke, Epsom, Concord, and Loudon) in District 3 and 5. (2) Further authorized a contingency in the amount of \$485,307.35, for payment of latent conditions which may appear during the construction of the project. Effective upon G&C approval through October 16, 2026, unless amended by the Department in accordance with the Standard Specifications. **100% Federal Funds**

#26 Authorized the Bureau of Right-of-Way to enter into an Agreement with Surveying and Mapping LLC, Newmarket, NH, for an amount not to exceed \$750,000, for Statewide on-call professional survey for various transportation projects located throughout the State. Effective upon G&C approval through January 31, 2031.

#27 Authorized the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with Continental Paving, Inc., Londonderry, NH, on the basis of a low bid of \$14,202,752.83 for Tier 1 pavement resurfacing along I-93 in Manchester and Hooksett. (2) Further authorized a contingency in the amount of \$710,137.64, for payment of latent conditions which may appear during the construction of the project. Effective upon G&C approval through September 24, 2027, unless amended by the Department in accordance with the Standard Specifications. **100% Federal Funds**

#28 Authorized the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with Alvin J. Coleman & Son, Inc., Conway, NH, on the basis of the lowest responsive bid of \$902,658.80 for stone box culvert replacement under NH 109A in Tuftonboro, NH. (2) Further authorized a contingency in the amount of \$90,265.88, for payment of latent conditions which may appear during the construction of the project. Effective upon G&C approval through May 21, 2027, unless amended by the Department in accordance with the Standard Specifications. **100% Other Funds**

#29 NOT USED

#30 Authorized the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with Alvin J. Coleman & Son, Inc., Conway, NH, on the basis of a low bid of \$35,960,470.31 for 4R pavement rehabilitation along I-93 northbound and southbound in Franconia, NH. (2) Further authorized a contingency in the amount of \$1,798,023.52, for payment of latent conditions which may appear during the construction of the project. Effective upon G&C approval through August 4, 2028, unless amended by the Department in accordance with the Standard Specifications. **100% Federal Funds**

#31 Authorized the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with Weaver Brothers Construction Company, Inc., Bow, NH, on the basis of a low bid of \$29,750,509.55 for bridge replacement and roadway reconstruction on the F.E. Everett Turnpike (Project Nashua-Merrimack-Bedford). (2) Further authorized a contingency in the amount of \$1,487,525.48, for payment of latent conditions which may appear during the construction of the project. Effective upon G&C approval through September 29, 2028, unless amended by the Department in accordance with the Standard Specifications. **100% Turnpike Capital Funds**

DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

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

#32 Authorized to accept and expend \$62,000 in State Fiscal Year 2026 from NH Department of Natural and Cultural Resources for the funding of an IT Consultant. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2026. **100% Transfer from Other Agency**

#33 Authorized, with Councilor Wheeler voting **no**, to enter into a **sole source** contract amendment with The Atom Group, LLC, Portsmouth, NH (originally approved by G&C on 10/4/22, Item #15), by increasing the price limitation by \$250,000 from \$698,936.40 to \$948,936.40 and by extending the completion date from December 31, 2028 to December 31, 2029, for the purpose of continuing to provide Cybersecurity Testing and Remediation to State Agencies. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Capital Funds**

DEFERRED COMPENSATION COMMISSION

#34 The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Kenney, seconded by Councilor Stevens authorized to accept and place on file the Annual Report for the 2024 plan year.

OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION

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

#35 Authorized to enter into a **sole source** contract with Connor Capobianco, DDS, MD, Bow, NH, for Dental Anesthesia Inspector Services, statewide for the OPLC, in an amount up to and not to exceed \$25,000. Effective upon G&C approval through November 30, 2026, with the option to extend for up to four years.
100% Agency Funds

#36 Authorized to enter into a **sole source** contract with Jared Curtin, DDS, Londonderry, NH, for Dental Anesthesia Inspector Services, statewide for the OPLC, in an amount up to and not to exceed \$25,000. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2026, with the option to extend for up to four years.
100% Agency Funds

#37 Authorized to enter into a **sole source** contract with Zachary Daniels, DMD, MD, Bow, NH, for Dental Anesthesia Inspector Services, statewide for the OPLC, in an amount up to and not to exceed \$25,000. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2026, with the option to extend for up to four years.
100% Agency Funds

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY

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

#38 Authorized, under the Community Development Block Grant program, to award a grant to the County of Sullivan, Unity, NH, in the amount of \$300,000 to support its multi-unit residential rehabilitation project improving at least 25 housing units located throughout the Sullivan County. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2027. **100% Federal Funds**

#39 Authorized, under the Community Development Block Grant program, to award a grant to the Town of Belmont, NH, in the amount of \$210,000 on behalf of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Central and Northern New Hampshire to support the Belmont Boys & Girls Club at Gale School Playground Equipment project, to install a playground to the Boys & Girls Clubs childcare center at the Gale School Building located at 60 Concord Street, Belmont, NH. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2027. **100% Federal Funds**

#40 Authorized, under the Community Development Block Grant program, to award a grant to the Town of Derry, NH, in the amount of \$500,000 on behalf of the Granite Estates Cooperative, Inc., to support water infrastructure improvements project located at 72 Kendall Pond Road, Derry, NH. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2027. **100% Federal Funds**

JUDICIAL COUNCIL

#41 The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Liot Hill, seconded by Councilor Stephen authorized to receive an additional appropriation from funds not otherwise appropriated in the total amount of \$1,500,000. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2027. **100% General Funds. Contingent upon Fiscal Committee approval on January 23, 2026.**

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, MARKETS, AND FOOD

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

#42 Authorized the Division of Agricultural Development to amend a Cooperative Project Agreement with the University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH (originally approved by G&C on 5/1/24, Item #74A), to evaluate genetic enhancement of squash for powdery mildew resistance, by increasing the price limitation by \$48,342.69 from \$61,868.31 to \$110,211 and by extending the completion date from April 1, 2026 to September 29, 2026. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds – Specialty Crop Block Grant**

#43 Authorized, with Councilor Wheeler voting **no**, to enter into a grant agreement with NOK Vino, Warner, NH, for the Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure Program in the amount of \$69,938. Effective upon G&C approval through May 1, 2027. **100% Federal Funds.** (2) Further authorized an advance payment in the amount of \$69,938 to NOK Vino, Warner, NH, in accordance with the terms of the agreement. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds**

#44 Authorized, with Councilor Wheeler voting **no**, to enter into a grant agreement with Sullivan County Conservation District, Unity, NH, for the Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure Program in the amount of \$94,752.97. Effective upon G&C approval through May 1, 2027. **100% Federal Funds.** (2) Further authorized an advance payment in the amount of \$94,752.97 to Sullivan County Conservation District, Unity, NH, in accordance with the terms of the agreement. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds**

#45 Authorized, with Councilor Wheeler voting **no**, to enter into a grant agreement with Swell Oyster Company, LLC, Hampton Falls, NH, for the Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure Program in the amount of \$69,500. Effective upon G&C approval through May 1, 2027. **100% Federal Funds.** (2) Further authorized an advance payment in the amount of \$69,500 to Swell Oyster Company, LLC, Hampton Falls, NH, in accordance with the terms of the agreement. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds**

#46 Authorized, with Councilor Wheeler voting **no**, to enter into a grant agreement with Sunnycrest Farm Inc., Londonderry, NH, for the Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure Program in the amount of \$62,046. Effective upon G&C approval through May 1, 2027. **100% Federal Funds.** (2) Further authorized an advance payment in the amount of \$62,046 to Sunnycrest Farm Inc., Londonderry, NH, in accordance with the terms of the agreement. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds**

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

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

#47 Authorized to enter into a one-month **sole source** Lease Agreement with NEST, LLC, d/b/a NEST Wolfeboro, Tampa, FL, in the amount of \$3,024, for the continued occupancy of probation/parole district office space located at 10 Center Street, First Floor, Wolfeboro, NH. Effective upon G&C approval for the period beginning February 1, 2026 through March 1, 2026. **100% General Funds**

#48 Authorized to accept and expend funds from the NH Department of Health and Human Services, in the amount of \$80,000, for series of training sessions for NHDOC departmental personnel, the court system, and other law enforcement organizations. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2026. **100% Transfer from other Agencies.** (2) Further authorized to enter into a **sole source** contract with National Alliance on Mental Illness New Hampshire, Concord, NH, in the amount of \$80,000, for mental health and co-occurring disorder training and professional services. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2026. **100% Transfer from other Agencies (HHS General Funds)**

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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

#49 Authorized to accept and expend federal grant funds in the amount of \$48,131 from the US Department of Transportation – Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration for non-gas related work performed in the enforcement of the Underground Utility Damage Prevention System. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2026. **100% Federal Funds**

#50 Authorized to **retroactively** pay the National Energy Assistance Directors Association, Washington, DC, for an amount of \$4,983 for calendar year 2026. Effective upon G&C approval for the period January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026. **100% Federal Funds**

#51 Authorized to **retroactively** continue one full-time temporary Miscellaneous Business Operations Specialist-5, which provides critical support to the sustainable energy team and is integral to the work of the team. Effective upon G&C approval for the period of December 13, 2025 through February 13, 2026. **100% Other Funds (Agency Income)**

#52 Authorized to enter into a contract with London Economics International LLC, Boston, MA, for an amount not to exceed \$230,046, to provide consulting services to assist the Department in answering certain questions presented by the legislature regarding the State's participation in ISO-New England. Effective upon G&C approval through January 28, 2027, with the option to renew for an additional six months. **100% Other (Utility Special Assessment)**

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

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

#53 Authorized to **retroactively** pay the Northern Border Regional Commission, Concord, NH, the amount of \$76,499.81 for New Hampshire's portion of the required administrative cost sharing for the federal fiscal period of October 1, 2025, to September 30, 2026. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% General Funds**

#54 Authorized to enter into a contract with Firebrand International LLC, Portsmouth, NH, in an amount not to exceed \$449,545 to provide financial administration and reporting services in compliance with federal grants received under the State Trade Expansion Program. Effective upon G&C approval through December 30, 2026, with the option to renew for an additional two-year period. **100% Federal Funds**

#55 Authorized the Office of Outdoor Recreation Industry Development (ORID) to exercise a **retroactive** renewal option with Backyard Concept, LLC, Conway, NH (originally approved by G&C on 8/30/24, Item #95), for continued implementation of ORID initiatives by increasing the price limitation by \$297,097 from \$296,988 to \$594,085 and extending the completion date from June 30, 2025 to June 30, 2027. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds**

#56 **TABLED** - The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Stephen, seconded by Councilor Liot Hill, voted to **table** the request to enter into a contract with Strategic Marketing & Research Insights, LLC, Indianapolis, IN in the amount of \$512,000 for research services. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2027, with an option to renew for one two-year period. **100% General Funds**

FISH AND GAME DEPARTMENT

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

#57 Authorized to accept and expend \$2,526,646 in grant funds from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for Restoring Habitat Connectivity to Benefit at Risk Wildlife in New Hampshire. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2027. **100% Other Funds (Agency Income). Contingent upon Fiscal Committee approval on January 23, 2026.**

#58 Authorized to enter into a **sole source** contract with the Wildlife Management Institute, Cabot, VT, for an amount not to exceed \$42,000 to administer and implement captive rearing and genetic monitoring services for New England Cottontail. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2027. **100% Other Funds (Nongame)**

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL & CULTURAL RESOURCES

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

#59 Authorized the Division of Parks and Recreation to make a **retroactive** payment to National Association of State Park Directors, Winston Salem, NC, in the amount of \$5,200 for membership dues. Effective upon G&C approval for the period of November 1, 2025 through October 31, 2026. **100% Other Funds (Agency Income)**

#60 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 \$5,059.86 for membership dues. Effective upon G&C approval for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026. **100% Other Funds (Agency Income)**

#61 Authorized the State Library to make a **retroactive** payment to the Chief Officers of State Library Agencies, Lexington, KY in the amount of \$8,000. Effective upon G&C approval for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026. **100% Federal Funds**

#62 Authorized the Division of Parks and Recreation, Cannon Mountain to enter into a **sole source** and **retroactive** contract with AC Electric Corp, Auburn, ME in the amount of \$35,824 to complete the emergency pump motor repair at Cannon Mountain Ski Area. Effective upon G&C approval for the period of November 11, 2025 through January 1, 2026. **100% Agency Income**

#63 Authorized the Division of Parks and Recreation, Cannon Mountain Ski Area to enter into a **retroactive** contract with Plymouth State University, Plymouth, NH for discounted price recreational ski and snowboard programs at Cannon Mountain Ski Area, administered by the PSU Student Activities Association. (2) Further authorized to accept a payment of \$15,000 for discounted recreational ski and snowboard programs at Cannon Mountain Ski Area in accordance with the terms of this agreement. Effective upon G&C approval for the period of November 1, 2025 through April 13, 2026. No State Funds Required.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

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

#64 Authorized to amend a Fiscal Committee Item (originally approved by G&C on 6/1/22, Item #74) by transferring funds between class lines within an accounting unit in the amount of \$300,000 to better utilize federal funds. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2026. **100% Federal Funds. Contingent upon Fiscal Committee approval on January 23, 2026.**

#65 Authorized to make a **retroactive** one-time payment from State Fiscal Year 2026 funds to Wesley Demers, Plan Analyst (Comp-Info Analyst-2) in the Air Management Division, Technical Services Bureau in the amount of \$1,660.89 to compensate the employee for wages that were not paid for in State Fiscal Year 2025. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds**

#66 Authorized to make a **retroactive** unencumbered payment to Shoubert's Auto, Boscawen, NH totaling \$1,904.99 for the repair of department fleet vehicles. Effective upon G&C approval. **74% Subsurface funds, 26% Federal Funds**

#67 Authorized to make a **retroactive** unencumbered payment of \$16,959.38 to Rowell's Services LLC, Northfield, NH for emergency response measures for a pipeline leak in the sewer forcemain located in Belmont, NH. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% WRBP Funds**

#68 Authorized to enter into a **retroactive** Memorandum of Understanding with the New Hampshire Department of Natural and Cultural Resources in the amount of \$284,840 for permitting assistance regarding protected plant species. Effective December 1, 2025, upon G&C approval through June 30, 2027. **100% Water Resources Fund**

#69 Authorized to enter into a **retroactive** Memorandum of Understanding with the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department in the amount of \$400,000 for permitting assistance regarding protected wildlife species. Effective December 1, 2025, upon G&C approval through June 30, 2027. **100% Water Resources Fund**

#70 Authorized to **retroactively** amend a Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund grant to the Town of Peterborough, NH (originally approved by G&C on 12/18/20, Item #52), by extending the completion date from December 31, 2025 to December 31, 2026 in order to provide additional time to complete the agreed upon scope of services for the Cold Stone Springs well development and water treatment plant construction. Effective as of January 1, 2026, upon G&C approval through December 31, 2026. No additional funding is involved in this time extension. **100% Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund**

#71 Authorized to award a Lead Service Line Inventory Grant to the Pembroke Water Works, Pembroke, NH in the amount of \$60,000 to develop and implement a drinking water service line inventory. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2027. **100% Federal Funds**

#72 Authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the City of Rochester, NH totaling \$15,265 to fund a Household Hazardous Waste Collection project. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2026. **100% Hazardous Waste Cleanup Funds**

#73 Authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the City of Concord, NH totaling \$421,574 for partial funding for the replacement of two dump trucks. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2026. **100% New Hampshire Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust Funds**

#74 Authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the Town of Newport, NH totaling \$220,556 for partial funding for the replacement of one engine model year 2007 plow truck. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2026. **100% New Hampshire Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust Funds**

#75 Authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the Town of Raymond, NH totaling \$449,530 for partial funding for the replacement of one engine model year 1993 fire truck. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2026. **100% New Hampshire Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust Funds**

#76 Authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the Town of Belmont, NH totaling \$500,000 for partial funding for the replacement of one engine model year 1997 diesel fire truck. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2026. **100% New Hampshire Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust Funds**

#77 Authorized to enter into an agreement with the Rockingham County Conservation District, Brentwood, NH, in the amount of \$150,000 to implement stormwater control measures and bank stabilization practices on the Exeter River in Exeter, NH. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2028. **100% Federal Funds**

#78 Authorized to enter into an agreement with the Newfound Lake Region Association, Bristol, NH in the amount of \$100,000 to complete streambank restoration for Atwell Brook and related stormwater management efforts as part of the Newfound Lake Watershed Management Plan. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2027. **100% Federal Funds**

#79 Authorized to enter into an agreement with the Halfmoon Lake Association, Center Barnstead, NH, in the amount of \$75,000 to complete phase one of the Halfmoon Lake Watershed-based Management Plan Implementation project. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2027. **100% Federal Funds**

#80 Authorized to amend a loan agreement with the Sunray Shores Water District, Winnisquam, NH (originally approved by G&C on 6/12/24, Item #84D) by increasing the loan amount by \$1,622,415 from \$1,526,400 to \$3,148,815 to finance water system improvements under the provisions of RSA 486:14 and NH Code of Administrative Rules Env-Dw 1100 et seq. Effective upon G&C approval. **87.34% Federal Funds, 12.66% General Funds**

#81 Authorized NHDOT's request to amend a Wetland Bureau Permit for work on Hampton Harbor, Seabrook, NH (previously approved by G&C on 10/18/23, Item #103).

#82 Authorized Andrew and Martha Tucker's request to perform work on Lake Winnepesaukee in Meredith, NH.

#83 Authorized Kimberly Dirocco and Jody Smith's request to perform work on Lake Winnepesaukee in Laconia, NH.

VETERANS HOME

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

#84 Authorized to **retroactively** amend an existing contract with KJ Fisher and Sons, LLC, Deerfield, NH (originally approved by G&C on 6/25/25, Item #148), to remove, replace, repair and update outdoor structures and sidewalks in the LEDU Courtyards and TARR South Flag Deck, by extending the completion date from December 31, 2025 to June 30, 2026, with no change to the price limitation of \$376,636. Effective **retroactive** to January 1, 2026, upon G&C approval. **100% General Funds**

#85 Authorized to **retroactively** amend an existing contract with DNC Flooring, Inc., Goffstown, NH (originally approved by G&C on 6/25/25, Item #147) for NHVH flooring removal and replacement by extending the contract end date from October 31, 2025 to June 30, 2026, with no change to the price limitation of \$97,175. Effective **retroactive** to November 1, 2025, upon G&C approval. **100% General Funds**

DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY

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

#86 **WITHDRAWN** – The Agency withdrew the request of the Division of State Police to accept and expend federal pass-through funds in the amount of \$528,823, entitled J-One VPN Crash Data Accessibility, from the Department of Safety, Office of Highway Safety, for the purpose of funding to implement a crash data warehouse. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2026. **100% Intra Agency Transfers. Contingent upon Fiscal Committee approval on January 23, 2026.**

#87 Authorized the Division of State Police to accept and expend federal pass-through funds in the amount of \$1,229,459 from the Department of Safety, Division of Administration for the purposes as detailed in the letter dated December 9, 2025. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2026. **100% Intra Agency Transfers. Contingent upon Fiscal Committee approval on January 23, 2026.**

#88 Authorized to accept and expend \$1,262,973 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for equipping and training eligible state and local entities with cybersecurity enhancements. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2027. **100% Federal Funds. Contingent upon Fiscal Committee approval on January 23, 2026.**

#89 Authorized the Office of the Commissioner to disburse death benefits in the amount of \$100,000 to the surviving spouse of deceased Lt. Aaron Cooper (Keene Fire Department) as a result of his death on June 11, 2025. Investigation determined that his death constitutes in the line-of-duty death. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% General Funds.**

#90 Authorized the Division of Emergency Services and Communications to enter into a contract with Kraus Associates Inc., d/b/a AK Associates, St. Augustine, FL in the amount of \$2,965,779.67 in order to refresh the Next Generation 911 Customer Premises Equipment system and procure a new service agreement for handling all incoming 911 calls originating inside the State of New Hampshire as well as any administrative line calls into the Concord and Laconia Public Safety Answering Points. Effective upon G&C approval for the period of February 2, 2026 through March 31, 2031. **100% Agency Income (Enhanced 911 System Fund)**

#91 Authorized the Division of State Police to increase its fleet size by one vehicle. (2) Further authorized to enter into a **sole source** purchase agreement in an amount not to exceed \$400,000 to purchase a Lenco Bearcat. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Intra-Agency Transfers**

#92 Authorized the Office of Highway Safety To enter into a grant agreement with New Hampshire Department of Transportation in the amount of \$17,020.28 to provide funding for a New Hampshire Department of Transportation employee to work in an overtime capacity to provide for entry, retrieval, and analysis of highway safety related data. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2026. **100% Federal Funds**

#93 Authorized the Division of State Police to allow Sergeant Gary Ingham and Trooper First Class Kevin Devlinto, both of the Canine Unit, as well as Trooper First Class James Powers from Troop A and Trooper First Class Derek Myrdek from Troop D to travel over 300 miles round trip in rented vehicles in the amount of \$6,338.02 to Shallow Creek Kennels, Inc., Sharpville, PA for four days within the date range of February 1, 2026 to February 27, 2026. Effective upon G&C approval. **41% Highway Funds, 34% General Funds, 25% Turnpike Funds**

#94 Authorized to enter into a grant agreement with NH Department of Information Technology in the amount of \$162,312 for a portion of the 2023 Homeland Security Grant Program. Effective upon G&C approval through August 31, 2026. **100% Federal Funds**

#95 Authorized to enter into grant agreements with local entities as detailed in the letter dated December 17, 2025 in the amount of \$1,496,086 for a portion of the 2025 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 September 30, 2026. **100% Federal Funds**

#96 Authorized to award a grant to the NH Department of Information Technology in the amount of \$100,000 for the purpose of supporting cyber security activities as part of the 2025 Homeland Security Grant Program. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2026. **100% Federal Funds**

#97 Authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the Trustees of Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH, in the amount of \$150,000 to provide funding for physical and cyber security enhancements and other security-related activities at The Roth Center. Effective upon G&C approval through April 30, 2028. **100% Federal Funds**

#97A Authorized the Office of Highway Safety to enter into a five-year contract with the Mary Hitchcock (Dartmouth Hitchcock) Memorial Hospital, Injury Prevention Center, Lebanon, NH, in the amount of \$1,137,167 to conduct the Child Passenger Safety program. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2030. **100% Federal Funds**

#97B **TABLED** - The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Stephen, seconded by Councilor Wheeler, voted to **table** the request to of the Office of Highway Safety to enter into a five-year contract with the Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital (Dartmouth Hitchcock), Injury Prevention Center, Lebanon, NH, in the amount of \$1,144,997 to conduct the Youth Operator program. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2030. **100% Federal Funds**

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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

#98 Authorized to appoint Rachel Y. Hemani as an Attorney at a salary level of \$107,000. Effective upon G&C approval, or February 6, 2026, whichever is later. **75% Federal Funds, 25% General Funds**

#99 Authorized to grant a salary increase to Christen Lavers, as an Assistant Attorney General, in the amount of \$24,000, from a salary level of \$87,000 to a salary level of \$111,000. Effective upon G&C approval or February 6, 2026, whichever is later. **90% Transfers from Other agencies, 10% General Funds**

#100 Authorized to grant an annual salary increment to Ashley Taylor, Victim/Witness Specialist, in the amount of \$4,755, from a salary level of \$87,225 to a salary level of \$91,980. Effective February 10, 2026, upon G&C approval. **100% General Funds**

#101 Authorized to amend an existing subgrant with the Belmont Police Department, Belmont, NH (originally approved by G&C on 6/1/22, Item #123), for the Comprehensive, Opioid, Stimulant, Substance Abuse Site-based Program, from the US Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, by increasing the price limitation amount by \$52,669 from \$381,323.12 to \$433,992.12, with no change to the completion date. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2026. **100% Federal Funds**

#102 Authorized to enter into subgrants with the programs as detailed in the letter dated December 30, 2025, in an amount not to exceed \$103,324 from the US Department of Justice, Office of Violence Against Women, Federal Fiscal Year 2024 and 2025 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, 2026. **100% Federal Funds**

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES Office of the Commissioner

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

#103 Authorized to accept and expend Federal Funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF), in the amount of \$700,000 to support the construction of the future Youth Development Center. (2) Further authorized the allocation of these funds in the accounts as detailed in the letter dated January 6, 2026. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2026. This is an allowable use of ARPA SFRF funds under Section 602(c)(1)(C) for the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue. **100% Federal Funds. Contingent upon Fiscal Committee approval on January 23, 2026.**

#104 Authorized to make a **retroactive** one-time expenditure of \$1,621.15 from State Fiscal Year 2026 appropriations consisting of a payment in the amount of \$1,345.13 to Brian Murphy, Social-Community Service Managers-2 (Supervisor V), for unpaid wages and associated payroll benefits of \$276.02, to compensate the employee for earnings that were not paid in State Fiscal Year 2025 resulting from a retroactive In-Band Advancement. Effective upon G&C approval. **91% General Funds, 9% Federal Funds**

#105 Authorized to make a **retroactive** one-time expenditure of \$1,830.94 from State Fiscal Year 2026 appropriations consisting of a payment in the amount of \$1,519.20 to Jade Marston, Social-Community Service Managers-2 (Supervisor V), for unpaid wages and associated payroll benefits of \$311.74, to compensate the employee for earnings that were not paid in State Fiscal Year 2025 resulting from a retroactive In-Band Advancement. Effective upon G&C approval. **91% General Funds, 9% Federal Funds**

#106 Authorized to make a **retroactive** one-time expenditure of \$7,050.78 from State Fiscal Year 2026 appropriations consisting of a payment in the amount of \$5,850.30 to Renee Carlisle, Social-Community Service Managers-2 (Supervisor V), for unpaid wages and associated payroll benefits of \$1,200.48, to compensate the employee for earnings that were not paid in State Fiscal Year 2025 resulting from a retroactive In-Band Advancement. Effective upon G&C approval. **91% General Funds, 9% Federal Funds**

#107 Authorized to make a **retroactive** one-time expenditure of \$1,453.05 from State Fiscal Year 2026 appropriations consisting of a payment in the amount of \$1,205.65 to Kayla Robbins, Social Wkrs-5 (Supervisor IV), for unpaid wages and associated payroll benefits of \$247.40, to compensate the employee for earnings that were not paid in State Fiscal Year 2025 resulting from a retroactive In-Band Advancement. Effective upon G&C approval. **75% General Funds, 25% Federal Funds**

#108 Authorized to make a **retroactive** one-time expenditure of \$7,050.78 from State Fiscal Year 2026 appropriations consisting of a payment in the amount of \$5,850.30 to Sarah Leclere, Social-Community Service Managers-2 (Supervisor V), for unpaid wages and associated payroll benefits of \$1,200.48, to compensate the employee for earnings that were not paid in State Fiscal Year 2025 resulting from a retroactive In-Band Advancement. Effective upon G&C approval. **91% General Funds, 9% Federal Funds**

Division of Program Quality and Integrity

#109 The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Stevens, seconded by Councilor Liot Hill authorized to enter into a contract with Health Management Systems, Inc., Irving, TX, in the amount of \$1,685,760 for conducting data matching to verify private insurance coverages for New Hampshire Medicaid members. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2028, with the option to renew for up to four additional years. **50% Federal Funds, 50% General Funds**

Division for Behavioral Health

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

#110 Authorized to transfer general funds in the amount of \$415,000 between various class lines to address shortfalls with anticipated surpluses within the Department's Authorized budget. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2026. **100% General Funds. Contingent upon Fiscal Committee approval on January 23, 2026.**

#111 Authorized to enter into a **retroactive** Memorandum of Understanding with New Hampshire Department of Corrections, Concord, NH, in the amount of \$500,000 to provide opioid and/or stimulant use disorder case management re-entry services. Effective **retroactive** to September 30, 2025, upon G&C approval through September 29, 2027, with the option to renew for up to three additional years. **100% Federal Funds**

#112 Authorized to enter into a **sole source** amendment to an existing contract with Community Action Partnership of Strafford County, Dover, NH (originally approved by G&C on 6/14/23, Item #41B), to add funding and modify scope for the continued provision of Continuum of Care housing services, by increasing the price limitation by \$1,385,645 from \$3,093,201 to \$4,478,846 with no change to the contract completion date of November 30, 2027. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds**

#113 Authorized to enter into a **sole source** amendment to an existing contract with Community Action Program Belknap and Merrimack Counties, Inc., Concord, NH (originally approved by G&C on 6/14/23, Item #36), to add funding and modify scope for the continued provision of Continuum of Care housing services, by increasing the price limitation by \$29,270 from \$1,506,829 to \$1,536,099 with no change to the contract completion date of November 30, 2027. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds**

#114 Authorized to enter into a **sole source** amendment to an existing contract with Cross Roads House, Inc., Portsmouth, NH (originally approved by G&C on 7/19/23, Item #17), to add funding and modify scope for the continued provision of Continuum of Care housing services, by increasing the price limitation by \$128,433 from \$1,692,940 to \$1,821,373 with no change to the contract completion date of July 31, 2027. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds**

#115 Authorized to enter into a **sole source** amendment to an existing contract with Thrive Survivor Support Center, Concord, NH (originally approved by G&C on 9/25/24, Item #27), to add funding and modify scope for the continued provision of Continuum of Care housing services, by increasing the price limitation by \$14,625 from \$712,830 to \$727,455, and extending the completion date from September 30, 2029 to November 30, 2029. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds**

#116 Authorized to enter into a **sole source** amendment to an existing contract with Southwestern Community Services, Inc., Keene, NH (originally approved by G&C on 6/14/23, Item #39), to add funding and modify scope for the continued provision of Continuum of Care housing services, by increasing the price limitation by \$140,093 from \$4,010,787 to \$4,150,880, with no change to the contract completion date of December 31, 2027. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds**

#117 Authorized to enter into a **sole source** amendment to an existing contract with The Mental Health Center for Southern New Hampshire d/b/a Center for Life Management, Derry, NH (originally approved by G&C on 6/28/23, Item #38), to add funding and modify scope for the continued provision of Continuum of Care housing services, by increasing the price limitation by \$129,272 from \$7,533,731 to \$7,663,003 with no change to the contract completion date of June 30, 2029. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds**

#118 Authorized to enter into a **sole source** amendment to an existing contract with Waypoint, Manchester, NH (originally approved by G&C on 5/31/23, Item #17), to add funding and modify scope for the continued provision of Continuum of Care housing services, by exercising a contract renewal option by increasing the price limitation by \$252,820 from \$2,594,259 to \$2,847,079, and extending the completion date from May 31, 2027 to June 30, 2028. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds**

Division for Children, Youth & Families

#119 The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Liot Hill, seconded by Councilor Stevens authorized to enter into a **sole source** amendment to an existing contract with New Hampshire Juvenile Court Diversion Network, Inc., Concord, NH (originally approved by G&C on 6/26/24, Item #55) to continue providing technical assistance, training, and accreditation support to the Juvenile Justice Court Diversion Program network to maintain and expand juvenile court diversion services, by exercising a contract renewal option by increasing the price limitation by \$2,460,000 from \$2,850,000 to \$5,310,000 and extending the completion date from June 30, 2026 to June 30, 2028. Effective upon G&C approval. **59% General Funds, 41% Other Funds (Opioid Abatement Trust Fund)**

Glenclyff Home

#120 The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Stevens, seconded by Councilor Liot Hill authorized to enter into a **sole source** amendment to an existing contract with Blake Thermal Sales and Services, Inc., Concord, NH (originally approved by G&C on 6/29/22, Item #17), for the continued provision of boiler repair and maintenance services at Glenclyff Home, by exercising a contract renewal option by increasing the price limitation by \$60,000 from \$120,000 to \$180,000 and extending the completion date from January 31, 2026 to January 31, 2028. Effective February 1, 2026, upon G&C approval. **100% General Funds**

New Hampshire Hospital

#121 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 Johnson Controls, Inc., Milwaukee, WI (originally approved by G&C on 4/5/17, Item #9), to extend the Ten Year Warranties for two YORK YMC2 Water-Cooled Magnetic Bearing Centrifugal Chillers (temperature control systems) installed at New Hampshire Hospital, by increasing the price limitation by \$8,500 from \$87,449 to \$95,949 and by extending the completion date from June 30, 2026 to June 30, 2027. Effective upon G&C approval. **72% General Funds, 28% Other Funds (Provider Fees)**

Division of Public Health

#122 NOT USED

#123 The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Stevens, seconded by Councilor Stephen authorized to enter into a **sole source** contract with the New Hampshire Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, Concord, NH, in the amount of \$600,212 for the provision of prevention activities related to sexual violence. Effective February 1, 2026, upon G&C approval through January 31, 2028, with the option to renew for up to two additional years. **100% Federal Funds**

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

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

#124 Authorized the request of the Division of Personnel for waiver of reclassification decision. Effective upon G&C approval. The agency has certified that sufficient funds are available to support the position reclassification.

#125 Authorized the request of the Division of Personnel for waiver of reclassification decision. Effective upon G&C approval. The agency has certified that sufficient funds are available to support the position reclassification.

#126 Authorized the request of the Division of Personnel for waiver of reclassification decision. Effective upon G&C approval. The agency has certified that sufficient funds are available to support the position reclassification.

#127 Authorized the **retroactive** request of the Division of Personnel for a waiver of reclassification decisions, as detailed in the letter dated December 29, 2025, which includes two vacant and one filled position. Effective **retroactive** to December 12, 2025, upon G&C approval. These three positions are being reclassified as a group because they all function the same and are all being reclassified to the same title/level with the Department of Safety's Emergency Communications Unit. The agency has certified that sufficient funds are available to support the reclassifications.

#128 Authorized, acting pursuant to RSA 4:40 on behalf of the State of New Hampshire, to grant Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy a perpetual utility line easement over State land in Rochester, NH located at 296 Rochester Hill Road to accommodate the installation of a new subsurface electrical distribution line to serve the future Rochester Courthouse facility to be constructed on site. Hunting or fishing would not be permissible within the proposed easement area due to its proximity to the main driveway for the new Courthouse facility, an occupied Courthouse building and an abutting house of worship, public roads and nearby Skyhaven Airport, and also due to the lack of suitable space, rivers, or ponds located therein. **Approved by Long Range Capital Planning and Utilization Committee on January 12, 2026.**

#129 Authorized, acting pursuant to RSA 4:40 on behalf of the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services, to grant on behalf of the State of New Hampshire to Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy a perpetual utility line easement over portions of two abutting parcels of State land at Hampstead Hospital located at 218 East Road in Hampstead, NH, to accommodate the installation of a new subsurface electrical distribution line to serve the future DHHS facility now under construction on site. Hunting or fishing would not be permissible within the proposed easement area due to its proximity to the main Hampstead Hospital driveway, occupied residential and medical buildings, and public roads, and also the lack of suitable space, rivers, or ponds located therein.

#130 Authorized the Division of Public Works Design and Construction to enter into an amendment to an existing contract with Hutter Construction Corporation, New Ipswich, NH (originally approved by G&C on 10/30/24, Item #128), increasing the price limitation by \$853,380 for a total price not to exceed \$35,851,309.15 for construction services for the ARPA Youth Development Center Replacement in Hampstead, NH. (2) Further authorized a contingency in the amount of \$200,000 for unanticipated site expenses. Effective upon G&C approval through the completion of the construction phase, estimated to be August 31, 2026, unless extended in accordance with the contract terms. **100% Federal ARPA. Contingent upon approval of Item #103 above.**

#131 Authorized to amend an existing **sole source** contract with Freedom Fire LLC, Henniker, NH (originally approved by the Commissioner of the Department of Administrative Services on November 18, 2024), for fire suppression system testing and inspection services to add 2 locations and raise the price limitation by \$551,097.34 from \$234,084.38 to an amount up to and not exceed \$785,181.72, with no change to the completion date. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2027.

#132 Authorized the Bureau of Court Facilities to enter into a **sole source** one-year lease agreement with the Town of Newport, NH, in the amount of \$113,436, for courtroom and office space comprised of 8,658 square feet for the 5th Circuit-District Division – Newport Courthouse, located at 55 Main Street, Newport, NH. Effective February 1, 2026, upon G&C approval through January 31, 2027. **100% Transfer from Other Agencies (transfer from AOC)**

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TABLED ITEM REMOVED AND APPROVED

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

#94 Authorized to enter into a contract with HP Hood LLC, Lynnfield, MA, in an amount up to and not to exceed \$3,214,415.54 for dairy products. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2030, with the option to extend for up to two additional years.

On January 7, 2026:

The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Wheeler, seconded by Councilor Kenney, voted to **table** item #94 above.

On January 28, 2026:

The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Kenney, seconded by Councilor Wheeler voted to remove item #94 above from the table. Then, the Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Wheeler, seconded by Councilor Liot Hill, voted to adopt item #94 for the purpose of discussion. Following discussion, the Governor and Council, with all in favor, approved item #94 above.

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The next regular Governor and Executive Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday February 11, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. at the State House, Concord, NH.

The Honorable Board then adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

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Minutes taken by Kaley Dion, Assistant Secretary of State