

GOVERNOR AND EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MINUTES
State House, Concord, NH
February 11, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

The Governor and Executive Council convened at 10:06 a.m. with all members present.

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Today's pre-meeting ceremonial items included:

- Pastor Jonathan Hopkins, Concordia Lutheran Church, offered a prayer
- Sebastien Fuentes led the Pledge of Allegiance
- Performance:
 - Councilor Liot Hill
- Proclamation:
 - The Forest Society's 125th Anniversary
- Commendation:
 - Commissioner Cass on his retirement from 40 years of state service

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The Governor and Executive Council on motion of Councilor Kenney, seconded by Councilor Stevens, voted to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2026 meeting.

The Governor and Executive Council on motion of Councilor Kenney, seconded by Councilor Stevens, voted to approve the minutes of the February 4, 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 28, 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:

Commissioner, Department of Natural and Cultural Resources - RSA 12-A:2

Sarah L. Stewart, Manchester

Effective: February 9, 2026

Volunteer New Hampshire Board of Directors - RSA 19-H

Steven D. Epstein, Manchester

Effective: January 31, 2026

Volunteer New Hampshire Board of Directors - RSA 19-H

Gabriel Paci, Manchester

Effective: February 5, 2026

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NOMINATIONS

The following nominations were submitted:

Risk and Benefits Director, Department of Administrative Services - RSA 21-I:2

Joyce Pitman, Portsmouth
Reappointment

Effective: Upon Confirmation
Term: January 15, 2030

State Board of Education - RSA 21-N:10

(Dist. 3)
Philip J. Nazzaro, Newmarket
Reappointment

Effective: Upon Confirmation
Term: January 31, 2030

Volunteer New Hampshire Board of Directors - RSA 19-H
Xanthi Russell, Durham
Vacancy
Effective: Upon Confirmation
Term: January 8, 2029

State Coordinating Council for Community Transportation in New Hampshire - RSA 239-B
Angelique R. Pandolph, Manchester
Succeeding: Fred Roberge, Manchester
Effective: Upon Confirmation
Term: September 5, 2028

State Coordinating Council for Community Transportation in New Hampshire - RSA 239-B
Jennifer D. Rabalais, Bow
Succeeding: Ellen Avery, Jaffrey
Effective: Upon Confirmation
Term: February 10, 2028

Commissioner, Department of Transportation - RSA 21-L:3
David M. Rodrigue, Sanbornton
Succeeding: William J. Cass, Laconia (resigned)
Grade LL, Step 07: \$154,700
Effective: February 27, 2026
Term: December 3, 2027

Interim Commissioner, Department of Natural and Cultural Resources - RSA 12-A:2 under RSA 4:5
Adam J. Crepeau, Gilford
Succeeding: Sarah L. Stewart, Manchester (resigned)
Grade KK, Step 5: \$140,114
Effective: February 9, 2026
Term: May 9, 2026

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CONFIRMATIONS

The Governor and Council confirmed the following:

Interim Commissioner, Department of Natural and Cultural Resources - RSA 12-A:2 under RSA 4:5
Adam J. Crepeau, Gilford
Succeeding: Sarah L. Stewart, Manchester (resigned)
Grade KK, Step 5: \$140,114
Effective: February 9, 2026
Term: May 9, 2026

Supreme Court, Judiciary - RSA 490:1 **Councilor Wheeler voted no**
Daniel E. Will, Loudon
Succeeding: Anna Barbara Hantz Marconi, Stratham
Effective: February 11, 2026
Term: Until the age of 70

Commissioner, Department of Business and Economic Affairs - RSA 12-O:5
Lucy Lange, Bedford
Succeeding: James Key-Wallace, Concord (Interim)
Grade KK, Step 7: \$154,700
Effective: February 11, 2026
Term: July 19, 2029

Skyhaven Airport Advisory Council - RSA 422:37
(Public Member)
Steven Hyde, New Durham
Succeeding: William S. Richard, Durham
Effective: February 11, 2026
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: February 11, 2026
Term: October 2, 2028

Advisory Committee on Marine Fisheries - RSA 211:60
(Alternate)
N. Ward Byrne, E. Brentwood
Succeeding: G. Ritchie White, Rye
Effective: February 11, 2026
Term: December 2, 2028

Advisory Committee on Marine Fisheries - RSA 211:60
G. Ritchie White, Rye
Succeeding: Christian Callahan, Portsmouth
Effective: February 11, 2026
Term: September 29, 2028

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

Effective: February 11, 2026
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: February 11, 2026
Term: December 16, 2029

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

Effective: February 11, 2026
Term: December 16, 2030

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

Effective: February 11, 2026
Term: December 16, 2028

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CONSENT CALENDAR AGENDA

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

#1 **MOP 150, I, B (1): Expenditure Approvals** – NONE

#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. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Other Funds**

VETERANS HOME

- B. 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 Liot Hill authorized to accept monies totaling \$61,144.93, as detailed in the letter dated January 27, 2026, received during the period of October 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025, as a result of fundraising drives from various organizations and from personal contributions. These monies are placed in the Veterans Home Benefit Fund.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

New Hampshire Hospital

- C. Authorized to accept non-monetary donations with an estimated fair market value of \$4,779.91 as detailed in the letter dated January 23, 2026. These items were received from July 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

New Hampshire Hospital

- D. Authorized to accept donations from July 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, from contributors as detailed in the letter dated January 23, 2026 in the amount of \$3,319.08 and deposit same into the New Hampshire Trust Fund.

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

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

- A. Authorized to accept and place on file the Bureau of Construction summary report of active projects that may require contingency use.

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS AND VETERANS SERVICES

- B. Authorized to accept and place on file the Biennial Report for the period ending June 30, 2025.

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

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

- A. Authorized the Bureau of Right-of-Way's petition for a hearing on the proposed improvements to safety, access, and operations of the NH Route 25 corridor, beginning at the western intersection with Lake Shore Drive and extending easterly to the eastern intersection with Lake Shore Drive in the Town of Moultonborough, NH. (2) Further authorized a Commission of Three Persons to be appointed by the Governor with the advice of the Executive Council to hold a hearing and determine whether there is an occasion for the project.

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

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

- A. Authorized to amend an American Rescue Plan Act grant to the North Country Village Cooperative, Inc., Tuftonboro, NH (originally approved by G&C on 9/6/23, Item #55), by extending the completion date from February 28, 2026 to August 31, 2026, to provide additional time to complete drinking water and wastewater system improvements. Effective upon G&C approval through August 31, 2026. This is a no-cost amendment. **100% Federal Funds**

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

- B. Authorized to amend an American Rescue Plan Act grant to the Monadnock Tenants Cooperative Inc., Rindge, NH (originally approved by G&C on 5/31/23, Item #110), by extending the completion date from February 28, 2026 to August 31, 2026, to provide additional time to complete the agreed-upon scope of services. Effective upon G&C approval through August 31, 2026. This is a no-cost amendment. **100% Federal Funds**

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

- C. Authorized to exercise an extension to an existing contract with T-Mobile USA, Inc., Bellevue, WA (originally approved by G&C on 5/3/23, Item #158), for wireless cellular data services, by extending the completion date from March 31, 2026 to March 31, 2028, with no change to the price limitation of \$1,130,683.21. Effective upon G&C approval.

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REGULAR AGENDA

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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

#6 Authorized the Bureau of Environment to make payments to The Conservation Fund, Arlington, VA, for in-lieu mitigation fees pursuant to the Federal Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq., for the Department of Transportation construction projects and maintenance activities requiring unavoidable impacts to northern long-eared bats and/or their habitats. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2027.

#7 Authorized the Bureau of Highway Maintenance to hold an organized Safety Plow Rally meeting on May 14, 2026, at the Sandwich Fairgrounds, Sandwich, NH for a total cost not to exceed \$20,000 for the purpose of recognizing and training Department of Transportation employees. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2026. **87.6% Highway Funds, 12.5% Turnpike Funds.** (2) Further authorized to accept free use of the Sandwich Fairgrounds, with a reported value of \$350, for the NHDOT Safety Plow Rally on May 14, 2026.

#8 Authorized the Bureau of Transportation Systems Management & Operations to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement for \$500,000 to support the administration of the State of New Hampshire's Highway Truck Weight Safety program. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2030. **100% Federal Funds**

#9 Authorized the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with Pike Industries, Inc., Belmont, NH, on the basis of a low bid of \$3,393,707.46 for resurfacing of various Tier 2 roadways in the Towns of Ossipee, Effingham and Freedom in District 3. Effective upon G&C approval through September 25, 2026, unless amended by the Department in accordance with the Standard Specifications. **100% Other Funds**

#10 Authorized the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with R.S. Audley, Inc., Bow, NH, on the basis of a low bid of \$144,000, for the removal of the bridge carrying Smith Crossing over the NH Railroad (Project: New Hampton). (2) Further authorized a contingency in the amount of \$14,400, 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**

#11 Authorized the Bureau of Rail and Transit to enter into a **retroactive** lease agreement with East Bluff Village Association, Meredith, NH, in the amount of \$6,291.85 for the use of state-owned property in Meredith along Lake Winnepesaukee. Effective **retroactive** 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 recreational activities, and applicable local and state laws will govern such activities.*

OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION

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

#12 Authorized to **retroactively** renew our membership with National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES), Greenville, SC, in the amount of \$6,000, for membership in NCEES and the preparation of scoring of the engineering and land surveying examinations from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026. **100% Agency Funds**

#12A Authorized an annual salary increase for Sarah Rogers, Director of Enforcement, in the amount of \$5,864, from a current salary of \$112,488 to a new salary of \$118,352. Effective **retroactive** to November 18, 2025, upon G&C approval. **100% Agency Funds**

STATE TREASURY

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

#13 Authorized to accept and place on file the quarterly report of the NH State Treasury for the period ended December 31, 2025.

#14 Authorized to establish the entrance salary for the new Deputy State Treasurer, Sylvia J. Yeaton, at Unclassified Salary Grade GG, Step 6, \$118,352. Effective February 20, 2026, upon G&C approval. **30% General Funds, 20% Transfer from Other Agency, 25% Abandoned Property Funds, 25% College Savings Funds**

#15 Authorized the resolution permitting the State Treasurer to proceed with the sale and issuance of up to \$75 million of general obligation bonds through a competitive process, negotiated sale, and private placement. This resolution will have an expiration date of June 30, 2026.

NEW HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

#16 The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Stevens, seconded by Councilor Kenney authorized to **retroactively** pay the National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities, Washington, DC, annual dues in the amount of \$4,460 for the membership period of October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds**

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, MARKETS, AND FOOD

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

#17 Authorized to enter a grant agreement with Lavoies Farm LLC, Hollis, NH, for the Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure Program in the amount of \$70,000. Effective upon G&C approval through May 1, 2027. **100% Federal Funds.** (2) Further authorized an advance payment in the amount of \$70,000 to Lavoies Farm LLC, Hollis, NH, in accordance with the terms of the agreement. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds**

#18 Authorized to enter a grant agreement with Noah Courser-Kellerman d/b/a Alprilla Farm CSA, Warner, NH, for the Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure Program in the amount of \$12,610. Effective upon G&C approval through May 1, 2027. **100% Federal Funds.** (2) Further authorized an advance payment in the amount of \$12,610 to Noah Courser-Kellerman d/b/a Alprilla Farm CSA, Warner, NH, in accordance with the terms of the agreement. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds**

OFFICE OF THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE

#19 The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Liot Hill, seconded by Councilor Stephen authorized to continue its membership and participation in the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates, and to pay \$5,061.83. Effective **retroactive** upon G&C approval for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026. **100% Other Funds (Utilities Assessments)**

LIQUOR COMMISSION

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

#20 Authorized an annual salary step increase for Patricia L. Peters, Esq., Director for the Division of Administration, in the amount of \$5,864 from a salary of \$112,488 to a new annual salary of \$118,352. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Liquor Funds**

#21 Authorized an annual salary step increase for Mark Roy, Director for the Division of Marketing, Merchandising, and Warehousing, in the amount of \$5,835 from a salary of \$118,352 to a new annual salary of \$124,187. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Liquor Funds**

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

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

#22 Authorized the Office of Workforce Opportunity to enter into a **retroactive** amendment to an existing contract with Coos County Family Health Services, Inc., Berlin, NH (originally approved by G&C on 11/13/24, Item #71), to support the Family Medical Residency Program with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) by extending the completion date from December 31, 2025 to June 30, 2026, with no change to the price limitation of \$500,000, in order to complete their setup of the family medicine residency program in New Hampshire's rural North Country. Effective **retroactive** to January 1, 2026, upon G&C approval. This is an allowable use of ARPA SFRF funds under Section 602 (c)(1)(A) to respond to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts. **100% Federal Funds**

#22A Authorized the Division of Travel and Tourism Development to enter into a **sole source** contract with New England Travel Directors Council, Inc. d/b/a Discover New England, Concord, NH in the amount of \$400,000 for collaborative international marketing. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2027. **75% General Funds, 25% Other Funds**

FISH AND GAME DEPARTMENT

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

#23 Authorized to enter into a **sole source** Cooperative Project Agreement with the University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH, in the amount of \$249,531 to conduct a research project in support of furbearers, moose, and select other big game species. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2030. **100% Federal Funds**

#24 Authorized to accept the donation of two islands totaling 11.96+/- acres located in the Pemigewasset River in Thornton, Grafton County, NH, from LCJ Holdings, LLC, for the purpose of wildlife habitat conservation and mitigation for State-protected species impacts associated with the Owl's Nest Development project. Effective upon G&C approval. There is no funding requested. *Hunting and fishing are permissible uses on the land.*

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL & CULTURAL RESOURCES

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

#25 Authorized the Division of Forests and Lands to budget and expend \$6,700 of balance forward revenue to effectively manage and enforce the Mining and Reclamation Program. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2026. **100% Revolving Funds**

#26 **TABLED** - The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Stephen, seconded by Councilor Liot Hill, voted to **table** the request of the Division of Parks and Recreation to enter into a contract with Sno-Engineering, Inc. d/b/a SE Group, Burlington, VT in the amount of \$214,225 to conduct an Infrastructure Assessment and Management Plan for the Conway Branch Rail Trail. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2027. **100% Agency Funds**

#27 Authorized the State Library to award a Conservation Number Plate (Moose Plate) Grant to the Town of Hampton Falls, NH, in the amount of \$10,000 to conduct conservation treatment and to digitize and microfilm town records. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2026. **100% Other Funds (Agency Income)**

#28 Authorized the State Library to award a Conservation Number Plate (Moose Plate) Grant to the Town of Stratford, NH, in the amount of \$10,000 to conduct conservation treatment and to digitize and microfilm town records. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2026. **100% Other Funds (Agency Income)**

#29 Authorized the State Library to award a Conservation Number Plate (Moose Plate) Grant to Nesmith Library in Windham, NH, in the amount of \$10,000 to conduct conservation treatment and to digitize and microfilm town records. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2026. **100% Other Funds (Agency Income)**

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

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

#30 Authorized to accept and place on file the report for State Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025 of the Milfoil and other Exotic Plants Prevention and Research Grant Program.

#31 Authorized to **retroactively** pay the 2026 membership dues to The Environmental Council of the States, Washington, DC in the amount of \$14,000 for the period October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds**

#32 Authorized to **retroactively** pay the New Hampshire Water Works Association, for calendar year 2026 membership dues in the amount of \$5,000. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds**

#33 Authorized the Aquatic Resources Mitigation Fund Program (ARM) to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Environmental Services Water Division, Dam Bureau totaling \$4,510,464 for the purpose of removing the Hadley Falls Dam and restoring natural stream and wetland functions in Goffstown, NH. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2032. **100% ARM Funds**

#34 Authorized to award a Water Infrastructure Improvement for the Nation Act grant to Brandywine Owners Association, Inc., East Kingston, NH, in the amount not to exceed \$352,200 to finance water system improvements. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2027. **100% Federal Funds**

#35 Authorized to award a Lead Service Line Inventory Grant to the Town of Derry, NH in the amount of \$19,000 to develop and implement a drinking water service line inventory. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2027. **100% Federal Funds**

#36 Authorized to award a Lead Service Line Inventory Grant to the Town of Milford, 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**

#37 Authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the Town of Fitzwilliam, NH totaling \$365,685 for partial funding for the replacement of one engine model year 2006 dump truck. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2027. **100% New Hampshire Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust Funds**

#38 Authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the Town of Plymouth, NH totaling \$251,314 for partial funding for the replacement of one engine model year 2002 fire truck. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2027. **100% New Hampshire Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust Funds**

#39 Authorized to amend an American Rescue Plan Act grant to the South Weare Mobile Home Cooperative, Weare, NH (originally approved by G&C on 10/4/23, Item #64), for waste and wastewater system improvements by increasing the grant limitation by \$85,900 from \$390,615 to \$476,515, and by extending the completion date from June 1, 2026 to August 31, 2026. Effective upon G&C approval through August 31, 2026. **100% Federal Funds**

#40 Authorized to **retroactively** amend a PFAS grant agreement to Stratham Memorial School, Exeter, NH (originally approved by G&C on 10/16/24, Item #89), by extending the completion date from September 30, 2025 to March 31, 2026 to allow additional time to complete the installation of a treatment system designed to address per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in the public water supply. Effective as of October 1, 2025, upon G&C approval through March 31, 2026. This is a no cost time extension. **100% Federal Funds**

#41 Authorized to **retroactively** amend a per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances Remediation Response Fund (PFAS RLF) grant agreement to Lochmere Village Water District, Tilton, NH (originally approved by G&C on 12/21/22, Item #85) by extending the completion date from July 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026 to allow additional time to complete the required closure paperwork and submit for reimbursement for their per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances treatment installation project. Effective as of July 1, 2025, upon G&C approval through March 31, 2026. This is a no cost time extension. **100% PFAS Response Funds**

#42 Authorized a loan agreement with the City of Somersworth, NH in the amount not to exceed \$3,212,000 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. **96.89% DWSRF Repayment Funds, 3.11% Federal Funds**

#43 **TABLED** - The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Wheeler, seconded by Councilor Stephen, and with Councilor Stevens voting **no**, voted to **table** the request to enter into a **sole source** contract with Quinn Geoscience Advisory Services, LLC, Rye, NH, in the amount of \$33,566 to perform 1:24,000-scale bedrock geologic mapping of the southern half of the Derry quadrangle. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2026. **100% Federal Funds**

#44 Authorized to enter into a **sole source** agreement with Research Triangle Institute d/b/a RTI International, Research Triangle Park, NC, in the amount of \$263,563 for four years of hosting and support for watershed modeling, forecasting and providing public access to watershed data. Effective upon G&C approval through October 31, 2029. **5% Dam Maintenance Funds, 95% General Funds.** (2) Further authorized to enter into a **sole source** agreement with Research Triangle Institute d/b/a RTI International, Research Triangle Park, NC, in the amount of \$222,184 for the purpose of developing new basin models, improving existing basin models, and implementing interface improvements to the Amanzi ® Forecast System. Effective upon G&C approval through October 31, 2029. **100% Capital (General) Funds**

#45 Authorized to **retroactively** amend a Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund grant to the Plymouth Village Water and Sewer District, Plymouth, NH (originally approved by G&C on 8/2/23, Item #51), by extending the completion date from December 1, 2025 to December 31, 2026 to allow additional time to complete the agreed upon scope of services for the Holderness Well source development. Effective as of December 2, 2025, upon G&C approval. No additional funding is involved in this time extension. **100% Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund**

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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

#46 Authorized the Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation to hold an organized event on October 8, 2026, at the Puritan Event and Conference Center, Manchester, NH for a total event cost not to exceed \$19,370 for the purpose of sponsoring an event titled "The 17th Annual Employment Leadership Awards." Effective upon G&C approval through November 30, 2026. **100% Federal Funds**

#47 Authorized the Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation to enter into a five-year **sole source** lease agreement with 149 Emerald Street, LLC, Howell, NJ for an amount not to exceed \$367,396.44 for the use of office space for a VR Regional Office serving the Keene, NH area located at 49 Emerald Street, Suite T, in Keene, NH. Effective upon G&C approval for the period of March 1, 2026 through February 28, 2031. **100% Federal Funds**

LOTTERY AND GAMING COMMISSION

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

#48 Authorized a **sole source** amendment to extend the contract with Scientific Games, Alpharetta, GA (originally approved by 6/21/17, Item #125) for instant ticket printing and cooperative services by an additional five years from June 30, 2027 to June 30, 2032, while maintaining the same base cost, adding no-cost benefits, and decreasing the annual price limitation by \$2,000,000 from \$11,000,000 to \$9,000,000. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Lottery Funds**

#49 Authorized to amend an existing contract with Crown NH Gaming, LLC d/b/a DraftKings, Boston, MA (originally approved by G&C on 11/25/19, Item #72A), to provide sports betting systems, equipment and services to operate mobile and retail sportsbooks within the state, by exercising a contract extension option for an additional two years from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2028. The parties also seek to increase the amount of promotional deductions allowed for the retail channel from 10% to 40%. Effective July 1, 2026, upon G&C approval. **100% Lottery Funds**

#50 Authorized to **retroactively** pay the North American Association of State and Provincial Lotteries, Concord, OH, the amount of \$25,000 for Calendar Year 2026 membership dues. Effective upon G&C approval for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026. **100% Lottery Funds**

DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY

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

#51 Authorized the Division of State Police to enter into a contract with Teledyne FLIR Defense, Inc., Wilsonville, OR, in an amount not to exceed \$409,098 for the upgrade of our FLIR 380 HDC thermal imaging system on the State Police Bell 407 helicopter. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2029. **7.57% General Funds, 86.86% Highway Funds, 5.57% Turnpike Funds**

#52 Authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the University of New Hampshire in the amount of \$236,200 for a portion of the 2025 Homeland Security Grant Program. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2026. **100% Federal Funds.** (2) Further authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the University of New Hampshire in the amount of \$90,000 for a portion of the 2025 Homeland Security Grant Program. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2026. **100% Federal Funds**

#53 Authorized the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to award a grant to the Town of Lancaster, NH, in the amount of \$4,000 to update the community's Local Emergency Operations Plan. Effective upon G&C approval through August 31, 2026. **100% Federal Funds**

#54 Authorized the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to award a grant to the Town of New Boston, NH, in the amount of \$40,000 to purchase and install equipment for the local Emergency Operations Center. Effective upon G&C approval through August 31, 2026. **100% Federal Funds**

#55 Authorized the Office of the Commission to enter into a grant agreement with the Tilton School, Tilton, NH in the amount of \$186,850 to provide funding for physical and cybersecurity enhancements and other security-related activities. Effective upon G&C approval through April 30, 2028. **100% Federal Funds**

#56 Authorized the Office of Highway Safety to enter into a contract with LexisNexis Coplogic Solutions, Inc., Alpharetta, GA in the amount of \$330,000 for providing traffic related data collection, analysis and reporting information for the NH Traffic Records Strategic Plan and the NH Annual Grant Application. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2030. **100% Federal Funds**

#57 Authorized the Division of Emergency Services and Communications, to enter into a no cost Memorandum of Understanding with The Federal Emergency Management Agency to interoperate with the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System. Effective upon G&C approval for the period of March 1, 2026 through March 1, 2029.

#58 Authorized to enter into a grant agreement with St. Joseph Hospital, Nashua, NH, in the amount of \$121,490 to provide funding for physical and cyber security enhancements and other security-related activities. Effective upon G&C approval through April 30, 2028. **100% Federal Funds**

#59 **WITHDRAWN** – The Agency withdrew the request 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**

#60 Authorized the Office of the Commissioner 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 Safety and Security Center at Dartmouth. Effective upon G&C approval through April 30, 2028. **100% Federal Funds**

#61 Authorized the Division of Fire Safety to award a grant to the Keene Fire Department in the amount of \$15,833 from a portion of the 2024 Homeland Security Grant Program. Effective upon G&C approval through August 31, 2027. **100% Federal Funds**

#61A 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 Bail Notification database Hotfile, update the State's Interstate Identification Index and National Instant Criminal Background Check interface to National Information Exchange Model compliant XML standards, and increase annual maintenance and support costs, by increasing the price limitation by \$503,079 from \$5,903,686.63 to \$6,406,765.63, with no change in the contract completion date of June 30, 2028. Effective upon G&C approval. **DOS Source of Funds: 74% Transfer from Other Agency, 26% General Funds. DoIT Source of Funds: 19.0% General, 1.3% Federal, 23.9% Highway Funds and 55.8% Other**

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES Division for Behavioral Health

#62 The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Kenney, seconded by Councilor Stevens authorized to enter into **retroactive sole source** amendments to existing contracts (originally approved by G&C on 6/14/23, Item #31) with the Contractors to modify funding and the scope of services for uncompensated care, Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic readiness, training services, as detailed in the letter dated January 27, 2026, by increasing the total price limitation by \$9,530,852 from \$89,444,473 to \$98,975,325 with no change to the completion dates June 30, 2027. Effective retroactive to January 1, 2026, upon G&C approval. **24% Federal Funds, 76% General Funds**

#63 Authorized to enter into a **sole source** amendment to an existing contract with The Upper Room, a Family Resource Center, Derry, NH (originally approved by G&C on 3/22/23, Item #9) to add funding for the continued provision of a Youth Navigator program, per Federal requirements, by increasing the price limitation by \$6,327 from \$775,103 to \$781,430 with no change to the contract completion date of September 30, 2029. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds**

#64 Authorized to enter into a **sole source** amendment to an existing contract with Light of Life Ministries, New Boston, NH (originally approved by G&C on 10/16/24, Item #13), to continue providing emergency shelter case management services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness, or are at risk of becoming homeless, by exercising a contract renewal option by increasing the price limitation by \$89,798 from \$89,798 to \$179,596 and extending the completion date from June 30, 2026 to June 30, 2028. Effective July 1, 2026, upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds**

#65 Authorized to enter into a **sole source** amendment to an existing contract with Concord Coalition to End Homelessness, Concord, NH (originally approved by G&C on 9/25/24, Item #21) 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 \$125,661 from \$700,525 to \$826,186 and extending the completion date from September 30, 2029 to November 30, 2029. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds**

Glenclyff Home

#66 The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Kenney, seconded by Councilor Liot Hill authorized to amend an existing contract with A.O. Phaneuf & Son Funeral Home, LLC, Manchester, NH (originally approved by G&C on 6/1/22, Item #15) to continue providing burial and cremation services for Glenclyff Home residents, by exercising a contract renewal option by increasing the price limitation by \$22,240 from \$44,480 to \$66,720 and extending the completion date from June 30, 2026 to June 30, 2028. Effective July 1, 2026, upon G&C approval. **49.44% General Funds, 50.56% Other Funds (Agency Income)**

Division of Medicaid Services

#67 The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Stevens, seconded by Councilor Liot Hill authorized to amend an existing contract with Dane Street, LLC, Palm Beach Gardens, FL (originally approved by G&C on 5/31/23, Item #25) to continue providing independent clinical review services by exercising a contract renewal option, to increase the price limitation by \$28,000 from \$21,000 to \$49,000 and extending the completion date from June 30, 2026 to June 30, 2030. Effective July 1, 2026, upon G&C approval. **50% Federal Funds, 34% General Funds, 16% Other Funds (Granite Advantage)**

Division of Public Health

#68 The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Stevens, seconded by Councilor Liot Hill authorized to amend an existing contract with JSI Research & Training Institute, Inc. d/b/a Community Health Institute, Bow, NH (originally approved by G&C on 4/10/24, Item #9), to continue to provide training and technical assistance to the Department's Home Visiting programs by exercising a contract renewal option by increasing the price limitation by \$550,000 from \$760,000 to \$1,310,000 and extending the completion date from June 30, 2026 to June 30, 2028. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds**

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

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

#69 Authorized the request of the Division of Personnel for waiver of reclassification decision. Effective at the start of the first payroll period following approval by the G&C. There is no cost associated with the requested reclassifications.

#70 Authorized a Working Capital Warrant for the month of March 2026 in the amount of \$1,050,000,000 to cover the payment of expenditures for the month.

#71 Authorized to hold an organized meeting on April 10, 2026 at the Edward Cross Training Complex in Pembroke, NH for the purpose of conducting a one-day energy conference. Food and other conference costs are estimated not to exceed \$5,000. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Transfer of Federal Funds from Other Agency**

#72 Authorized the Division of Risk and Benefits, under RSA 281-A:13, V., to waive a portion of the State's \$121,876.70 gross lien related to a worker's compensation claim and to accept \$33,333.33 to satisfy the lien. Effective upon G&C approval.

#73 Authorized the Division of Risk and Benefits, under RSA 281-A:13, V., to waive a portion of the State's \$135,010.02 gross lien related to a worker's compensation claim and to accept \$45,000 to satisfy the lien. Effective upon G&C approval.

#74 Authorized to enter into a **sole source** amendment to an existing contract with Kang Company, Inc., Concord, NH (originally approved by the Commissioner of the Department of Administrative Services on May 22, 2024) for janitorial cleaning services, by increasing the price limitation by \$112,686 from \$237,314 to \$350,000 and no change to the contract completion date. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2027.

#75 Authorized to enter into a contract with Ares Integrated Resources LLC, Ruther Glen, VA, for ammunition in an amount up to and not to exceed \$909,225. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2030, with the option to extend for up to two years.

#76 Authorized to enter into a contract with Henderson Products, Inc., Manchester, IA, for spreader parts, dump bodies, and plows in an amount up to and not to exceed \$18,473,340.50. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2030, with the option to extend for up to two years.

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TABLED ITEMS REMOVED AND APPROVED

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

#56 Authorized 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**

On January 28, 2026:

The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Stephen, seconded by Councilor Liot Hill, voted to **table** item #56 above.

On February 11, 2026:

The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Liot Hill, seconded by Councilor Kenney voted to remove item #56 above from the table. Then, the Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Liot Hill, seconded by Councilor Kenney, voted to adopt item #56 for the purpose of discussion. Following discussion, the Governor and Council, with all in favor, approved item #56 above.

DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY

#97B Authorize 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**

On January 28, 2026:

The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Stephen, seconded by Councilor Wheeler, voted to **table** item #97B above.

On February 11, 2026:

The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Liot Hill, seconded by Councilor Stevens voted to remove item #97B above from the table. Then, the Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Liot Hill, seconded by Councilor Stephen, voted to adopt item #97B for the purpose of discussion. Following discussion, the Governor and Council, with all in favor, approved item #97B above.

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LATE ITEMS

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

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

#A Authorized to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the New Hampshire Judicial Branch, Concord, NH to add additional Forensic Evaluator – services to the existing contract with Wexford Health Sources, Inc., Pittsburg, PA. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2026.

#B Authorized to amend the existing contract with Wexford Health Sources, Inc., Pittsburg, PA (originally approved by G&C on 5/18/22, Item #55A), by adding additional Forensic Evaluator services to the Medical-Dental-Behavioral Health Professional Services contract. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2026. This is a no cost amendment. **100% General Funds. Contingent upon approval of Late Item A above.**

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The next regular Governor and Executive Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday March 4, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. at the State House, Concord, NH.

The Honorable Board then adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

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Minutes taken by Kaley Dion, Assistant Secretary of State