

GOVERNOR AND EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MINUTES
State House, Concord, NH
March 4, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

The Governor and Executive Council convened at 10:12 a.m. with all members present.

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Today's pre-meeting ceremonial items included:

- Secretary of State David Scanlan offered a prayer and a reading
- Sheriff Chuck Massahos led the Pledge of Allegiance
- Performance:
 - West Running Brook Middle School
- Proclamation:
 - March as Francophonie Month
- Commendations:
 - Henry Och, Katie Tovar-Paciulan, Emily Reisine, and Nocole Frisella for efforts to end veteran homelessness in Manchester
 - Officer Pdraig Capsalis and K-9 Crue
 - Troop G
 - Sheriff Chuck Massahos for three decades of service

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The Governor and Executive Council on motion of Councilor Stevens, seconded by Councilor Liot Hill, voted to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2026 meeting.

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The Governor and Executive Council, on motion of Councilor Kenney, seconded by Councilor Stephen, approved the appointment of several persons nominated for Civil Commissions from the February 11, 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 of Administration, Department of Justice -RSA 21-M:3, VI
Kathleen B. Carr, Chichester

Effective: April 30, 2026

Board of Land Surveyors - RSA 31-A:55
Timothy A. Peloquin, Derry

Effective: February 17, 2026

Board of Land Surveyors - RSA 31-A:55
Jessica A. Call, Wolfeboro

Effective: February 28, 2026

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CONFIRMATIONS

The Governor and Council confirmed the following:

Public Utilities Commission - RSA 363 **Councilor Liot Hill voted no**
(Chairman)
Christopher Ellms, Jr., Webster
Succeeding: Daniel C. Goldner, Manchester
Grade JJ, Step 7: \$150,849

Effective: March 4, 2026
Term: July 1, 2031

Commissioner, Department of Transportation - RSA 21-L:3
David M. Rodrigue, Sanbornton Effective: March 4, 2026
Succeeding: William J. Cass, Laconia (resigned) Term: December 3, 2027
Grade LL, Step 07: \$154,700

Risk and Benefits Director, Department of Administrative Services - RSA 21-I:2
Joyce Pitman, Portsmouth Effective: March 4, 2026
Reappointment Term: January 15, 2030

State Board of Education - RSA 21-N:10
(Dist. 3)
Philip J. Nazzaro, Newmarket Effective: March 4, 2026
Reappointment Term: January 31, 2030

Volunteer New Hampshire Board of Directors - RSA 19-H
Xanthi Russell, Durham Effective: March 4, 2026
Vacancy Term: January 8, 2029

State Coordinating Council for Community Transportation in New Hampshire - RSA 239-B
Angelique R. Pandolph, Manchester Effective: March 4, 2026
Succeeding: Fred Roberge, Manchester Term: September 5, 2028

State Coordinating Council for Community Transportation in New Hampshire - RSA 239-B
Jennifer D. Rabalais, Bow Effective: March 4, 2026
Succeeding: Ellen Avery, Jaffrey Term: February 10, 2028

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NOMINATIONS

The following nominations were submitted:

Youth Development Center Claims Administrator : RSA 21-M:11-a, III
Gerard J. Boyle, Campton Effective: May 1, 2026
Vacancy Term: Governor's pleasure
RSA 491-A:1 (Salary): \$189,350

Board of Trustees, New Hampshire Retirement System - RSA 100-A:14
(Employer Member Nom. By the Assoc. of Counties)
Charles Nickerson, Rochester Effective: Upon Confirmation
Succeeding: Jason M. Henry, Barnstead Term: July 13, 2028

Director, Division of Motor Vehicles, Department of Safety - RSA 21-P:3
John C. Marasco, Hooksett Effective: Upon Confirmation
Reappointment Term: March 31, 2030
Grade II, Step 7 (Salary): \$143,061

Director, Division of Administration, Department of Safety - RSA 21-P:3
Amy L. Newbury, Pittsfield Effective: Upon Confirmation
Reappointment Term: March 31, 2030
Grade II, Step 7 (Salary): \$143,061

Director, Division of State Police, Department of Safety - RSA 21-P:3
Mark B. Hall, Dunbarton Effective: Upon Confirmation
Reappointment Term: March 31, 2030
Grade II, Step 7 with a 94:1-a, II adjustment \$171,289.60

Director of Administration, Department of Justice - RSA 21-M:3, VI
Thomas Kaempfer, Bristol
Succeeding: Kathleen B. Carr, Chichester (resigned)
Grade GG, Step 5 (Salary): \$112,488

Effective: April 30, 2026
Term: June 27, 2027

Community Development Finance Authority - RSA 162-L
(Employment and Training Programs)
Shannon Reid, Epsom
Vacancy

Effective: Upon Confirmation
Term: July 1, 2026

Community College System Board of Trustees - RSA 188-F
(General Public)
Sharon Harris, Newmarket
Succeeding: Stephen J. Ellis, Pittsburg

Effective: Upon Confirmation
Term: June 30, 2029

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CONSENT CALENDAR AGENDA

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

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

DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY

- A. Authorized the Division of Fire Safety to allow Paul Leishner, Modular Building Inspector, to travel over 300 miles roundtrip in a state vehicle in the amount of \$908.16 to Selinsgrove, PA for three days from March 17, 2026 to March 19, 2026, to conduct audits of two New Hampshire licensed modular manufacturers as required by Saf-C 3300, Chapter 205-C, and the Modular Building Code RSA 155-A. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Agency Income**

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

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

- A. 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 Stevens authorized the Division of Arts to accept and expend a donation of \$10,000 from Delta Dental New England. Effective upon G&C approval.

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

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

- A. Authorized to accept and place on file the Bureau of Planning & Community Assistance's 2025 Local Public Agency Annual Report.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

- B. Councilor Stevens requested that this item be removed from the consent calendar for discussion. Following discussion, the Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Stevens, seconded by Councilor Liot Hill authorized to accept and place on file the Biennial Report for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025.

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

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS AND VETERANS SERVICES

- A. Authorized the nomination of Peter Krauklin, Hampton, NH, for promotion to the rank of Major, in the NH Army National Guard. This officer meets the physical, moral and professional qualifications for this grade promotion in the NH Army National Guard.

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS AND VETERANS SERVICES

- B. Authorized the nomination of Major Nicolas T. Austin, Altus, OK, for promotion to the rank of Major, in the NH Air National Guard. This officer meets the physical, moral and professional qualifications for this grade promotion in the NH Air National Guard.

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS AND VETERANS SERVICES

- C. Authorized the nomination of Major Elizabeth D. Barker, Hampton Falls, NH, for promotion to the rank of Major, in the NH Air National Guard. This officer meets the physical, moral and professional qualifications for this grade promotion in the NH Air National Guard.

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS AND VETERANS SERVICES

- D. Authorized the nomination of Major Lyndsey T. Fleming , Epping, NH, for promotion to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, in the NH Air National Guard. This officer meets the physical, moral and professional qualifications for this grade promotion in the NH Air National Guard.

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS AND VETERANS SERVICES

- E. Authorized the nomination of Captain Joy E. DeWitt, Portsmouth, NH, for promotion to the rank of Major, in the NH Air National Guard. This officer meets the physical, moral and professional qualifications for this grade promotion in the NH Air National Guard.

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS AND VETERANS SERVICES

- F. Authorized the nomination of Captain Zachary N. Latimer, Stratham, NH, for promotion to the rank of Major, in the NH Air National Guard. This officer meets the physical, moral and professional qualifications for this grade promotion in the NH Air National Guard.

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS AND VETERANS SERVICES

- G. Authorized the nomination of Major Aaron C. McCarthy, Portsmouth, NH, for promotion to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, in the NH Air National Guard. This officer meets the physical, moral and professional qualifications for this grade promotion in the NH Air National Guard.

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS AND VETERANS SERVICES

- H. Authorized the nomination of Major Robert J. Mello, Magnolia, DE, for promotion to the rank of Major, in the NH Air National Guard. This officer meets the physical, moral and professional qualifications for this grade promotion in the NH Air National Guard.

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS AND VETERANS SERVICES

- I. Authorized the nomination of Major Shaun C. Morrison, Dover, NH, for promotion to the rank of Major, in the NH Air National Guard. This officer meets the physical, moral and professional qualifications for this grade promotion in the NH Air National Guard.

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS AND VETERANS SERVICES

- J. Authorized the nomination of Major Matthew W. Sloane, Beverly, MA, for promotion to the rank of Major, in the NH Air National Guard. This officer meets the physical, moral and professional qualifications for this grade promotion in the NH Air National Guard.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

- K. Authorized the Bureau of Right-of-Way's petition for a hearing on replacing the existing Red List, steel girder bridge that carries US 202 and NH 123 over the Contoocook River in Peterborough, 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**

NEW HAMPSHIRE EMPLOYMENT SECURITY

- A. Councilor Stevens requested that this item be removed from the consent calendar for discussion. Following discussion, the Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Stevens, seconded by Councilor Liot Hill authorized to enter into a contract amendment with Citizens Financial Group, Inc., d/b/a Citizens Bank, Manchester, NH (originally approved by G&C on 3/22/23, Item #48), for Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund banking services, exercising a one-year extension option as contained in the current contract and extending the completion date from March 31, 2026 to March 31, 2027, with no increase in the per service cost schedule or total contract cost. Effective upon G&C approval through March 31, 2027. **100% Federal Funds**

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

- B. Authorized to amend an American Rescue Plan Act Memorandum of Agreement with the Winnepesaukee River Basin Program, Franklin, NH (originally approved by G&C on 7/27/22, Item #79), by modifying the purpose of agreement. Effective upon G&C approval through September 1, 2026. This is a no-cost amendment. **100% Federal Funds**

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

- C. Authorized to amend an American Rescue Plan Act grant with the Winnepesaukee River Basin Program, Franklin, NH (originally approved by G&C on 3/27/24, Item #58), by extending the completion date from April 1, 2026 to September 1, 2026 to allow additional time to complete work on its cybersecurity project. Effective upon G&C approval. This is a no-cost amendment. **100% Federal Funds**

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

- D. 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 Liot Hill authorized to amend an existing contract with the City of Manchester, NH (originally approved by G&C on 6/4/25, Item #50), for the Housing Champion Municipal Infrastructure Grant Program award with the purpose of expanding and improving infrastructure by amending the project location from the Merrimack Street Fire Suppression System Installation, at 231 Merrimack Street, Manchester, NH to the Elm Street Shelter at 200 Elm Street, Manchester, NH, with no change to the price limitation of \$116,753 and no change to the completion date of June 30, 2027. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% General Funds**

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REGULAR AGENDA

BUSINESS AND FINANCE AUTHORITY

#6 The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Stevens, seconded by Councilor Liot Hill, and further on a roll call vote as follows: Councilor Kenney – Yes, Councilor Liot Hill – Yes, Councilor Stevens – Yes, Councilor Stephen – Yes, and Councilor Wheeler - Yes, a public hearing pursuant to under RSA 162-I with regard to the recommendation of the Business Finance Authority of the State of New Hampshire (the "Authority") with regard to the proposed issuance of not more than \$99,000,000 of revenue bonds in one or more series of bonds, which may be taxable or tax-exempt or a combination thereof, for the following projects in New Hampshire, which will be owned, operated and used by Pennichuck Water Works, Inc. (the "Borrower") and its affiliates, to finance and refinance (1) (I) capital improvements to the Borrower's water supply and water distribution installations, upgrades, replacements and rehabilitations and related support systems and land acquisition related to capital improvements at project sites located in Amherst, Atkinson, Barnstead, Bedford, Bow, Chester, Conway, Derry, Epping, Exeter, Hollis, Hooksett, Lee, Litchfield, Londonderry, Merrimack, Middleton, Milford, Nashua, Newmarket, Pelham, Pittsfield, Plaistow, Raymond, Salem, Sandown, Tilton, Weare and Windham, New Hampshire, all of which are within the Borrower's service areas, as such service areas are respectively shown at <https://pennichuck.com/pww-tefra-coverage-areas-maps/> (the "Service Area Website"), including (i) water treatment media and miscellaneous water supply upgrades, including replacement of granular activated carbon and other filtration media at the Borrower's water treatment plant in Merrimack, and at booster station and treatment facilities throughout the Borrower's service areas.

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF NEW OPPORTUNITIES & RURAL TRANSFORMATIONAL HEALTH

#6A The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Kenney, seconded by Councilor Stephen authorized to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Health and Human Services for the administration of the Rural Health Transformation program. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2031.

#7 **TABLED** - The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Stephen, seconded by Councilor Liot Hill, voted to **table** the request to enter into a **sole source** contract with Community College System of New Hampshire, Laconia, NH, in the amount of \$37,773,537 to establish and expand rural health care career pathways to address critical workforce shortages. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2031. **100% Federal Funds.** (2) Further authorize an advance payment, subject to GO-NORTH prior approval, and in accordance with 2 C.F.R Part 200, for services and activities provided within the scope of the proposed contract and in accordance with the payment terms of the contract. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2031. **100% Federal Funds**

#7A **TABLED** - The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Stephen, seconded by Councilor Liot Hill, voted to **table** the request to enter into a **sole source** contract with the New Hampshire Community Development Finance Authority, Concord, NH, in the amount of \$223,240,000 to administer the Rural Health Capital Improvement Investment Program to fund infrastructure projects that improve access to essential services and strengthen rural health and child care providers. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2031. **100% Federal Funds.** (2) Further authorize an advance payment, subject to GO-NORTH prior approval, and in accordance with 2 C.F.R Part 200, for services and activities provided within the scope of the proposed contract and in accordance with the payment terms of the contract. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2031. **100% Federal Funds**

#7B **TABLED** - The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Stephen, seconded by Councilor Liot Hill, voted to **table** the request to enter into a **sole source** contract with the Foundation for Healthy Communities, Concord, NH, in the amount of \$282,975,761 to provide implementation support across Rural Health Transformation Plan Initiatives. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2031. **100% Federal Funds.** (2) Further authorize an advance payment, subject to GO-NORTH prior approval, and in accordance with 2 C.F.R Part 200 for services and activities provided within the scope of this Agreement and in accordance with the payment terms of the contract. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds**

#7C **TABLED** - The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Stephen, seconded by Councilor Liot Hill, voted to **table** the request to enter into a **sole source** contract with the University System of New Hampshire, Durham, NH, in the amount of \$96,929,726, to strengthen New Hampshire's rural healthcare workforce by building rural healthcare career pathways and career ladders from high school to graduate programs. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2031. **100% Federal Funds**

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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

#8 Authorized the Division of Finance to transfer \$400,000 between various classes to continue to meet the State's transportation demands. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2026. **99.34% Highway Funds, 0.66% Private Local Funds. Contingent upon Fiscal Committee approval on February 20, 2026.**

#9 Authorized the Bureau of Turnpikes to transfer \$810,000 between various accounts and classes in Turnpike's Administration Support, Turnpike's Central Maintenance, East NH TPK Blue Star Maintenance and East NH TPK Spaulding TPK 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 February 20, 2026.**

#10 Authorized the Division of Operations to transfer \$3,776,578 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 February 20, 2026.**

#11 Authorized the Bureau of Human Resources to **retroactively** pay Fred Wells a one-time payment in the amount of \$5,428.82 for compensation owed to him due to missed increment from November 6, 2023. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Highway Funds**

#12 Authorized the Executive Office to pay membership dues **retroactively** in the amount of \$31,365.73 for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, to the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, Washington, DC for continued membership in the national transportation organization. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2026. **18% Federal Funds, 76% Highway Funds, 6% Other Funds (Agency Income)**

#13 NOT USED

#14 Authorized the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with Pike Industries, Inc., Belmont, NH, on the basis of a low bid of \$5,798,954.50 for resurfacing of six sections of the F.E. Everett Turnpike in Nashua and Merrimack, NH (Project: Nashua-Merrimack) totaling 11.1 miles. (2) Further authorized a contingency in the amount of \$289,947.73, for payment of latent conditions which may appear during the construction of the project. Effective upon G&C approval through September 25, 2026, unless amended by the Department in accordance with the Standard Specifications. **100% Turnpike Funds**

#15 Authorized the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with New England Signal Systems, Inc., Northwood, NH, on the basis of a low bid of \$398,459.75 for furnishing, installing and making operational three Solar power and two AC power automatic vehicle classification traffic study systems (Project: Bedford-Manchester Smart ILS Construction). (2) Further authorized a contingency in the amount of \$39,845.98, for payment of latent conditions which may appear during the construction of the project. Effective upon G&C approval through November 6, 2026, unless amended by the Department in accordance with the Standard Specifications. **100% Federal Funds**

#16 Authorized the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with Brox Industries, Inc., Andover, MA, on the basis of a low bid of \$6,491,737.25 for resurfacing and preservation of various roadway sections on the Eastern Turnpike located on I-95 in Seabrook and Hampton Falls, US 4/NH 16 in Newington and Dover, and NH 16 in Dover and Rochester (Project: Seabrook-Newington-Dover-Rochester). (2) Further authorized a contingency in the amount of \$324,586.86, for payment of latent conditions which may appear during the construction of the project. Effective upon G&C approval through September 25, 2026, unless amended by the Department in accordance with the Standard Specifications. **100% Turnpike Funds**

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

#18 Authorized the Bureau of Rail and Transit to enter into a **retroactive** lease agreement with the Blane Maguire Family Revocable Trust in the amount of \$16,448.75 for the use of state-owned property in Laconia, NH along Paugus Bay. Effective **retroactive** to July 1, 2025, upon G&C approval through June 30, 2030. Effective upon G&C approval. *The land will be conveyed without any explicit covenants, restrictions, or permissions regarding hunting, fishing, or other recreational activities. Applicable local and state laws will govern such activities.*

#19 Authorized the Bureau of Rail and Transit to enter into a **retroactive** lease agreement with the Breakwater Condominium Association in the amount of \$16,198.75 for the use of state-owned property in Laconia, NH along Paugus Bay. Effective **retroactive** to July 1, 2025, upon G&C approval through June 30, 2030. Effective upon G&C approval. *The land will be conveyed without any explicit covenants, restrictions, or permissions regarding hunting, fishing, or other recreational activities. Applicable local and state laws will govern such activities.*

DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

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

#20 **TABLED** - The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Stephen, seconded by Councilor Wheeler, voted to **table** the request to accept and expend \$100,000 in State Fiscal Year 2026 from a portion of the 2025 Homeland Security Grant Program funds available from the Department of Safety for the funding of a cybersecurity training and exercise project for the execution of cybersecurity incident response plans. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2026. **100% Transfer of Federal Funds**

#21 Authorized to grant an annual salary step increase for Timothy E. DePalo, Director of Infrastructure and Operations Division, in the amount of \$6,360, from a salary of \$128,912 to a new salary of \$135,272. Effective April 10, 2026, upon G&C approval. **100% Transfers from Other Agencies**

#22 Authorized to enter into a **retroactive** hardware and maintenance support renewal with CBTS Technology Solutions LLC, Cincinnati, OH in the amount of \$104,620.57 support and maintenance for their Dell EMC Enterprise Storage arrays. Effective upon G&C approval for the period of October 20, 2025 through September 30, 2026. **100% Other Funds**

#23 Authorized, on the benefit of the Department of Safety and the Department of Transportation, to enter into a **sole source** amendment to a contract with Coforge Inc., Princeton, NJ (originally approved by G&C on 8/17/22, Item #27), by increasing the price limitation by \$551,830 from \$11,745,545 to \$12,297,375, to develop a Crash Data Portal for towns without Records Management Systems, with no change to contract completion date of August 31, 2027. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds, as detailed in the letter dated January 13, 2026.**

OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION

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

#24 Authorized to transfer funds in the amount of \$20,000 between class lines and to create a new expenditure class code in order to fund the Appraisal Subcommittee. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2026. **100% Agency Funds. Contingent upon Fiscal Committee approval on February 20, 2026.**

#25 Authorized to **retroactively** renew its membership with the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards, Tyrone, GA, in the amount of \$2,750 for the period January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Agency Income**

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY

#26 The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Stevens, seconded by Councilor Liot Hill authorized, under the Community Development Block Grant program, to award a grant to the Town of Epping, NH, in the amount of \$499,500 on behalf of the Evans Cooperative, Inc., to support an electrical infrastructure upgrades project located at 84 Coffin Road, Epping, NH. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2027. **100% Federal Funds**

BOARD OF TAX AND LAND APPEALS

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

#27 Authorized to grant a salary differential above a subordinate classified employee for Michele E. LeBrun, Chair, in the amount of \$4,680 from a current salary of \$109,966 to a new salary of \$114,646. Effective upon G&C approval. **90% General Funds, 10% Fuel Inventory Maintenance**

#28 Authorized to grant a salary differential above a subordinate classified employee for Theresa M. Walker, Board Member, in the amount of \$4,680 from a current salary of \$109,966 to a new salary of \$114,646. Effective upon G&C approval. **90% General Funds, 10% Fuel Inventory Maintenance**

#29 Authorized to grant a salary differential above a subordinate classified employee for Eric J. Wind, Esq., Board Member, in the amount of \$4,680 from a current salary of \$109,966 to a new salary of \$114,646. Effective upon G&C approval. **90% General Funds, 10% Fuel Inventory Maintenance**

JUDICIAL COUNCIL

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

#30 Authorized to receive an additional appropriation from funds not otherwise appropriated in the amount of \$500,000 to meet the anticipated expenditures through June 30, 2026. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2027. **100% General Funds. Contingent upon Fiscal Committee approval on February 20, 2026.**

#31 Authorized to receive an additional appropriation from funds not otherwise appropriated in the amount of \$250,000 to meet the anticipated expenditures through June 30, 2026. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2027. **100% General Funds. Contingent upon Fiscal Committee approval on February 20, 2026.**

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, MARKETS, AND FOOD

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

#32 Authorized, with Councilor Wheeler voting **no**, to enter a grant agreement with McKenzies Farm LLC, Milton, 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 McKenzies Farm LLC, Milton, NH, in accordance with the terms of the agreement. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds**

#33 Authorized, with Councilor Wheeler voting **no**, to enter a grant agreement with Taproot Farm & Environmental Education Center, Lancaster, NH, for the Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure Program in the amount of \$111,637. Effective upon G&C approval through May 1, 2027. **100% Federal Funds.** (2) Further authorized an advance payment in the amount of \$111,637 to Taproot Farm & Environmental Education Center, Lancaster, NH, in accordance with the terms of the agreement. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds**

NEW HAMPSHIRE EMPLOYMENT SECURITY

#34 The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Kenney, seconded by Councilor Liot Hill authorized to make a **retroactive** one-time expenditure of \$6,560.38 from Fiscal Year 2026 appropriations consisting of a payment in the amount of \$5,417.58 to Erik Bal, Counsel, for unpaid wages from the current and prior fiscal year and associated payroll benefits in the amount of \$1,142.80. **100% Federal Funds**

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

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

#35 NOT USED

#36 Authorized to enter into a three-year contract with Patrick J. Zirpoli, LLC, Milanville, PA, in the amount of \$27,500 for the provision of Prison Rape Elimination Act Auditing Services. Effective upon G&C approval for the period beginning April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2029, with the option to renew for one additional period of up to three years. **100% General Funds**

#37 Authorized to pay one-time **retroactive** and unencumbered invoices from White Mountain Lumber Company for a total of \$17,979.47 for salt shed building materials ordered in February 2025. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% General Funds**

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

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

#38 Authorized to transfer funds in the amount of \$486,800 and create a new expenditure class code. (2) Further authorized the funds to be allocated as detailed in the letter dated January 28, 2026. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2027. **100% Federal Funds. Contingent upon Fiscal Committee approval on February 20, 2026.**

#39 Authorized the Division of Economic Development to enter into a **sole source** amendment to an existing contract with ADG-Arnett Development Group LLC, Concord, NH (originally approved by G&C 3/13/24, Item #55), to provide specialized capacity building support to communities aimed at identifying potential projects and funding sources that will improve the economic opportunities in New Hampshire's Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC) communities, in compliance with a grant awarded by the NBRC by increasing the price limitation by \$68,000 from \$410,000 to \$478,000 and extending the completion date from March 31, 2026 to June 30, 2026. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds**

FISH AND GAME DEPARTMENT

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

#40 Authorized to pay the Northeast Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, Petersburg, NY, \$4,800 annual membership dues. Effective upon G&C approval **retroactive** for the period January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026. **100% Fish and Game Funds**

#41 Authorized to enter into a **sole source** amendment to an existing contract with Sovereign Sportsman Solutions, LLC d/b/a PayIt, LLC, Nashville, TN (originally approved by G&C on 5/15/19, Item #55), by increasing the price limitation by \$17,000 from \$294,305 to \$311,305 for funding online expanded OHRV Registration capabilities, with no change to the completion date. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2029. **100% Agency Income (OHRV Funds)**

#42 Authorized to enter into a **sole source** grant agreement with the Wildlife Management Institute, Cabot, VT, in the amount of \$202,244 to provide a scope of service which includes coordination and administration, as well as research, management and assessments of multiple waterfowl species, through a regional federal grant. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2030. **80% Federal Funds, 20% Other (Game Management and Nongame Management Accounts)**

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

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

#43 Informational Item – In accordance with RSA 216-A:3-m, II, RSA 215-A:3, II-b and RSA 215-C:2, VII-b, the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources reports transfers of funds for the Fiscal Year 2026 Q1 fiscal quarter ending September 30, 2025.

#44 Informational Item – In accordance with RSA 216-A:3-m, II, RSA 215-A:3, II-b and RSA 215-C:2, VII-b, the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources reports transfers of funds for the Fiscal Year 2026 Q2 fiscal quarter ending December 31, 2025.

#45 Authorized the Division of Parks and Recreation, Cannon Mountain Aerial Tramway & Ski Area to budget and expend prior-year carryforward funds between and among Cannon Mountain Operations and Retail/Concessions accounts from the Cannon Mountain Ski Account, in the amount of \$750,000, for the purpose of aligning appropriations with actual operating requirements across established class lines. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2026. **100% Cannon Mountain Ski Account Funds. Contingent upon Fiscal Committee approval on February 20, 2026.**

#46 Authorized the Division of Parks and Recreation, Bureau of Trails to transfer funds in the amount of \$2,000 and establish one new class to better align appropriations for program expenses. (2) Further authorized the funds to be allocated as detailed in the letter dated January 16, 2026. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2026. **100% Federal Revenue Transfers from Other Agencies. Contingent upon Fiscal Committee approval on February 20, 2026.**

#47 Authorized the Division of Forests and Lands, Natural Heritage Bureau to transfer funds in the amount of \$8,600 for the purpose of funding post-retirement benefit costs and establish a new appropriation class. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2026. **100% Federal Funds**

#48 Authorized the recommendation of the Cannon Mountain Advisory Commission to implement the Cannon Mountain Aerial Tramway & Ski Area capital improvement project listed in the letter dated February 11, 2026, to be funded in the amount of up to \$893,000 by the Cannon Mountain Capital Improvement Fund. Effective upon G&C approval. No General Funds will be used. **100% Capital Funds**

#49 Authorized to continue one full-time temporary ADMIN ASSTS-4 that is essential for the effective and efficient operations of our State Parks. Effective upon G&C approval for the period March 6, 2026 through March 6, 2027. **100% Other Funds**

#50 Authorized to **retroactively** continue one full-time temporary SUPS OF RECR WKRS-4 that is essential for the effective and efficient supervision and oversight of the Mount Washington Visitor Services operations. Effective upon G&C approval for the period October 11, 2025 through October 11, 2026. **100% Other Funds**

#51 Authorized to **retroactively** continue one full-time temporary GENERAL RPR WKRS-2 that is essential for the effective and efficient operations of Cannon Mountain and Franconia Notch State Park. Effective upon G&C approval for the period February 17, 2026 through February 17, 2027. **100% Other Funds**

#52 Authorized to **retroactively** continue one full-time temporary RECR ATTNDANTS-3 that is essential for the effective and efficient operations of Cannon Mountain and Franconia Notch State Park. Effective upon G&C approval for the period February 17, 2026 through February 17, 2027. **100% Other Funds**

#53 Authorized the Division of Parks and Recreation, Cannon Mountain to enter a **sole source** and **retroactive** contract with AC Electric Corp, Auburn, ME in the amount of \$31,813 to complete the emergency pump motor repair at Cannon Mountain Ski Area. Effective upon G&C approval for the period of December 12, 2025 to January 9, 2026. **100% Agency Income**

#54 Authorized the Division of Parks and Recreation to enter into a contract with CR Demers Construction, Pembroke, NH in the amount of \$45,760 to provide grading services for Hampton Beach State Park in Hampton, NH. Effective upon G&C approval through April 10, 2026. **100% Operational Funds**

#55 Authorized the Division of Parks and Recreation, Cannon Mountain to enter a **sole source** and **retroactive** contract with AC Electric Corp, Auburn, ME in the amount of \$15,505 to complete the emergency pump motor repair at Cannon Mountain Ski Area. Effective upon G&C approval for the period of December 12, 2025 to January 9, 2026. **100% Agency Income**

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

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

#56 Authorized to **retroactively** accept and expend \$424,234 in pass through Federal Funds from the Vermont Energy Investment Corporation to manage New Hampshire's participation in the 5-state coalition New England Heat Pump Accelerator program. Effective as of November 1, 2025, upon G&C approval through June 30, 2027. **100% Federal Funds. Contingent upon Fiscal Committee approval on February 20, 2026.**

#57 Authorized to **retroactively** amend an American Rescue Plan Act grant to the Plymouth Village Water and Sewer District of Plymouth, NH (originally approved by G&C on 1/18/23, Item #88) by reducing the grant limitation by \$52,500 from \$142,500 to \$90,000 for the Emerson Road Sewer Improvements project. There is no change to the completion date of January 31, 2026. Effective **retroactive** to January 1, 2026, upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds**

#58 Authorized to **retroactively** amend an American Rescue Plan Act grant to the Plymouth Village Water and Sewer District of Plymouth, NH (originally approved by G&C on 1/18/23, Item #90) by increasing the grant limitation by \$52,500 from \$600,000 to \$652,500 for the Highland Street Sewer Improvements project. There is no change to the completion date of January 31, 2026. Effective **retroactive** to January 1, 2026, upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds**

#59 Authorized to **retroactively** amend an American Rescue Plan Act grant to the Spruce Valley Cooperative, Inc., Danville, NH (originally approved by G&C on 8/2/23, Item #48), 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. This is a no-cost time amendment. Effective **retroactive** to March 1, 2026, upon G&C approval through August 31, 2026. **100% Federal Funds**

#60 Authorized to **retroactively** amend an American Rescue Plan Act grant to the Crossings at Sleepy Hollow Cooperative, Inc., Newmarket, NH (originally approved by G&C on 8/23/23, Item #120), by extending the completion date from February 28, 2026 to June 30, 2026 to provide additional time to complete the agreed-upon scope of services. This is a no-cost time amendment. Effective **retroactive** to March 1, 2026, upon G&C approval through June 30, 2026. **100% Federal Funds**

#61 Authorized to award a Lead Service Line Inventory Grant to the City of Lebanon, 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**

#62 Authorized to award a Lead Service Line Inventory Grant to the City of Claremont, 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**

#63 Authorized to award a Lead Service Line Inventory Grant to the Penacook-Boscawen Water Precinct, Boscawen, 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**

#64 Authorized to award a Lead Service Line Inventory Grant to the Town of Woodstock, 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**

#65 Authorized to award a Lead Service Line Inventory Grant to the Town of Farmington, 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**

#66 Authorized to award a **sole source** grant agreement to the Blue Ocean Society for Marine Conservation, Inc., Portsmouth, NH, for a total of \$25,000 to conduct marine debris cleanups, monitoring, and education. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2026. **100% Federal Funds**

#67 Authorized to award a **sole source** grant agreement to the Gundalow Company, Portsmouth, NH, in the amount of \$25,000 to conduct an on-board environmental education series at locations in the Seacoast region. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2026. **100% Federal Funds**

#68 Authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the Town of Derry, NH totaling \$4,956 to fund a Household Hazardous Waste collection project. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2026. **100% Hazardous Waste Funds**

#69 Authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the Town of Goffstown, NH totaling \$2,400 for the purpose of used oil collections. Effective upon G&C approval through July 31, 2026. **100% Hazardous Waste Cleanup Funds**

#70 Authorized to award a Strategic Planning Grant to the Town of Plainfield, Meriden, NH totaling \$21,850 to improve public water system sustainability. Effective upon G&C approval through May 31, 2027. **100% Federal Funds**

#71 Authorized to award a Strategic Planning Grant to the Penacook Boscawen Water Precinct, Boscawen, NH totaling \$30,000 to improve public water system sustainability. Effective upon G&C approval through August 31, 2027. **100% Federal Funds**

#72 Authorized to enter into an agreement with the Big Pea Porridge Watershed Preservation Association, Madison, NH in the amount of \$55,000 to complete phase one of the *Big Pea Porridge Watershed Management Plan Implementation* project. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2028. **100% Federal Funds**

#73 Authorized to award a grant to Louisburg Circle Homeowners Association, Inc., Exeter, NH in the amount not to exceed \$25,310 to finance a water system improvement project to remediate per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2026. **100% Federal Funds**

#74 Authorized, under the provision of RSA 486, to award state aid grant funds for wastewater facility projects for the entities as detailed in the letter dated January 28, 2026 in the aggregate amount of \$5,662,327. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% General Funds**

#75 Authorized a Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) loan agreement with the Cobbetts Pond Village District, Windham, NH in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 to finance the Cobbetts Pond Watershed Restoration Plan Update project under the provisions of RSA 486:14 and NH Code of Admin. Rules Env-Wq 500 et seq. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% CWSRF Repayment Funds**

#76 Authorized a loan agreement with the Berlin Water Works, Berlin, NH in an amount not to exceed \$3,500,000 to finance the improvements under the provisions of RSA 486:14 and NH Code of Admin. Rules Env-Dw 1100 et seq. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds**

#77 Authorized to enter into a **sole source** contract amendment with Enthalpy Analytical, LLC, North Little Rock, AR (originally approved by G&C on 5/15/24, Item #107) by increasing the contract amount of \$200,000 from \$200,000 to \$400,000 to fund additional laboratory analytical services for emerging contaminants in source water protection areas. Effective upon G&C approval through May 31, 2027. **100% Federal Funds**

#78 Authorized to amend a grant agreement to Rolling Meadows Condominium, Londonderry, NH (originally approved by G&C on 2/21/24, Item #114) by extending the completion date from June 1, 2026 to December 31, 2027 and increasing the grant limitation by \$2,775,000 from \$2,120,000 to \$4,895,000 for interconnection to a municipal water system. Effective upon G&C approval through December 1, 2027. **100% Federal Funds**

#79 Authorized John P Collins 2012 Family Trust & Therese A Collins 2012 Family Trust's request to perform work on Lake Winnepesaukee in Gilford, NH.

#80 Authorized Lone Star LLC's request to amend a Wetland Bureau Permit for work on Sagamore Creek in Rye, NH (previously approved by G&C on 10/18/23, Item #102).

#81 **TABLED** - The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Stevens, seconded by Councilor Liot Hill, voted to **table** Pike Industries, Inc.'s request to transfer the Wetland Bureau permit (previously approved by G&C on 9/17/25, Item #77) to themselves, as new owner, perform work on Piscataqua River in Newington, NH.

#82 Authorized Jarl and Rebecca Pellinen's request to perform work in Meredith, NH.

#83 Authorized Lisa & Jonathan Morse's request to perform work on Sagamore Creek in Portsmouth, NH.

#84 Authorized Utopia/Long Island Land Co LLC, C/O Anne Coolidge's request to perform work on Squam Lake in Holderness, NH.

#85 **TABLED** - The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Stephen, seconded by Councilor Stevens, voted to **table** Michael Medici's request to perform work on Lake Winnepesaukee in Moultonborough, NH.

#86 Authorized Cyrus B Noble Revocable Trust's request to perform work on Piscataqua River in Newington, NH.

#87 Authorized Bonnie and Jonathan Cyr d/b/a Sunshine Acres Campground LLC's request to perform work on Lovell Lake in Wakefield, NH.

NEW HAMPSHIRE LOTTERY COMMISSION

#88 The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Stevens, seconded by Councilor Liot Hill authorized to **retroactively** pay the National Council of Legislators from Gaming States, Horsham, PA the amount of \$5,000 for Calendar Year 2025 membership dues. Effective upon G&C approval for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. **100% Lottery Funds**

DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY

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

#89 Authorized the Division of State Police to accept and expend \$546,525 of Department of Justice funds, for the purpose of supporting drug related law enforcement activities for Granite Shield and Northern Shield. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2027. **100% Transfer from Other Agency. Contingent upon Fiscal Committee approval on February 20, 2026.**

#90 Authorized the Division of Emergency Services and Communications to amend the accept and expend for \$4,878,000 in funds received from the US Department of Justice under FY24 COPS Office Technology and Equipment Program (originally approved by G&C on 2/5/25, Item #104) by extending the end date from March 31, 2026 to December 31, 2026. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2026. **100% Federal Funds. Contingent upon Fiscal Committee approval on February 20, 2026.**

#91 Authorized the Division of State Police to amend a **sole source** existing contract with McGovern MHQ, Inc., Marlborough, MA (originally approved by G&C on 12/21/22, Item #120) for the provision of preparing State Police vehicles for deployment by increasing price limitation by \$650,000 from \$6,317,947 to \$6,967,947 and by extending the completion date from June 30, 2026 to December 31, 2026. Effective upon G&C approval. **61.34% General Funds, 25.65% Highway Funds, 6.82% Turnpike Funds, 6.19% Agency Income**

#92 Authorized the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to award a grant to the Town of Richmond, NH in the amount of \$8,360.16 to update their Hazard Mitigation Plan. Effective upon G&C approval through September 19, 2028. **100% Federal Funds**

#93 Authorized the Division of Administration to enter into a contract with 3M Company, St. Paul, MN, for the manufacture and supply of New Hampshire motor vehicle license plates, in a total amount not to exceed \$1,623,400. Effective upon G&C approval for the period March 5, 2026 through March 31, 2036. **80.26% Capital (Other-Cost of Collections), 19.74% Other (Cost of Collections)**

#94 Authorized the Division of State Police to enter into a **sole source** contract with Crimestar USA, LLC, Swanzey, NH, in the amount of \$97,000 to provide an electronic application interface to establish data communication from law enforcement agencies, record management system to the New Hampshire State Police J-ONE environment. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2026. **100% Fed Rev Xfers from Other Agencies**

#95 Authorized the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to award a grant to the Town of Stratford, NH in the amount of \$11,838.32 to update their Hazard Mitigation Plan. Effective upon G&C approval through August 25, 2028. **100% Federal Funds**

#96 Authorized the Division of Fire Safety to award a grant to the Carroll County Haz Mat Team, Ossipee, NH in the amount of \$10,000 from a portion of the 2024 Homeland Security Grant Program. Effective upon G&C approval through August 31, 2027. **100% Federal Funds**

#97 Authorized to enter into grant agreements with the City of Berlin Fire Department, Berlin, NH in the amount of \$11,000 for a portion of the 2023 Homeland Security Grant Program. Effective upon G&C approval through August 31, 2026. **100% Federal Funds**

#98 Authorized the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to enter into a grant agreement with the City of Somersworth, NH in the amount of \$11,249.72 to update their Hazard Mitigation Plan. Effective upon G&C approval through September 8, 2028. **100% Federal Funds**

#99 Authorized the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to award a grant to the Town of Pembroke, NH in the amount of \$10,149.64 to update their Hazard Mitigation Plan. Effective upon G&C approval through September 2, 2028. **100% Federal Funds**

100 Authorized the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to award a grant to the Town of Tuftonboro, NH in the amount of \$7,593.75 to update their Hazard Mitigation Plan. Effective upon G&C approval through September 8, 2028. **100% Federal Funds**

#101 Authorized the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to award a grant to the Town of Monroe, NH in the amount of \$3,500 to update their community's Local Emergency Operations Plan. Effective upon G&C approval through August 31, 2026. **100% Federal Funds**

#102 Authorized the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to award a grant to the Town of Dublin, NH in the amount of \$8,156.25 to update their Hazard Mitigation Plan. Effective upon G&C approval through September 2, 2028. **100% Federal Funds**

#103 Authorized the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to award a grant to the Town of Rollinsford, NH in the amount of \$8,437.50 to update their Hazard Mitigation Plan. Effective upon G&C approval through August 26, 2028. **100% Federal Funds**

#104 Authorized the Division of Fire Safety to award a grant to the Midwestern NH Hazardous Materials Team, Newbury, NH in the amount of \$10,000 from a portion of the 2024 Homeland Security Grant Program. Effective upon G&C approval through August 31, 2027. **100% Federal Funds**

#105 Authorized the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to award a grant to the Town of Swanzey, NH in the amount of \$11,812.50 to update their Hazard Mitigation Plan. Effective upon G&C approval through September 8, 2028. **100% Federal Funds**

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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

#106 Authorized to establish a temporary part-time Data Scientist-2 position for the purpose of supporting the state's crime data collection and sharing capabilities. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2027. **100% Federal Funds. Contingent upon Fiscal Committee approval on February 20, 2026.** (2) Further authorized to accept and expend a grant award from the US Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Statistics, State Justice Statistics Program for Statistical Analysis Centers in the amount of \$37,504 for the purpose of supporting the state's crime data collection and sharing capabilities. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2027. **100% Federal Funds**

#107 Authorized to accept and expend \$42,625 from the Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Act Grant to provide specialized software to the New Hampshire Office of Chief Medical Examiner to enhance data gathering efforts related to autopsies and other investigative tasks of untimely deaths. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2027. **100% Federal Funds.** (2) Further authorized to enter into a **sole source** contract with Occupational Research and Assessment, Inc., Big Rapids, MI in the amount of \$237,995.12 in order to enhance data gathering efforts, at the New Hampshire Office of Chief Medical Examiner, related to autopsies, and other investigative tasks, of untimely deaths. Effective upon G&C approval through December 15, 2030. **100% Federal Funds**

#108 Authorized to appoint Whit Skinner as an Attorney at a salary level of \$100,000. Effective upon G&C approval, or March 6, 2026, whichever is later. **100% Federal Funds**

#109 Authorized to grant an annual salary increment to Melissa Steton, Assistant Deputy Medical Examiner, in the amount of \$4,318 from a salary of \$66,192 to a salary of \$70,510. Effective upon G&C approval, or March 7, 2026, whichever is later.

#110 Authorized to amend an existing subgrant with the Manchester Police Department, Manchester, NH (originally approved by G&C on 10/30/24, Item #111) 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 \$186,000 from \$186,000 to \$372,000, with no change to the completion date of September 30, 2026. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds**

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

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

#111 Authorized the transfer of General Funds in the amount of \$22,634,907 between various class lines, increase and decrease Federal revenues resulting in a net decrease of \$7,974,742, increase and decrease Other revenues with no net change, and create new expenditure class codes, as detailed in the letter dated February 4, 2026. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2027. **100% Federal Funds. Contingent upon Fiscal Committee approval on February 20, 2026.**

#112 Authorized to place Olivia May at Step 6 for the position of Deputy Medicaid Director, unclassified salary grade HH, earning \$128,912. Effective March 6, 2026, upon G&C approval. **50% General Funds, 50% Federal Funds**

#113 Authorized to place Dr. Melanie Daniels at Step 4 for the position of Pharmacist at New Hampshire Hospital, unclassified salary grade KK, earning \$132,821. Effective March 20, 2026, upon G&C approval. **31% General Funds, 69% Other Funds**

#113A The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Wheeler, seconded by Councilor Liot Hill authorized to accept and expend \$204,016,550 of Rural Health Transformation Grant funds, from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), to allow the Department to act as the pass-through agency per CMS guidance for the Governor's Office of New Opportunities & Rural Transformational Health (GO-NORTH) **retroactive** to February 3, 2026. (2) Authorized the allocation of these funds as detailed in the letter dated February 6, 2026. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2027. **100% Federal Funds. Contingent upon Fiscal Committee approval on February 20, 2026.** (3) Authorized to amend a Fiscal Committee Item (originally approved by G&C on 12/17/25, Item #112B) by aligning the amount of the accepted funds to \$202,332,938 and transferring funds as detailed in the fiscal details in the letter within GO-NORTH, in order to make technical corrections to align with the grant award and to support making rural healthcare more connected, resilient, and responsive. Effective **retroactive** to February 3, 2026, upon G&C approval through June 30, 2027. (4) Authorized the allocation of these funds as detailed in the letter. **100% Other Funds (Transfer of Federal Funds). Contingent upon Fiscal Committee approval on February 20, 2026.**

Division for Behavioral Health

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

#114 Authorized to amend an existing contract with Growth Partners, LLC, Lincoln, NE (originally approved by G&C 6/12/24, Item #21) which was a result of a competitive solicitation, to continue the statewide certification program that maintains nationally recognized industry standards for recovery residences, by exercising a contract renewal option by increasing the price limitation by \$849,994 from \$599,992 to \$1,449,986 and extending the completion date from June 30, 2026 to June 30, 2027. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% General Funds**

#115 Authorized to enter into a **retroactive sole source** amendment to an existing contract with Manchester Fire Department, Manchester, NH (originally approved by G&C on 6/28/23, Item #40) to provide mobile Community Response Unit support services to individuals in the City of Manchester who are experiencing homelessness and/or substance use disorders (SUD), or are in recovery from SUD or a mental health crisis, to reduce funding to align with funds appropriated for the biennium ending June 30, 2027 by decreasing the price limitation by \$128,000 from \$1,024,000 to \$896,000 with no change to the contract completion date of June 30, 2027. Effective **retroactive** to July 1, 2025, upon G&C approval. **100% General Funds**

#116 Authorized to enter into a **sole source** amendment to an existing contract with Claremont Learning Partnership, Claremont, NH (originally approved by G&C on 3/8/23, Item #9), to add funding for the provision of the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program, Continuum of Care, Transitional Housing and Rapid Rehousing Projects, per Federal requirements, by increasing the price limitation by \$12,039 from \$1,086,933 to \$1,098,972 with no change to the contract completion date of September 30, 2029. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds**

Division of Economic Stability

#117 The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Stevens, seconded by Councilor Liot Hill authorized to enter into a grant agreement with New Hampshire Catholic Charities d/b/a New Hampshire Food Bank, Manchester, NH, in the amount of \$150,000 to incentivize the purchase of fresh fruits and vegetables for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program recipients residing in New Hampshire. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2027, with the option to renew for up to four additional years. **100% General Funds**

Division of Long Term Supports and Services

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

#118 Authorized to **retroactively** pay the IDEA Infant and Toddler Coordinators Association, Indianapolis, IN in the amount of \$2,700 for annual membership dues. Effective upon G&C approval for the period from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026. **100% Federal Funds**

#119 Authorized to enter into a **sole source** amendment to an existing contract with New Hampshire Legal Assistance, Concord, NH (originally approved by G&C on 8/17/22, Item #14), to continue providing legal services to eligible adults ages sixty and older, by exercising a contract renewal option by increasing the price limitation by \$292,730 from \$585,330 to \$878,060 and extending the completion date from June 30, 2026 to June 30, 2028. Effective July 1, 2026, upon G&C approval. **50% Federal Funds, 50% General Funds**

#120 Authorized to enter into **sole source** amendments to existing agreements with the Contractors as detailed in the letter dated February 9, 2026, to continue providing community health care coordination for children with special health care needs, by exercising contract renewal options by increasing the total price limitation by \$548,695 from \$681,041 to \$1,229,736, inclusive of a shared price limitation of \$240,000 across the Contractors for environmental modifications and health-related services, and extending the completion dates from June 30, 2026 to June 30, 2027. Effective upon G&C approval. **88.15% Federal Funds, 11.85% General Funds**

Division of Medicaid Services

#121 The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Stevens, seconded by Councilor Liot Hill authorized to accept and expend Federal Funds from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services in the amount of \$1,960,784, for contracted services that were not budgeted for State Fiscal Year 2026. (2) Further authorized the allocation of these funds as detailed in the letter dated January 23, 2026. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2027. **100% Federal Funds. Contingent upon Fiscal Committee approval on February 20, 2026.**

New Hampshire Hospital

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

#122 Authorized to **retroactively** pay The Joint Commission, Oakbrook Terrace, IL, in the amount of \$7,675 for annual membership dues. Effective upon G&C approval for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026. **86% General Funds, 14% Other Funds (Intergovernmental Revenues)**

#123 Authorized to enter into a **sole source** amendment to an existing contract with Occupational Health Centers of the Southwest, P.A., Addison, TX (originally approved by G&C on 6/25/25, Item #191), to continue providing employee occupational health services for New Hampshire Hospital to ensure compliance with employee federal health policies and health screenings by exercising a renewal option, by increasing the price limitation by \$390,000 from \$260,000 to \$650,000 and by extending the completion date from June 30, 2026 to June 30, 2029. Effective July 1, 2026, upon G&C approval. **31% General Funds, 69% Other Funds (Agency Income)**

#124 Authorized to enter into a **sole source** amendment to an existing contract with Achievement Therapy Services, LLC, Laconia, NH (originally approved by G&C on 2/21/24, Item #27), to continue to provide physical therapy services for patients at New Hampshire Hospital, by exercising a contract renewal option by increasing the price limitation by \$284,856 from \$284,856 to \$569,712, and extending the completion date from June 30, 2026 to June 30, 2028. Effective July 1, 2026, upon G&C approval. **31% General Funds, 69% Other Funds (Provider Fees)**

#125 Authorized to enter into an amendment to an existing contract with Minuteman Security Technologies, Inc., Andover, MA (originally approved by G&C on 9/11/20, Item #9), to increase funding due to an unanticipated emergency repair required for the alarm system at New Hampshire Hospital, by increasing the price limitation by \$7,966 from \$255,000 to \$262,966 with no change to the contract completion date of June 30, 2027. Effective upon G&C approval. **72% General Funds, 28% Other Funds (Provider and Intra-Agency Funds)**

Division of Public Health

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

#126 Authorized to make unencumbered payments to a limited number of vendors, as detailed in the letter dated February 11, 2026, for costs associated with unanticipated equipment or instrument repairs required for operation of Public Health Laboratories, not to exceed \$155,000. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2029. **74% General Funds, 26% Other (Water Lab Fees) Funds**

#127 Authorized to enter into Provider Agreements with relevant businesses or institutions to conduct indoor radon testing using Department-issued continuous radon monitors. (2) Further authorized to permit businesses or institutions to utilize Department-issued continuous radon monitors, at no cost, for the purpose of conducting statewide indoor radon testing. The department will retain full ownership of the equipment and remain responsible for calibration and ongoing maintenance. Effective upon G&C approval and upon the signature of both parties and shall remain in effect until the Department confirms return receipt of all equipment, unless terminated earlier in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

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

#128 Authorized the **retroactive** request of the Division of Personnel for a waiver of reclassification decisions, as detailed in the letter dated February 6, 2026. The agency has certified that sufficient funds are available to support the position reclassification. Effective **retroactively** to January 23, 2026, upon G&C approval.

#129 Authorized a Working Capital Warrant for the month of April 2026 in the amount of \$700,000,000 to cover the payment of expenditures for the month.

#130 Authorized, on behalf of the State of New Hampshire, to accept from the City of Rochester a perpetual drainage easement over City owned land to benefit abutting State land located at 296 Rochester Hill Road in the City of Rochester, NH, which is the site of the new Rochester Courthouse construction. *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.*

#131 Informational Item - The Central Facilities Bureau has entered into an Interagency Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Environmental Services to allow DAS to use DES passenger vehicles on an as-needed, short-term basis to support the management and maintenance of state buildings and grounds within the Concord, NH area. The MOU is effective upon signature and remains in effect until June 30, 2027.

#132 Authorized to enter into a contract with Cives Corporation, Alexandria, MN, for spreader parts, dump bodies, and plows in an amount up to and not to exceed \$31,268,595.06. Effective upon G&C approval through October 31, 2030, with the option to extend for up to two years.

#133 Authorized to enter into a contract with CDS Unlimited LLC, Bennington, NH, for electrical repair services in an amount up to and not to exceed \$1,200,000. Effective upon G&C approval through January 31, 2031, with the option to extend for up to two years.

#134 Authorized, with Councilors Stephen and Wheeler voting **no**, to exercise a **sole source** amendment to an existing contract with Alliance Group Services, LLC, Essex Junction, VT (originally approved by G&C on 12/20/23, Item #194), by increasing the price limitation by \$1,604,753.15 from \$532,990 to an amount up to and not to exceed \$2,137,743.15 with no change to the contract completion date for HVAC preventative maintenance and repair. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2028.

#135 Authorized to enter into a contract with EAN Services, LLC, St. Louis, MO, for passenger vehicle and box truck rentals in an amount up to and not to exceed \$909,316.80 through a participating agreement with the National Association of State Procurement Officials Value Point Contract Master Agreement (MA), to terminate upon termination of the MA. Effective upon G&C approval through July 31, 2030.

#136 NOT USED

#137 Authorized to enter into a contract with RTP Armor LLC, Lincoln, NE, for ammunition in an amount up to and not to exceed \$1,435,725. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2030, with the option to extend for up to an additional two-years.

#138 Authorized to enter into a contract with Jurek Brothers, Inc., Greenfield, MA, for ammunition in an amount up to and not to exceed \$2,405,531.25. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2030, with the option to extend for up to an additional two-years.

#139 Authorized the Division of Public Works Design and Construction to enter into a contract K.J. Fisher and Sons, LLC, Deerfield, NH, for a total price not to exceed \$85,911, for Drainage and Water Life Safety Improvements. (2) Further authorized a contingency in the amount of \$20,000 for unanticipated expenses. (3) Further authorized a payment of \$5,800 to the Department of Administrative Services, Division of Public Works Design and Construction, for engineering and project management services provided. Effective upon G&C approval through the completion of construction administration services, estimated to be July 24, 2026, unless extended in accordance with the contract terms. **100% Capital Funds**

#140 Authorized the Division of Public Works Design and Construction to enter into a contract Fulcrum Associates, LLC, Amherst, NH, for a total price not to exceed \$1,498,903, for the State Police Hangar project. (2) Further authorized a contingency in the amount of \$145,308 for unanticipated site expenses. (3) Further authorized a payment of \$40,000 to the Department of Administrative Services, Division of Public Works Design and Construction, for engineering and project management services provided. Effective upon G&C approval through the completion of construction administration services, estimated to be November 30, 2026, unless extended in accordance with the contract terms. **100% Capital Funds**

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TABLED ITEM REMOVED AND APPROVED

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

#43 Authorized 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**

On February 11, 2026 :

The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Wheeler, seconded by Councilor Stephen, and with Councilor Stevens voting **no**, voted to **table** item #43 above.

On March 4, 2026 :

The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Wheeler, seconded by Councilor Kenney voted to remove item #43 above from the table. Then, the Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Wheeler, seconded by Councilor Liot Hill, voted to adopt item #43 for the purpose of discussion. Following discussion, the Governor and Council, with all in favor, approved item #43 above.

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LATE ITEMS

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF NEW OPPORTUNITIES & RURAL TRANSFORMATIONAL HEALTH

#A **TABLED** - The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Wheeler, seconded by Councilor Liot Hill, voted to adopt this item for the purpose of discussion. Following discussion, the Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Stephen, seconded by Councilor Liot Hill voted to **table** the request to enter into a **sole source** contract with New Hampshire Community Behavioral Health Association, Concord, NH, in the amount of \$131,648,590 to strengthen and modernize New Hampshire's behavioral health system through coordinated, statewide support and implementation. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2031. **100% Federal Funds.** (2) Further authorize an advance payment, subject to GO-NORTH prior approval, and in accordance with 2 C.F.R Part 200, for services and activities provided within the scope of the proposed contract and in accordance with the payment terms of the contract. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2031. **100% Federal Funds**

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

#B The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Wheeler, seconded by Councilor Liot Hill authorized an amendment to the Manual of Procedures (MOP) 150 Section VII, A, and C. to lower the threshold for review and approval of multi-agency service and commodity contracts. Effective upon G&C approval.

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The Governor withdrew from the agenda, tabled item #26, which was tabled at the February 11, 2026 Governor and Council meeting.

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The next regular Governor and Executive Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday March 25, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. at the State House, Concord, NH.

The Honorable Board then adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

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Minutes taken by Kaley Dion, Assistant Secretary of State