

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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Governor and Executive Council Meeting Report

New Hampshire State House, Concord, New Hampshire May 5, 2022, 10:00 a.m.

I. <u>Highlighted Issues</u>

The full meeting agenda, quick results, and audio recordings can be found <u>here</u>. Minutes for each meeting are approved at the following Executive Council meeting.

- The Governor has removed the opportunity for members of the public to access Executive Council meetings remotely. I have requested that this access be reinstated to provide transparency. Until then, members of the public are invited to join both the breakfast and official meetings of the Executive Council in-person, as scheduled <u>here</u>.
- The Executive Council voted, 4-1, to remove from the table and approve the Department of Business and Economic Affairs' contract to accept and expend \$100,102,503.00 in American Rescue Plan Act funds to fund the "InvestNH" Housing Program (Item #67). After discussions at the April 20th meeting of the Executive Council, the BEA provided additional details on how this program will address the state's affordable housing crisis. At the request of Councilors, municipal leaders, and housing advocates, additional guardrails were added to the program to ensure these funds will be used for affordable and workforce housing. Affordable housing developers in District 2 should contact the BEA for more information on how to apply for funds.
- The Executive Council removed from the table and approved the Department of Health and Human Services' sole source contract with Wellpath Recovery Solutions in the amount of \$52,492,793 for the provision of child and young adult psychiatric inpatient behavioral health services at Hampstead Hospital (Item #11A).
- Towns and cities that have yet to apply to receive grants from the safety and emergency equipment program using American Rescue Plan Act funds have *less than a month to apply*. Applications for this program, which allows reimbursement of local investments in safety and emergency management equipment, are due to the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) by Friday, June 3, 2022. Each community is eligible for up to \$50,000 in equipment reimbursements. For information on how to apply, visit this <u>website</u>.

II. Resignations, Confirmations, and Nominations

Resignations

- Board of Licensing for Alcohol and Other Drug Use Professionals Jessica Bennett of Bedford
- **Board of Licensure of Interpreters for the Deaf, Deafblind, and Hard of Hearing** James Parker of Concord
- Board of Medicine David Conway of Henniker
- Compensation Appeals Board Harry Ntapalis of Manchester
- Compensation Appeals Board Donna Daneke of Manchester
- Medical Review Subcommittee Clifford Levy of Contoocook
- New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority, Housing Finance Board Donald Shumway of Hopkinton

Confirmations

- Adult Parole Board J. Kirk Trombley of Durham
- Assessing Standards Board Robert Edwards of Antrim
- Board of Nursing Wendy Stanley Jones of Greenland
- Director, Division of Municipal and Property, Department of Revenue Samuel Greene of Jaffrey
- Midwifery Council Elizabeth Gaby of Concord
- Milk Sanitation Board Bethany Hodge of Hinsdale
- New Hampshire Commission for Human Rights Adrienne Evans of Concord
- New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Authority Board of Directors Susan Slack of Effingham
- Volunteer New Hampshire Board of Directors Allyson Snell of Concord

Nominations

- Assessing Standards Board Robert Gagne of Manchester
- Assessing Standards Board Joseph Lessard, Jr. of Salem
- Assessing Standards Board David Marazoff of Westmoreland
- Assessing Standards Board Loren Martin of Boscawen
- Assistant Commissioner, Department of Revenue Administration Ora LeMere of Nashua
- Commissioner, Department of Natural and Cultural Resources Sarah Stewart of Manchester
- Community College System of New Hampshire, Board of Trustees Nick Toumpas of Rye
- Director of Operations, Department of Information Technology David Heafey of Londonderry
- Director, Divisions of Libraries, State Librarian Michael York of Goffstown
- Mechanical Licensing Board Christian Flore, Sr. of Raymond
- New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Authority, Board of Directors Bridget Freudenberger of Colebrook
- State Conservation Committee Donna Hepp of Belmont
- State Conservation Committee Robert Larocque of Concord
- State Conservation Committee Peter Throop of Keene

• University System of New Hampshire, Board of Trustees – Peter Paul of Dover

Interested candidates wanting to apply for any open position on a state board or commission are encouraged to send their resume, with a letter of interest, to Deanna Jurius (<u>Deanna.E.Jurius@nh.gov</u>), Director of Appointments and Liaison to the Executive Council at the Office of the Governor.

III. <u>Items of Specific Interest to District 2</u>

The following items of interest to District 2 were APPROVED:

CONSENT CALENDAR AGENDA ITEMS

#4 <u>MOP 150, I, B (4): Nominations, Confirmations and Appointments</u> DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS AND VETERAN SERVICES

- **#E.** Authorize the nomination of Seth A. Williams, Dover, NH, for promotion to the rank of Major, NH Army National Guard. This officer meets the physical, moral, and professional qualifications for this grade promotion in the NH Army National Guard.
- **<u>#F.</u>** Authorize the nomination of Captain Jeremy P. Saunders, Rochester, NH, for promotion to the rank of Major, NH Army National Guard. This officer meets the physical, moral, and professional qualifications for this grade promotion in the NH Army National Guard.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Commissioner

#7 Authorize to amend existing agreements with the Contractors listed in letter dated April 1, 2022, (originally approved by G&C on 5/6/20, item #15), to build capacity within the communities to address mental health needs including but not limited to overcoming stigmas associated with mental health care, and creating opportunities for social engagement to reduce isolation, by increasing the total price limitation by \$260,850 from \$234,375 to \$495,225 with no change to the contract completion dates of September 30, 2023. Effective upon G&C approval. 100% Federal Funds.

New Hampshire Hospital

#9 Authorize to enter into a **sole source** contract with Mr. David S. Prescott, LICSW, Falmouth, ME, in the amount of \$18,000 for the provision of independent risk assessment services to individuals admitted to NH Hospital. Effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024, with the option to renew for up to 4 additional years. **100% General Funds.**

#10 Authorize to enter into a contract with ABILITY Network, Inc., Minneapolis, MN, in the amount of \$251,000 for claims management services to provide electronic claims management services for NH Hospital and, upon transfer of ownership of Hampstead Hospital, for the Hampstead Hospital and Residential Treatment Facility. Effective upon G&C approval through February 28, 2025, with the option to renew for up to 6 additional years. 100% Other Funds (Inter-Agency Funds).

Division of Behavioral Health

- #12 Authorize to amend an existing contract with the Contractors listed in letter dated April 6, 2022, (originally approved by G&C on 6/21/17, late item A), to increase staffing capacity to handle the increased demand on interviewing and data entry functions related to serving individuals with Severe Mental Illness, Serious and Persistent Mental Illness, and/or Serious Emotional Disturbance through the Prohealth NH, person-centered Integrated Health Home program, and by increasing the total price limitation by \$41,750 from \$52,369,907 to \$52,411,657 with no change to the contract completion date of June 30, 2022. Effective upon G&C approval. 100% Federal Funds.
- #13 Authorize to enter into a sole source amendment to an existing cooperative project agreement with University of NH, Durham, NH, (originally approved by G&C on 6/6/18, item #19), for the continued provision of a substance use disorder workforce development plan, by increasing the price limitation by \$425,592 from \$803,843 to \$1,229,435 and by extending the completion date. Effective retroactive from September 29, 2021 to March 14, 2023. 100% Federal Funds.

Division of Public Health Services

- #14 Authorize to accept and expend carryover funds from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, entitled New Hampshire Sudden Unexpected Infant Death and Sudden Death in the Young Case Registry Project, to implement recommendations of the SUID/SDY case review committees, resulting in reduced deaths of infants, children, and young adults in the amount of \$53,300. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2023. 100% Federal Funds.
- #17 Authorize to amend existing contracts with the Contractors listed in letter dated April 19, 2022, for the provision of Regional Public Health Network services statewide, by increasing the total price limitation by \$339,452 from \$20,248,600 to \$20,588,052 with no change to the contract completion date of June 30, 2022. Effective upon G&C approval. 100% Federal Funds.

Governor's Commission on Alcohol & Other Drugs

- **#18** Authorize to amend an existing memorandum of understanding with the NH Department of Corrections, Concord, NH, and the NH Judicial Branch, Concord, NH, (originally approved by G&C on 6/24/20, item #33), to assist individuals with Substance Use Disorder who are either re-entering the community after incarceration in the state correctional system or who are participating in the NH drug court program with obtaining temporary housing, by increasing the price limitation by \$950,000 from \$1,900,000 to \$2,850,000 and by extending the completion date from June 30, 2022 to June 30, 2023. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Other Funds (Governor's Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs).**
- #19 Authorize to amend an existing contract with the NH Coalition of Recovery Residences, Concord, NH, (originally approved by G&C on 10/23/19, item #16), to continue providing certification and support services for recovery homes and to continue administration of a rental assistance program for NH residents who are entering recovery homes in NH, by increasing the price limitation by \$400,000 from \$1,730,000 to \$2,130,000 and by extending the completion date from March 14, 2023 to June 30, 2023. Effective July 1, 2022. 100% Other Funds (Governor's Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs).

Division of Long Term Supports and Services

#20 Authorize to enter into a **sole source** contract with NH Public Radio, Incorporated, Concord, NH, in the amount of \$13,260 to provide on-air broadcast announcements on public broadcasting outlet in order to increase awareness throughout the state about availability of no-cost preventative services, including COVID-19, influenza, and pneumococcal vaccines. Effective upon G&C approval through August 31, 2022. **100% Federal Funds.**

Division of Economic & Housing Stability

#21 Authorize to amend an existing contract with Waypoint, Manchester, NH, (originally approved by G&C on 6/5/19, item #33), to continue providing a Rapid Re-Housing Program that serves youth at risk for, or experiencing homelessness, by increasing the price limitation by \$196,594 from \$585,656 to \$782,250 and by extending the completion date from May 31, 2022 to May 31, 2023. Effective upon G&C approval. 100% Federal Funds.

Division for Children, Youth & Families

#22 Authorize to amend an existing contract with The Home for Little Wanderers, Inc., Boston, MA, (originally approved by G&C on 6/30/21, item #28), for the ongoing operation of an after-hours hotline to field reports of child abuse and neglect, by exercising a contract renewal option by increasing the price limitation by \$1,833,999 from \$535,295 to \$2,369,294 and extending the completion date from June 30, 2022, to June 30, 2025. Effective July 1, 2022. 100% General Funds.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

- #24 Authorize the Bureau of Right-of-Way to sell a 2.78+/- acre parcel of state owned land with improvements, located at 59 Old Ferry Rd in the Town of Charlestown. The sale will be to Eric Trulson (Grantee) for \$170,000, plus a \$1,100 administrative fee. (2) Further authorize to compensate H.G. Johnson Realty, LLC from the proceeds of the sale in the amount of \$10,200. Effective upon G&C approval. 80% Federal, 20% Highway Funds.
- #28 Authorize the Bureau of Right-of-Way to pay a property owner \$52,478.31 as documented in the Contemplated Awards list, for amounts greater than \$5,000 for the period extending from April 21, 2022, through April 25, 2022. Effective upon G&C approval.
- **#31** Authorize the Office of Federal Compliance to enter into a **sole source** cooperative agreement with the University of NH, Durham, NH, for a total of \$150,000 for Cooperative National Summer Transportation Institute with UNH Tech Camps, in fiscal year 2023-2025. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2025. **100% Federal Funds.**
- #35 Authorize the Bureau of Turnpikes to amend the contract with Cubic Transportation Systems Inc., San Diego, CA, (originally approved by G&C on 10/7/15, item #25), by increasing the contract amount by \$1,000,000 from \$102,541,727.23 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$103,541,727.23 for a professional services agreement for operations of the NH E-ZPass Customer Service Center and Back Office System. Effective upon G&C approval, through June 30, 2024. 100% Turnpike Funds.
- #36 Authorize the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with L&D Safety Marking Corp. Barre, VT, on the basis of a low bid of \$646,496.25 for placement of approximately 3.1 million feet of pavement markings along the Turnpike system. Effective upon G&C approval through May 19, 2023. 100% Turnpike Funds.
- #37 Authorize the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract amendment with Pike Industries, Inc., Belmont, NH, (originally approved by G&C on 6/2/21, item #38), by increasing the contract amount by \$290,000, from \$6,175,808.13 to \$6,465,808.13, for pavement rehabilitation and preservation on 14 miles of NH Route 101 in Milford and Amherst. (2) Further authorize a contingency amount of \$60,000 be approved for payment of latent conditions, which may appear during the construction of the project. Effective upon G&C approval through September 9, 2022. 100% Federal Funds.
- #40 Authorize the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with Busby Construction Co., Inc., Atkinson, NH, on the basis of a single bid of \$658,775 for Turnpike drainage rehabilitation in Dover and Merrimack along the Turnpike System. (2) Further authorize a contingency in the amount of \$32,938.75 be approved for payment of latent conditions, which may appear during the construction of the project. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2022.
 100% Turnpike Funds.

- #41 Authorize the Bureau of Highway Design to enter into a Project Agreement with Dartmouth Transportation Company, Inc., Concord, NH, to allow the Department to bill Dartmouth Coach for costs associated with improvements to the I-89 Exit 12 New London Park and Ride lot. Project costs will be shared by the Department and by Dartmouth Coach of 10% or up to \$70,000 of the total project cost. Effective upon G&C approval and continuing through engineering design, construction, inspection, and final acceptance of the completed project, in accordance with the Department's 10 Year Transportation Improvement plan. 100% Private Local Funds.
- #42 Authorize the Bureau of Aeronautics to accept and execute federal grants from the Federal Aviation Administration State Block Grant Program to fund airport maintenance of operations, airport planning and development projects in the amount of \$2,141,795, at the following airports: Berlin Regional Airport (Milan), Boire Field (Nashua), Claremont Municipal Airport, Concord Municipal Airport, Dean Memorial Airport (N. Haverhill), Dillant-Hopkins Airport (Keene), Laconia Municipal Airport (Gilford), Parlin Field (Newport), Plymouth Airport, Skyhaven Airport (Rochester), and Mount Washington Regional Airport (Whitefield). The FAA grants will also fund projects completed by the Department for statewide airport projects. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2026. 100% Federal Funds.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY

#43 Authorize to award a grant to the City of Rochester, NH, in the amount of \$1,000,000 to support construction of the permanent supportive housing project known as Champlin Place located at 215 Rochester Hill Road, Rochester, NH. Effective upon G&C approval through December 30, 2024. 100% Federal Funds.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, MARKETS & FOOD

- #47 Authorize the State Conservation Committee to enter into a grant with Merrimack County Conservation District, Concord, NH, in the amount of \$27,000 for the Making No-Till Practices Accessible Through Rental Equipment in Merrimack County. Effective upon G&C approval through April 30, 2024. 100% Other Funds.
- #48 Authorize the State Conservation Committee to enter into a grant with Merrimack County Conservation District, Concord, NH, in the amount of \$30,000 for the Improving Aquatic Organism Passage at Rocky Point in the Town of Loudon. Effective upon G&C approval through April 30, 2024. 100% Other Funds.
- #52 Authorize the State Conservation Committee to enter into a grant with Five Rivers Conservation Trust, concord, NH, in the amount of \$30,000 for the Potter Family Farm in the City of Concord, Merrimack County. Effective upon G&C approval through April 30, 2024. 100% Other Funds.

- #61 Authorize the Division of Agricultural Development to amend an existing grant agreement with the Cheshire County Conservation District, Walpole, NH, (originally approved by G&C on 3/24/21, item #51), for developing a business planning technical assistance program to increase the Competiveness of NH Specialty Crops under the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program by increasing the price limitation by \$25,000 from \$43,620 to \$68,620 with no change to the contract completion date. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2022. 100% Federal Funds.
- #62 Authorize the Division of Agricultural Development to amend an existing grant agreement with the University of NH, Durham, NH, (originally approved by G&C on 2/19/20, item #34), for the integration of natural products to enhance the efficacy if fungicides for control of summer fruit rots and postharvest decay of apples under the Specialty Crop Block Grant Project by increasing the price limitation by \$22,187 from \$32,082 to \$54,269 with no change to the contract completion date. Effective upon G&C approval through September 29, 2022. 100% Federal Funds.
- #63 Authorize the Division of Agricultural Development to amend an existing grant agreement with the Merrimack County Conservation District, Concord, NH, (originally approved by G&C on 3/24/21, item #50), for developing an online sales platform for selling local farm products under the Specialty Crop Block Grant Project by increasing the price limitation by \$25,000 from \$37,594.76 to \$62,594.76 with no change to the contract completion date. Effective upon G&C approval through September 1, 2022. 100% Federal Funds.
- **#63A** Authorize the NH state Conservation Committee to amend the grant agreement with Five Rivers Conservation Trust, Concord, NH, (originally approved by G&C on 5/20/20, item #31), for the Five Rivers Conservation Trust Planning for Strategic Land Conservation modifying the grant completion date retroactive to December 1, 2021 through December 1, 2023. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Other Funds (State Conservation Committee).**

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

#65 Authorize to enter into a Loan Purchase Agreement with the Community Development Finance Authority to accept the return of federal funds from the CDFA to fund the Department's new Municipal and School Energy Efficiency Development Grant Program in the amount of \$3,783,280.24. Effective upon G&C approval. 100% Federal Funds.

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF AND RECOVERY

#65A Authorize to finalize the grant agreements using signed terms and conditions and in the amounts totaling \$756,356 from the approved accept and expend of \$12,000,000 in American Rescue Plan Act State Fiscal Recovery Funds, previously approved on October 22, 2021 to grant funds for the safety and emergency equipment program for towns and municipalities, which will be allowed for reimbursement of such investments incurred by December 31, 2022, that are allowable expenses under ARPA SFRF. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2023. 100% Federal Funds.

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

#67 Authorize the Division of Economic Development, Office of International Commerce to amend an existing contract with the Granite State District Export Council, Dover, NH, (originally approved by G&C on 12/22/21, item #61), by increasing the price limitation by \$106,109.56 from \$260,492 to \$366,601.56 with no change in the project completion date to provide financial administration, oversight and reporting services in compliance with federal grants received under the State Trade Expansion Program and the Market Development Cooperator Program. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2026. **100% Federal Funds.**

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

#68 Authorize the Division of the Arts to award Public Value Partnership grants to the Nonprofit Arts Organizations listed in letter dated December 29, 2021, in the amount of \$53,250 to strengthen their capacity for affordable diverse arts programs to NH Residents and Visitors. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2022. **100% Federal Funds.**

DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY

- **#89** Authorize the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to enter into a grant agreement with the Central NH Hazardous Materials Team, Concord, NH, in the amount of \$24,000 to host and attend Hazardous Materials Training. Effective upon G&C approval through September 29, 2023. **100% Federal Funds.**
- **#91** Authorize the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to enter into a grant agreement with the Central NH Hazardous Materials Team, Concord, NH, in the amount of \$30,000 for activities that increase State and local effectiveness in handling hazardous materials incidents. Effective upon G&C approval through September 29, 2023. **100% Federal Funds.**

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

#100 Authorize the Division of Public Works Design and Construction to enter into a contract with Ray's Electric and General Contracting, Inc., Berlin, NH, for a total price not to exceed \$2,047,000 for the Re-bid Highway Maintenance Facility, Colebrook/Dixville, NH. (2) Further authorize the amount of \$75,000 be approved for payment to the Department of Administrative Services, Division of Public Works Design and Construction, for engineering services provided, bringing the total to \$2,122,000. Effective upon G&C approval through November 1, 2022.
100% Highway Funds.

The following items WITHDRAWN by AGENCY:

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Division of Public Health Services

#17 Authorize to amend existing contracts with the Contractors listed in letter dated April 19, 2022, for the provision of Regional Public Health Network services statewide, by increasing the total price limitation by \$339,452 from \$20,248,600 to \$20,588,052 with no change to the contract completion date of June 30, 2022. Effective upon G&C approval. 100% Federal Funds.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

#79 Authorize to award an Aquatic Resource Mitigation Fund grant to the Southeast Land Trust of NH, Concord, NH, in the amount of \$475,000 for the purpose of conserving a 563-acre parcel of land in Milton. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2023. 100% ARM Funds.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

#84 Authorize the Division of Learner Support to enter into a contract amendment with Here This Now, Peterborough, NH, (originally approved by G&C on 1/22/22, item #98), by increasing the price limitation by \$800,000 from \$815,400 to \$1,615,400 and by extending the end date from September 30, 2023 to September 30, 2024 to equip educators with practices, tools, and resources to establish a safe instructional environment, conducive to student learning. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2024. **100% Federal Funds.**

The following items were REMOVED from TABLE and APPROVED:

TABLED ITEMS

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Commissioner

#11A TABLED at G&C 4/20/22 – The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Wheeler, seconded by Councilor Gatsas, voted to table the request to enter into a sole source contract with Wellpath Recovery Solutions, LLC, Nashville, TN, in the amount of \$52,492,793 for the provision of child and young adult psychiatric inpatient behavioral health services at Hampstead Hospital. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2024, with the option to renew for up to 1 additional year. 26% Federal, 6% General, 68% Other Funds. (Hospital Revenue & Transfers from Other Agencies).

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

#42 TABLED at G&C 4/20/22 – The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Wheeler, seconded by Councilor Kenney, voted to table the request of the Bureau of Aeronautics to enter into an Agreement with WSP USA, Inc., Merrimack, NH, for an amount not to exceed of \$167,680.54 for development of an Unmanned Aircraft Systems program plan to facilitate deployment of UAS in the Department's day-to-day activities. Effective upon G&C approval through November 30, 2023. 100% Federal Funds.

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

#67 TABLED at G&C 4/20/22 – The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Gatsas, seconded by Councilor Kenney, voted to table the request of the Division of Economic Development, to accept and expend \$100,102,503 in American Rescue Plan Act State Fiscal Recovery Funds to fund the "InvestNH" Housing Program. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2023. 100% Federal Funds. Contingent upon fiscal committee approval on April 15, 2022.

IV. Next Meeting of the Executive Council

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Governor and Executive Council will be on Wednesday, May 4, 2022 at 10 A.M. at the New Hampshire State House. The agenda will be posted on the preceding Friday on the Secretary of State's website <u>here</u>.

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