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TO: All Fifth District Cities and Towns
FROM: Executive Councilor David K. Wheeler
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The Governor and Executive Council met on Wednesday, January 26, 2022, in Concord, NH and considered an agenda of approximately 112 items.

The next scheduled Governor and Executive Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. in Concord, NH.

All meetings of the Governor and Executive Council are open to the public.

The following Authorized items might be of interest to District Five constituents that are highlighted in bold and italicized.

CONSENT CALENDAR AGENDA

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

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

#A. Authorized to enter Whitney Vaillancourt into an educational tuition agreement with New England College, Henniker, NH, to participate in Strategic Marketing, online, during the period of January 31, 2022 through March 20, 2022, and to pay said costs in the amount of $2,396. **100% General Funds. VOTE: 5-0**

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

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS AND VETERANS SERVICES

#A. Authorized to accept donations of a base and threshold for the US Army Monument repair, engraving on the plaque for Trees for Boscawen donations, computer consultations, benches and brick and paver engraving, flags and urn table coverings in the amount of $16,832.73 for the NH State Veterans Cemetery to be used for the operation, maintenance, and improvement of the cemetery. **VOTE: 5-0**

#3 ***MOP 150, I, B (3): Reports and Findings*** - NONE

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

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS AND VETERANS SERVICES

#A. Authorized the confirmation of Allen Aldenberg, Manchester, NH, to the rank of Colonel, NH Army National Guard. **VOTE: 5-0**

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#B. Authorized the confirmation of Captain Joshua A. Stewart, North Berwick, ME, for promotion to the rank of Major, NH Air National Guard. **VOTE: 5-0**

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#C. Authorized the confirmation of Major Casey K. Swift, Maryville, WA, for appointment to the rank of Major, NH Air National Guard. **VOTE: 5-0**

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#D. Authorized the confirmation of Davis K. Ulricson, Ashland, NH, to the rank of Colonel, NH Army National Guard. **VOTE: 5-0**

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#E. Authorized the confirmation of Major David L. Whitney, Hampton, NH, for promotion to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, NH Air National Guard. **VOTE: 5-0**

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#F. Authorized the confirmation of Major Michael C. Zeleski, Honolulu, HI, for appointment to the rank of Major, NH Air National Guard. **VOTE: 5-0**

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

#G. Authorized to reappoint Stephen P. Johnson as a Criminal Investigator at a salary level of $81,120 LG BB, Step &. Effective upon G&C approval through January 6, 2027. **VOTE: 5-0**

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

#H. Authorized to appoint Eric W. Shirley, as a Criminal Investigator at a salary level of $65,910 LG BB, Step 3. Effective upon G&C approval or January 28, 2022, whichever is later, through April 30, 2024. **VOTE: 5-0**

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

#I. Authorized to appoint Bethany Jean Durand as an Assistant Attorney General at a salary level of $98,000. Effective upon G&C approval or January 28, 2022, whichever is later, through September 6, 2026. **VOTE: 5-0**

#5 ***MOP 150, I, B (5): Other Items*** - NONE

REGULAR AGENDA

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Office of the Commissioner

#6 Authorized to accept and expend federal funds from the American Rescue Plan Act in the amount of $500,500 which will be used to fund a third-party vendor to review and consult on how to improve the Medicaid Care Management model. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2023. **100% Federal Funds. Contingent upon Fiscal Committee approval on January 21, 2022. VOTE: 5-0**

#7 Authorized to amend an accept and expend item (Informational Item #T, from the G&C meeting on May 19, 2021), to modify and reallocate the budget by transferring funds in the amount of $82,537 between

classes. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2023. **Contingent upon Fiscal Committee approval on January 21, 2022. VOTE: 5-0**

#8 Authorized to enter into an Asset Purchase agreement with Hampstead Outlook Inc., Philips J. Kubiak, as Trustee of the Trusts Named Herein, in the amount of $13,000,000 and execute all necessary closing documents, for the purchase of a 111-bed, licensed and accredited psychiatric hospital for children and young adults, in Hampstead, NH, and acquisition of all assets, rights, and interests in the business. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds. VOTE: 5-0**

#9 WITHDRAWN BY AGENCY Authorize to accept and expend federal funds from the American Rescue Plan Act in the amount of $15,015,000 which will be used to provide capital defrayment to Portsmouth Regional Hospital and its parent company HCA Healthcare Inc., to develop a consolidated behavioral health hospital. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2023. **100% Federal Funds. Contingent upon Fiscal Committee approval on January 21, 2022.**

#10 Authorized to accept and expend Federal Funds in the amount of $1,142,717 from the Administration for Children & Families, Office of Refugee Resettlement. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2023. **100% Federal Funds. Continent upon Fiscal Committee approval on January 21, 2022. VOTE: 5-0**

#11 Authorized to accept and expend federal funds from the American Rescue Plan Act in the amount of $84,084 which will be used to pay for a privacy impact assessment on the Department's Immunization Information System. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2023. **100% Federal Funds. Continent upon Fiscal Committee approval on January 21, 2022. VOTE: 4-1(Wheeler)**

#12 Authorized to transfer general funds in the amount of $19,053,889 between various class lines, decrease Federal revenues in the amount of $83,747, decrease related Other revenues in the amount $19,057 and create new expenditure class codes in the department. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2022. **Continent upon Fiscal Committee approval on January 21, 2022. VOTE: 5-0**

#13 Authorized the determination made by the Commissioner that on December 9, 2021, a Mental Health Worker II at NH Hospital sustained an injury in the line of duty due to a hostile or overt act, or an act caused by another during the performance of duties which are considered dangerous in nature. Effective upon G&C approval. **VOTE: 5-0**

#13A Authorized to accept and expend federal funds from the American Rescue Plan Act in the amount of $12,012,000 which will be used to pay for At-Home COVID test kits. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2023. **100% Federal Funds. Continent upon Fiscal Committee approval on January 21, 2022. VOTE: 5-0**

Division of Finance and Procurement

#14 Authorized New Hampshire Hospital to accept and expend federal funds in the amount of $2,226,201 from the American Rescue Plan Act to fund a behavioral health strike team to assist Hampstead Hospital in rendering care during the COVID-19 pandemic. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2023. **100% Federal Funds. Continent upon Fiscal Committee approval on January 21, 2022. VOTE: 5-0**

Division of Public Health Services

#15 Authorized to accept and expend funds from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to fund the Public Health Crisis Response Workforce Development program in the amount of $8,952,425. (2)Further Authorized to create two new positions for COVID-19 Workforce Development purposes. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2023. **100% Federal Funds. Continent upon Fiscal Committee approval on January 21, 2022. VOTE: 4-1(Wheeler)**

#16 Authorized to accept and expend carry forward funds from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to fund NH's Overdose to Data Action Program in the amount of $1,578,886. Effective upon G&C approval through August 31, 2022. **100% Federal Funds. Continent upon Fiscal Committee approval on January 21, 2022. VOTE: 5-0**

#17 Authorized to accept and expend federal funds in the amount of $3,323,142 from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to fund Data Modernization as mandated by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act of 2020. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2023. **100% Federal Funds. Continent upon Fiscal Committee approval on January 21, 2022. VOTE: 4-1(Wheeler)**

#18 Authorized to enter into a contract with the NH Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, Concord, NH, for the provision of primary prevention activities for the reduction of sexual violence, in the amount of $599,873. Effective February 1, 2022 through January 31, 2024. **100% Federal Funds. VOTE: 5-0**

#19 Authorized to enter into a contract with Appriss Inc., Louisville, KY, for a prescription monitoring solution that provides real-time data concerning the dispensing of controlled drugs to assist practitioners in ensuring controlled medications are appropriately prescribed and dispensed, in the amount of $2,535,750. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2026. **100% Federal Funds. VOTE: 4-1(Wheeler)**

#19A Authorized to amend an existing contract with Foundation for Healthy Communities, Concord, NH (originally approved by G&C on 12-8-21, late item A), for the purpose of adding additional temporary medical staff to assist with the increase in COVID-19 cases, by increasing the price by $2,000,000 from $6,000,000 to $8,000,000 with no change to the completion date of June 30, 2022. **100% Federal Funds. VOTE: 5-0**

Division of Economic & Housing Stability

#20 Authorized the Bureau of Housing Supports to accept and expend the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Grant award in the amount of $110,000. (2)Further Authorized to establish one full-time temporary Program Specialist IV, LG 25. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2023. **100% Federal Funds. Continent upon Fiscal Committee approval on January 21, 2022. VOTE: 5-0**

#21 Authorized to amend an existing contract with Community Action Partnership of Strafford County, Dover, NH (originally approved by G&C on 6-24-20, item #21), to continue providing a Coordinated Entry Domestic Violence Program to individuals and families who are fleeing, or are attempting to flee, domestic violence, and who are at risk of homelessness, or experiencing homelessness, by increasing the price by $239,930 from $479,860 to $719,790 and by extending the completion date from October 31, 2022 to November 30, 2023. **100% Federal Funds. VOTE: 5-0**

Division for Behavioral Health

#22 Authorized to amend item #29 originally approved by G&C on August 18, 2021, by transferring funds in the amount of $1,041,828 for the performance of work associated with the Substance Abuse Prevention & Treatment Block Grant and by extending the end date from March 14, 2023 to June 30, 2023. **100% Federal Funds. Continent upon Fiscal Committee approval on January 21, 2022. VOTE: 5-0**

#23 Authorized to amend item #28 originally approved by G&C on August 18, 2021, by transferring funds in the amount of $27,000 for the performance of work associated with the Emergency Grants to Address Mental and Substance Use Disorders during COVID-19. Effective upon G&C approval through August 19, 2022. **100% Federal Funds. Continent upon Fiscal Committee approval on January 21, 2022. VOTE: 5-0**

#24 Authorized to enter into a **sole source** contract with Maxim Healthcare Staffing Services Inc., Manchester, NH, for pediatric psychiatric inpatient care strike teams, in the amount of $2,223,977. Effective January 26, 2022 or upon G&C approval, whichever is later, through July 31, 2022, with the option to renew for up to two additional six month periods. **100% Federal Funds. Continent upon Fiscal Committee approval on January 21, 2022. VOTE: 5-0**

Division of Long Term Supports and Services

#25 Authorized to amend an accept and expend item of federal funds (Informational Item TT, G&C 6-30-21), to modify and reallocate the budget by transferring funds in the amount of $40,000 between classes. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2022. **100% Federal Funds (CRRSA 2021**

APC5 Elder Justice Grant). Continent upon Fiscal Committee approval on January 21, 2022. VOTE: 5-0

#26 Authorized to enter into a contract with Myers and Stauffer LC, Kansas City, MO, for rate build up rate setting services, as applicable to the 1915(c) Home and Community-Based Services Waivers program, in the amount of $405,609. Effective upon G&C approval through November 30, 2023, with the option to renew for up to 2 additional years. **50% General, 50% Federal Funds. VOTE: 5-0**

Division for Children, Youth & Families

#27 Authorized to enter into a **retroactive sole source** amendment to an existing contract with NH Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, Concord, NH (originally approved by G&C on 6-10-15, item #11), for the continued provision of a statewide program to improve responses and support to victims of domestic violence and their children, by increasing the price by $478,136 from $8,090,717 to $8,568,853 and by extending the completion date from June 30, 2023 to June 30, 2024. Effective December 1, 2021. **100% Federal Funds. VOTE: 5-0**

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

#28 Authorized to pay membership dues **retroactively** in the amount of $31,365.73 to the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, Washington, DC, for continued membership in the national transportation organization. Effective January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. **18% Federal, 76% Highway, 6% Other (Agency Income) Funds. VOTE: 5-0**

#29 Authorized to enter into an extended maintenance agreement with the City of Berlin for the continued maintenance of a section of NH 110 for a period of 5 years following the reclassification of that section to a Class IV highway under the City of Berlin's jurisdiction and ultimate maintenance responsibility. Effective upon G&C approval. **VOTE: 5-0**

#30 Authorized the Bureau of Finance and Contracts to pay a small claim in the amount of $831.30. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Highway Funds. VOTE: 5-0**

#31 Authorized the Bureau of Finance and Contracts to pay small claims in the amount of $1,956.43. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Highway Funds. VOTE: 5-0**

#32 Authorized to accept and place on file, the Bureau of Right of Way's Contemplated Awards List for amounts less than $5,000 for the sum total of $11,479 for the period extending from October 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. **VOTE: 5-0**

#33 Authorized the Bureau of Turnpikes to **retroactively** accept and expend revenue in the amount of $13,967 from the City of Rochester for the construction of a sidewalk located off Ten Rod Road in Rochester, NH. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2022. **100% Private/Local Funds. VOTE: 5-0**

#34 Authorized the Bureau of Rail & Transit to accept and expend Agency Income in the amount of $110,000 from the Friends of the Northern Rail Trail for the purpose of acquiring a portion of the Northern Railroad Corridor. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2023. **100% Agency Income. Continent upon Fiscal Committee approval on January 21, 2022. VOTE: 5-0**

#35 Authorized the Bureau of Rail & Transit to enter into a **sole source** contract amendment with Concord Coach Lines Inc., Concord, NH (Informational Item D, G&C 1-3-21), to support daily commuter bus service between Concord, NH and Boston, MA, by increasing the amount by $800,000 from $1,891,125 to $2,691,125. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2022. **100% Federal Funds. VOTE: 5-0**

#36 Authorized the Bureau of Planning & Community Assistance to **retroactively** amend an agreement with the Town of Sanbornton, sub-recipient (originally approved by G&C on 10-29-14, item #25), to provide funding and services under the State Highway Aid Program through a Local Project Administration process, by increasing the amount by $1,528,226.33 from $120,000 to $1,648,226.33. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2022. **100% State Highway Aid funds. VOTE: 5-0**

#37 Authorized the Bureau of Highway Design to enter into agreements associated with the design and construction of a new bridge (NH Br. No. 168/152; Maine Br. No. 3717) carrying the New Bridge Road and Townhouse Road in the towns of Lebanon, ME and Milton, NH, over Northeast Pond as detailed in letter dated November 10, 2021. **VOTE: 5-0**

#38 Authorized the Bureau of Rail & Transit to amend an existing contract with RLS & Associates Inc., Dayton, OH (originally approved by G&C on 5-15-19, item #31), for continued administration of the NH Rural Transit Assistance program, by exercising a contract renewal option, by increasing the price by $200,000 from $579,955 to $779,955, and by extending the completion date from March 31, 2022 to March 31, 2023. **100% Federal Funds. VOTE: 5-0**

#39 Authorized the Bureau of Materials & Research to enter into a **sole source** agreement with the NorthEast Transportation Training and Certification Program Inc., Winchendon, MA, to participate in NETTCP's training and certification program, for a fee not to exceed $160,000. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2026, with the option to renew for an additional 2 year period. **100% Federal Funds. VOTE: 5-0**

#40 Authorized the Bureau of Rail & Transit to enter into a contract with the NH Northcoast Corp., Ossipee, NH, for track improvements on its privately-owned short line railroad, that runs between Rollinsford and Ossipee, NH in Strafford and Carroll Counties, for an amount not to exceed $250,000. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2024. **100% Capital Funds. VOTE: 5-0**

#41 Authorized the Bureau of Bridge Design to enter into an agreement with the firm of GM2 Associates Inc., Concord, NH, for Part "A" preliminary design services, environmental coordination and public involvement support efforts, and land surveying services, for an amount not to exceed $523,631.44. The project proposes to rehabilitate NH Route 16 bridges which carry Northbound and Southbound traffic of the Spaulding Turnpike over the Cocheco River in the City of Dover, NH. The bridges are on the Department's Red List of deficient structures. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2024. **100% Turnpike Funds. VOTE: 5-0**

#42 Authorized the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with Continental Paving Inc., Londonderry, NH, for pavement preservation in Districts 4 and 5, on the basis of a low bid of $3,954,653.75. (2)Further Authorized a contingency in the amount of $197,732.69 for payment of latent conditions which may appear during the construction of the project. Effective upon G&C approval through September 23, 2022. **100% Federal Funds. VOTE: 5-0**

#43 Authorized the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with Evroks Corporation, Northfield, NH, for bridge rehabilitation in Manchester of Huse Road over I-293 and NH Rt. 101, on the basis of a single bid of $3,070,680.10. (2)Further Authorized a contingency in the amount of $307,068.01 for payment of latent conditions which may appear during the construction of the project. Effective upon G&C approval through November 18, 2022. **100% Federal Funds. VOTE: 5-0**

#44 Informational - The Bureau of Construction entered into a contract with Casella Construction of Mendon, VT, for roadway and slope stabilization on NH Rt 12 in Charlestown, on the basis of a low bid of $2,638,500.50, based on G&C approval on November 22, 2021 late item B. (2)A Contingency in the amount of $263,850.05 for payment of latent conditions which may appear during the construction of the project is also included. **100% Federal Funds. VOTE: 5-0**

#45 Authorized the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with Continental Paving Inc., Londonderry, NH, for resurfacing of four sections in District 6, on the basis of a low bid of $5,026,190.20. (2)Further Authorized a contingency in the amount of $251,309.51 for payment of latent conditions which may appear during the construction of the project. Effective upon G&C approval through September 23, 2022. **100% Federal Funds. VOTE: 5-0**

#46 Authorized the Bureau of Turnpikes to **retroactively** amend the contract with Kapsch TrafficCom USA Inc., with principal offices in McLean, VA (originally approved by G&C on 5-9-12, item #147), to

provide E-ZPass Group a reduction in pricing of E-ZPass related equipment; the addition of ISO 18000-6 Type C sticker windshield tags; and the extension of the exclusivity. Effective November 1, 2021 to November 1, 2022. **100% Turnpike Funds. VOTE: 5-0**

#47 Authorized the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with C.W. Sliter & Sons LLC d/b/a CWS Fence & Guardrail Co., Andover, NH, for guardrail replacement in District 1, on the basis of a low bid of $1,059,057.84. (2)Further Authorized a contingency in the amount of $52,952.89 for payment of latent conditions which may appear during the construction of the project. Effective upon G&C approval through September 23, 2022. **100% Federal Funds. VOTE: 5-0**

#48 ***Authorized the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with R.M. Piper Inc., Plymouth, NH, for bridge replacement in Bedford, on the basis of a sole bid of $5,428,180.50. (2)Further Authorized a contingency in the amount of $271,409.03 for payment of latent conditions which may appear during the construction of the project. Effective upon G&C approval through July 14, 2023.*** **100% Federal Funds. VOTE: 5-0**

STATE TREASURY

#49 Authorized to proceed with the sale and issuance of up to $80 million of general obligation ("new money") bonds through a competitive process, negotiated sale, or private placement. This resolution will have an expiration date of January 31, 2023. (2)Further Authorized the State Treasurer to conduct the sale and issuance of up to $55 million of general obligation refunding bonds through a competitive process, negotiated sale, or private placement to refund outstanding general obligation bonds of the State to generate net present value debt service savings. This resolution will also have an expiration date of January 31, 2023. **VOTE: 5-0**

#50 Authorized the issuance of up to $90 million of Turnpike System Revenue Bonds, 2022 Refunding Series (the "Bonds") pursuant to RSA 237-A. The State Treasurer is permitted to proceed with the sale and issuance of these Bonds through a competitive process, negotiated sale, or private placement. **VOTE: 5-0**

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS AND VETERANS SERVICES

#51 Authorized to enter into a **sole source** contract amendment with JBC Construction LLC, Londonderry, NH, for renovation of the latrine areas in Building C on the State Military Reservation, by adding a contingency line in the amount of $20,000 and by extending the end date from February 28, 2022 to May 31, 2022. **50% Federal, 50% General Funds. VOTE: 5-0**

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, MARKETS & FOOD

#52 Authorized the Division of Agricultural Development to accept and expend $398,133 from the US Department of Agriculture to conduct programs benefiting NH for the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2023. **100% Federal Funds. Contingent upon Fiscal Committee approval on January 21, 2022. VOTE: 5-0**

INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

#53 Authorized an annual salary increase for David J. Bettencourt, Deputy Commissioner, in the amount of $5,616 from a current salary of $107,952 to a new annual salary of $113,568. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Agency Income. VOTE: 5-0**

#54 Authorized to place Tyler Brannen at Step 7 for the position of Life and Health Director, unclassified salary grade HH, earning $119,184. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Agency Income. VOTE: 5-0**

#55 Authorized to place James Fox at Step 6 for the position of Property and Casualty Director, unclassified salary grade HH, earning $113,568. **100% Agency Income. VOTE: 5-0**

NEW HAMPSHIRE EMPLOYMENT SECURITY

#56 Authorized to accept and expend $1,899,145 in additional federal Unemployment Insurance funds from the US Department of Labor – Employment and Training Administration resulting from the significant increase in unemployment claims due to COVID-19. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2023. **100% Federal Funds. Contingent upon Fiscal Committee approval on January 21, 2022. VOTE: 5-0**

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

#57 Authorized to accept and expend $539,490 of American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, for the purpose of utilizing the National Guard to provide emergent staffing needs. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2023. **100% Federal Funds. Contingent upon Fiscal Committee approval on January 21, 2022. VOTE: 5-0**

#58 Authorized to accept and expend $1,321,200 of American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, for the purpose of replacing antiquated fiber optic cabling with modern fiber armored cabling at the NH State Prison for Men, Concord. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2023. **100% Federal Funds. Contingent upon Fiscal Committee approval on January 21, 2022. VOTE: 5-0**

#59 Authorized to accept and expend $7,156,500 of American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, State and Local Fiscal Recovery, for the purpose of upgrading the offender management system. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2023. **100% Federal Funds. Contingent upon Fiscal Committee approval on January 21, 2022. VOTE: 5-0**

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

#60 Authorized to enter into a contract with River Consulting Group Inc., Clayton, GA, to assist and advise the DOE in analysis and litigation relating to electric distribution system planning and engineering, for an amount not to exceed $335,820. Effective upon G&C approval through February 1, 2024. **100% Special Utility Assessment. VOTE: 5-0**

#61 Authorized to enter into a contract with River Consulting Group Inc., Clayton, GA, to assist and advise the DOE in analysis and litigation relating to natural gas distribution system planning and engineering, for an amount not to exceed $270,000. Effective upon G&C approval through February 1, 2024. **100% Special Utility Assessment. VOTE: 5-0**

NEW HAMPSHIRE LIQUOR COMMISSION

#62 Authorized an annual salary step increase for Lorrie Piper, Director, Division of Marketing, Merchandising and Warehousing, in the amount of $5,148 from Grade GG Step 6 $104,260 to Grade GG Step 7 with a new annual salary of $109,408. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Liquor Funds. VOTE: 5-0**

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

#63 Authorized the State Council on the Arts to award a Conservation Number Plate (Moose Plate) Grant to the Town of Exeter, NH, in the amount of $20,000 to support the restoration of a sculpture in Founders Park. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2022. **100% Other Funds (Agency Income). VOTE: 5-0**

#64 Authorized the Division of Parks and Recreation to amend the existing contract with the Seacoast Science Center Inc., Rye, NH (originally approved by G&C on 12-21-16, item #51), for Educational & Interpretive Center Management, by changing the scope of the contract to enable the SSC to raise monies through private, foundation, and public support to fund a capital renovation and expansion of the Science Center building and other investments in Odiorne Point State Park; and by extending the end date from December 20, 2026 to December 31, 2042. **VOTE: 5-0**

#65 Authorized the Division of Parks and Recreation to enter into a contract with Solid Roots Construction LLC, Manchester, NH, for renovations to the Toilet Building at Rye Harbor State Park – Ragged Neck, in the amount of $142,500. Effective February 22, 2022 through June 17, 2022. **100% Federal Funds. VOTE: 5-0**

#66 Authorized the Division of Forests and Lands to **retroactively** amend item #59C originally approved by G&C on September 15, 2021, for the Beebe River Uplands Forest Legacy Project, by extending the end date from December 30, 2021 to June 30, 2022. **100% Federal Funds. Contingent upon Fiscal Committee approval on January 21, 2022. VOTE: 5-0**

GOVERNORS OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF AND RECOVERY

#67 Authorized to budget and expend prior year carryforward funds in the amount of $1,253,750 in Fiscal Year 2022 to fund COVID-19 homeowner and homeownership hardships Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2023. **100% Federal Funds. Contingent upon Fiscal Committee approval on January 21, 2022. VOTE: 4-1(Wheeler)**

#68 Authorized to budget and expend prior year carryforward funds in the amount of $5,007,500 in Fiscal Year 2022 to fund the ARP Rental Assistance fund to provide rental assistance and housing stability services to eligible NH households that have lost income or experienced financial hardship because of COVID-19 pandemic. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2023. **100% Federal Funds. Contingent upon Fiscal Committee approval on January 21, 2022. VOTE: 5-0**

#69 Authorized to budget and expend prior year carryforward funds in the amount of $40,042,503 in Fiscal Year 2022 to fund the NH Emergency Rental Assistance Program. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2023. **100% Federal Funds. Contingent upon Fiscal Committee approval on January 21, 2022.**

#70 Authorized to enter into a **sole source** amendment to an existing sub award (or grant) agreement with NH Housing Finance Authority, Bedford, NH, to provide emergency rental assistance and housing stability services to eligible NH households that have lost income or experienced other financial hardship because of the COVID-19 pandemic, by increasing the price by $40,000,000 from $80,000,000 to $120,000,000 and by extending the completion date from March 31, 2022 to December 31, 2022. **100% Federal Funds. VOTE: 5-0**

#71 Authorized to enter into a **sole source** agreement with Lamprey Health Care, Newmarket, in an amount not to exceed $782,100 in American Rescue Plan Act State Fiscal Recovery Funds, to fund the NH Needs Caregivers Licensed Nursing Assistants Extended Learning Opportunities Program to rapidly grow a pipeline of caregivers available for work in NH's nursing homes and other healthcare settings by piloting a program to recruit and train at least 300 high school students to become LNAs. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2022. **100% Federal Funds. VOTE: 5-0**

#72 Authorized to enter into a **sole source** amendment to an existing sub award (or grant) agreement with NH Housing Finance Authority, Bedford, NH (originally approved by G&C on 9-15-21), to provide emergency rental assistance and housing stability services to eligible NH households that have lost income or experienced other financial hardship because of the COVID-19 pandemic by increasing the price by $5,000,000 from $40,000,000 to $45,000,000. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2025. **100% Federal Funds. VOTE: 5-0**

#73 Authorized to enter into a **sole source** amendment to an existing sub award (or grant) agreement with NH Housing Finance Authority, Bedford, NH (originally approved by G&C on 6-30-21), for program planning and administration of Homeowner Assistance Fund, under which funds will be used to mitigate financial hardships suffered by NH residents associated with COVID-19 pandemic by providing funds to prevent displacements of homeowners, by increasing the price by $1,250,000 from $3,000,000 to $4,250,000. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2025. **100% Federal Funds. VOTE: 4-1(Wheeler)**

#73A Authorized to accept and place on file the list of entities per program and awards of these CARES Act Funds awarded. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds. VOTE: 5-0**

#73B Authorized to finalize grant agreements using signed terms and conditions, and in the amounts indicated, totaling $1,013,770.45 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. VOTE: 5-0**

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

#74 Authorized to accept and expend State Small Business Credit Initiative funds from the US Department of Treasury in the amount of $61,468,436 for the purpose of providing credit assistance to small businesses. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2023. **100% Federal Funds. Contingent upon Fiscal Committee approval on January 21, 2022. VOTE: 5-0**

#75 Authorized the Division of Economic Development to enter into a memorandum of understanding with NH Business Finance Authority in the amount of $61,404,468 for the purpose of administering the State Small Business Credit Initiative grant program awarded by the US Department of Treasury. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2023. **100% Federal Funds. VOTE: 5-0**

#76 Authorized the Office of Outdoor Recreation to amend item #63, approved by G&C on November 22, 2021, to create a new class line and adjust the appropriation as indicated in letter dated December 17, 2021. Effective upon G&C approval through September 26, 2022. **100% Federal Funds. Contingent upon Fiscal Committee approval on January 21, 2022. VOTE: 5-0**

#77 Authorized the Office of Outdoor Recreation Industry Development to enter into a membership with The Outdoor Recreation Coalition, New York, NY, in the amount of $5,000 for national networking opportunities and the chance to promote outdoor recreation at the federal level. Effective February 1, 2022 to January 31, 2023. **100% Federal Funds. Contingent upon Fiscal Committee approval on January 21, 2022. VOTE: 5-0**

#78 Authorized to accept and expend grant funds from the US Department of Commerce, Economics' Statewide Planning, Research and Networks grant program, in the amount of $1,000,000. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2022. **100% Federal Funds. Contingent upon Fiscal Committee approval on January 21, 2022. VOTE: 5-0**

#79 Authorized the Division of Travel and Tourism Development to accept and expend grant funds from the US Department of Commerce, US Economic Development Administration American Rescue Plan Programs, Travel, Tourism, and Outdoor Recreation grant program, in the amount of $7,623,750. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2023. (2)Further Authorized to establish one full-time temporary Business Specialist position using EDA funds to provide support to the Hospitality/Tourism Industry. **100% Federal Funds. Contingent upon Fiscal Committee approval on January 21, 2022. VOTE: 5-0**

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

#80 Authorized to transfer funds in and among classes within an accounting unit in the amount of $30,000 for better use of appropriated federal funds. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2023. **100% Federal Funds. Contingent upon Fiscal Committee approval on January 21, 2022. VOTE: 5-0**

#81 Authorized to accept and expend additional federal funds in the amount of $802,834 from the Water Infrastructure Improvement for the Nation Act for assistance in drinking water lead testing in schools and childcare facilities. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2023. **100% Federal Funds. Contingent upon Fiscal Committee approval on January 21, 2022. VOTE: 5-0**

#82 Authorized to enter into a contract agreement with the Black Heritage Trail of NH Inc., Portsmouth, NH, in the amount of $19,500 to investigate basement flooding due to groundwater rise. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2023. **100% Federal Funds. VOTE: 5-0**

#83 Authorized to enter into an agreement with Interstate Water & Wastewater Specialists LLC, Manchester, NH, for the removal, retrofit, inspection, and start-up of the turntable drive and center assemblies on Secondary Clarifier #1 and #2 at the Winnipesaukee River Basin Program Franklin wastewater treatment facility, in the amount of $50,600. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2023. **100% WRBP Funds. VOTE: 5-0**

#84 Authorized to enter into an agreement with TruePani Inc., Knoxville, TX, to provide outreach and education for lead in drinking water at NH schools and childcare facilities, in the amount of $243,767. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2023. **100% Federal Funds. VOTE: 5-0**

#85 Authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the Robinwood Center, Stratham, NH, in the amount of $21,779 to support social and environmental justice programming efforts to build coastal community resilience. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2023. **100% Federal Funds. VOTE: 5-0**

#86 Authorized Tidewatch Condominium Association's request to perform work on Sagamore Creek in Portsmouth. **VOTE: 5-0**

#87 Authorized Karen and Richard Fitzpatrick's request to perform work on Lake Winnipesaukee in Moultonborough. **VOTE: 5-0**

#88 Authorized Jares Real Estate Holdings LLC's request to perform work on Lake Winnipesaukee in Wolfeboro. **VOTE: 5-0**

#89 Authorized Warner Nickerson's request to perform work on Lake Winnipesaukee in Gilford. **VOTE: 5-0**

#90 REMOVED BY AGENCY Authorize NH Division of Ports and Harbor's request to perform work on Piscataquog River in Portsmouth.

#91 Authorized Cosmic Cove LLC's request to perform work on Lake Winnipesaukee in Wolfeboro. **VOTE: 5-0**

NEW HAMPSHIRE VETERANS HOME

#92 Authorized to enter into a contract with Lincare Inc., N. Clearwater, FL, to provide Oxygen and Respiratory services to the residents of the NH Veterans Home. Effective upon G&C approval through January 31, 2025. **28% Federal, 47% General, 25% Other Funds. VOTE: 5-0**

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

#93 Authorized the Bureau of Student Wellness and Nutrition to accept and expend additional grant funds from the US Department of Agriculture, in the amount of $22,455,591 for the continued support of the Child Nutrition grant. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2022. **100% Federal Funds. Contingent upon Fiscal Committee approval on January 21, 2022. VOTE: 5-0**

#94 Authorized to purchase accommodation equipment and technology for a VR Counselor, in an amount not to exceed $1,564.88 to accomplish essential functions of the job. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Federal Funds. VOTE: 5-0**

#95 Authorized a salary increment for McKenzie Snow, Division Director of Instruction – Learner Support, from GG Step 5 $99,112 to GG Step 6 $104,260. Effective March 4, 2022. **VOTE: 5-0**

#96 Authorized a salary increment for the Commissioner of Education, Frank Edelblut from KK Step 4 $117,026 to KK Step 5 $123,448. Effective February 15, 2022. **VOTE: 4-1 (Warmington)**

#97 Authorized to enter into a **sole source** Cooperative Project Agreement with the Community College System of NH, to provide teacher education courses to Career and Technical Education teachers in a certification plan through their place of employment and working in critical shortage teaching positions, in the amount of $34,830. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2022. **100% Federal Funds. VOTE: 5-0**

#98 ***Authorized the Division of Learner Support to enter into a sole source contract with Here This Now LLC, Peterborough, NH, to equip educators with practices, tools and resources to establish a safe instructional environment, conducive to student learning, in the amount not to exceed $815,400. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2023.*** **100% Federal Funds. VOTE: 4-1 (Gatsas)**

DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY

#99 ***Authorized the Division of Emergency Services and Communications, to accept and expend federal***

pass-through funds from the Department of Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management in the amount of $17,775 to upgrade radio equipment at local emergency operation centers and the State Information Field Office. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2022. **100% Intra Agency Transfer. VOTE: 5-0**

#100 Authorized the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to **retroactively** amend an existing grant agreement with the City of Dover (Informational Item C, G&C 12-18-20), to install teleconference equipment that will support and enhance communications for the community's Emergency Operations Center, by extending the completion date from December 26, 2021 to January 26, 2022. **100% Federal Funds. VOTE: 5-0**

#101 Authorized the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to enter into a grant agreement with the Goffstown Village Water Precinct to assist with the rehabilitation of an eligible high hazard potential dam for a total amount of $292,500. Effective upon G&C approval through August 31, 2023. **100% Federal Funds. VOTE: 5-0**

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

#102 Authorized to accept and expend a sum, not to exceed $2,853,691 in general litigation expenses incurred in the defense of the State and the prosecution of criminal laws. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2022. **100% General Funds. Contingent upon Fiscal Committee approval on January 21, 2022. VOTE: 5-0**

#103 Authorized to accept and expend a Federal Fiscal Year 2021 grant in the amount of $100,000 from the US Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, Community Policing Development Accreditation Program, for the purpose of making the NH Police Standards and Training Council an accredited training center. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2023. **100% Federal Funds. Contingent upon Fiscal Committee approval on January 21, 2022. VOTE: 5-0**

#104 Authorized to accept and expend $33,824 for State Fiscal Year 2022, and $115,738 for State Fiscal Year 2023 for the purpose of creating class 059 for a temporary Assistant Attorney General dedicated to supporting the Public Utilities Commission. (2)Further Authorized the Civil Law Bureau to establish one class 059 temporary full time Assistant Attorney General, dedicated to supporting the Public Utilities Commission. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2023. **100% Transfers from Other Agencies. Contingent upon Fiscal Committee approval on January 21, 2022. VOTE: 5-0**

#105 Authorized to appoint Sam Gonyea as an Attorney at a salary level of $71,000. Effective upon G&C approval or January 28, 2022, whichever is later. **VOTE: 5-0**

#106 Authorized to appoint Zachary C. Wolf as an Attorney at a salary level of $77,000. Effective upon G&C approval or January 28, 2022, whichever is later. **VOTE: 5-0**

#107 Authorized to appoint Mark L. Lucas as an Attorney at a salary level of $92,000. Effective upon G&C approval or January 28, 2022, whichever is later. **VOTE: 5-0**

#108 Authorized to appoint Audriana Mekula Hanson as an Attorney at a salary level of $73,000. Effective upon G&C approval or January 28, 2022, whichever is later. **VOTE: 5-0**

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

#109 Authorized the Division of Personal's request for waiver of classification decisions. Effective upon G&C approval. **VOTE: 5-0**

#110 Authorized, on behalf of the Department of Environmental Services, to amend and replace a perpetual utility easement on State land previously granted on April 23, 2021 to Unitil Energy Systems Inc., and Consolidated Communications of Northern New England Company LLC, as tenants in common, for the construction, installation, operation, maintenance, and replacement of overhead and subsurface transmission and distribution lines and other supporting facilities and apparatus as needed to provide electrical and telecommunications utility service to the DES parcel located adjacent to the south side of the Interstate 89

right-of-way corridor on Silk Farm Road in Concord (originally approved by G&C on 4-21-21, item #103). **VOTE: 5-0**

#111 Authorized the Bureau of Purchase and Property to enter into a contract with Computer Aid Inc., Allentown, PA, for IT Professional Vendor Managed Services for an amount not to exceed $10,000,000. Effective upon G&C approval through September 10, 2025, with the option to extend for one year. **VOTE: 5-0**

#112 Authorized the Division of Public Works Design and Construction to enter into a contract with SMRT Inc., Portland, ME, for the NH's Secure Psychiatric Forensic Hospital, Concord, NH, for a total price not to exceed $3,049,443. (2)Further Authorized a contingency in the amount of $150,000 for unanticipated expenses, brining the total to $3,199,443. Effective upon G&C approval through completion estimated to be December 1, 2023. **100% Operating – General Funds. VOTE: 5-0**

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TABLED ITEMS

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR *(Tabled at G&C Meeting 1/12/22)*

#34A **TABLED** - The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Kenney, seconded by Councilor Gatsas, and with Councilors Warmington and Stevens voting **no**, voted to **table** the request to accept and place on file the fact finder report for NH Department of Transportation, State Employees Association of NH, Service Employee International Union, Local 1984, pursuant to an order of the Public Employee Labor Relations Board, which is currently on appeal before the NH Supreme Court. **VOTE: 5-0**

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR *(Tabled at G&C Meeting 1/12/22)*

#34B **TABLED** - The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Kenney, seconded by Councilor Gatsas, and with Councilors Warmington and Stevens voting **no**, voted to **table** the request to accept and place on file the fact finder report for NH Department of Health and Human Services, NH State Hospital, State Employees Association of NH, Service Employee International Union, Local 1984, pursuant to an order of the Public Employee Labor Relations Board, which is currently on appeal before the NH Supreme Court. **VOTE: 5-0**

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR *(Tabled at G&C Meeting 1/12/22)*

#34C **TABLED** - The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Kenney, seconded by Councilor Gatsas, and with Councilors Warmington and Stevens voting **no**, voted to **table** the request to accept and place on file the fact finder report for NH Liquor Commission, Retail Division, State Employees Association of NH, Service Employee International Union, Local 1984, pursuant to an order of the Public Employee Labor Relations Board, which is currently on appeal before the NH Supreme Court. **VOTE: 5-0**

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR *(Tabled at G&C Meeting 1/12/22)*

#34D **TABLED** - The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Kenney, seconded by Councilor Gatsas, and with Councilors Warmington and Stevens voting **no**, voted to **table** the request to accept and place on file the fact finder report for NH Department of Safety, Marine Patrol, State Employees Association of NH, Service Employee International Union, Local 1984, pursuant to an order of the Public Employee Labor Relations Board, which is currently on appeal before the NH Supreme Court. **VOTE: 5-0**

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY *(Tabled at G&C Meeting 1/12/22)*

#35 **REMOVED FROM THE TABLE AND PASSED** - ***The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Kenney, seconded by Councilor Wheeler, voted to table the request to Authorized, under the Community Development Block Grant Program, to award a grant to the County of Grafton, Haverhill, NH,***

in the amount of $25,000 to support its broadband planning study. Effective January 12, 2022 through December 31, 2023. **100% Federal Funds. VOTE: 5-0**

LATE ITEM:

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTHE AND HUMAN SERVICES, OFFICE OF COMMISIONER

A. Authorized the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Commissioner, to enter into a memorandum of Understanding with the NH Liquor Commission (NHLC) for the purpose of offering COVID-19

Antigen at-home rapid test kits to the public and businesses, with the option to renew for up to one additional year, Effective upon Governor and Council approval through December 31, 2022. **VOTE: 5-0**

The Governor Nominated the following individuals to serve on State Boards and Commissions

William J. Cass, Laconia, NH: Assistant Commissioner, Department of Transportation
Raeleen Blaisdell, Dover, NH: Deputy Commissioner, Banking Department
John C. Marasco, Hooksett, NH: Director, Division of Motor Vehicles, Department of Safety
Marc Fournier, Exeter, NH: New Hampshire Vaccine Association
Madeline Dreusicke, Pelham, NH: New Hampshire Veterans Home Board of Managers
Stephen M. Duprey, Concord, NH: Pease Development Authority
Brian Paquette, New Boston, NH: Public Employee Labor Relations Board
William Flanders, Hampton, NH, Meredith Bergeron, Canaan, NH: Speech-Language Pathology and Hearing Care Provider Governing Board
Vivian Beer, Manchester, NH: New Hampshire State Council on the Arts
Richard Boisvert, Deerfield, NH: State Historical Resources Council

The Executive Council confirmed the following individuals to serve on State Boards and Commissions

Georgia L.D. Murray, Conway, NH: Air Resources Council
Rita Castonguay-Hunt, Chichester, NH: Aviation Users Advisory Board
Ann W. Davis, Wilmot, NH: Board of Foresters
David J. Goldberg, Manchester, NH: Board of Medicine
Allan R. Clark, Sugar Hill; Robert M. Buxton, Hudson; Ronald Sebastian, Derry: to the Fire Standards and Training Commission
Scott E. Hunter, New Boston, NH: State Board of Fire Control
Richard Thorner, Manchester, NH; State Historical Resources Council

The Executive Council welcomes public input on nominations that are brought forward by the Governor for consideration and confirmation.

If you have interest in serving on any of the 300+ State Boards or Commissions please send a letter of interest along with a resume, to Jonathan Melanson in care of the Governor's office and a copy to the Executive Councilor.

Please feel free to contact me with concerns or support for any of the above individuals or any other issues you might have. A listing of the Boards and Commissions, along with the qualifications required, can be found at http://sos.nh.gov/GC2.aspx