

FISCAL COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COURT
MINUTES

December 21, 2016

The Fiscal Committee of the General Court met on Wednesday, December 21, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 210-211 of the Legislative Office Building.

Members in attendance were as follows:

Representative Neal Kurk, Chair
Representative Ken Weyler
Representative Lynne Ober
Representative Mary Jane Wallner
Representative Daniel Eaton
Representative Frank Byron (Alternate)
Senator Gary Daniels
Senate President Chuck Morse
Senator John Reagan
Senator Andy Sanborn
Senator Lou D'Allesandro

Chairman Kurk opened the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

ORGANIZATION OF COMMITTEE:

On a motion by Senator D'Allesandro, seconded by Representative Weyler, that Senator Daniels be nominated as Vice Chairman of the Fiscal Committee.

No other nominations were received. The Chairman closed nominations, instructed the Clerk to cast one vote, and Senator Daniels was duly elected Vice Chairman of the Fiscal Committee.

On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Representative Ober, that Representative Weyler be nominated as Clerk of the Fiscal Committee.

No other nominations were received. Representative Eaton moved that nominations be closed and the Chair cast one vote, seconded by Representative Ober, and Representative Weyler was duly elected Clerk of the Fiscal Committee.

RSA 14:30 APPOINTMENT AND COMPENSATION OF LEGISLATIVE BUDGET ASSISTANT:

On a motion by Senator Reagan, seconded by Representative Ober, that Michael Kane be appointed as the Legislative Budget Assistant, pursuant to the provisions of RSA 14:30, for a two-year term. MOTION ADOPTED.

ADOPTION OF FISCAL COMMITTEE RULES AND PROCEDURES:

On a motion by Representative Weyler, seconded by Senator Reagan, that the Committee adopt the Fiscal Committee rules and procedures consistent with past practices as outlined in Appendix A, which will be attached to the minutes as part of the official record. MOTION ADOPTED.

NEW BUSINESS:

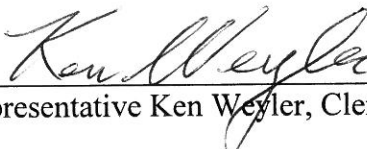
RSA 21-I:8, II. (a) AND (b), DIVISION OF ACCOUNTING SERVICES:

FIS 16-196 Department of Administrative Services – Vicki Quiram, Commissioner, and Gerard Murphy, Comptroller, Department of Administrative Services, presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee. Dana Call, Department of Administrative Services, was also present.

On a motion by Representative Ober, seconded by Representative Weyler, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Administrative Services, for an extension of the public release of the Fiscal Year 2016 State of New Hampshire Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (“CAFR”) and the Liquor Commission’s audited financial statements, from December 31, 2016 to January 31, 2017. MOTION ADOPTED.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting of the Fiscal Committee was set for Friday, January 13, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. (Whereupon the meeting adjourned at 10:41 a.m.)



Representative Ken Weyler, Clerk

Attachment

FISCAL COMMITTEE RULES AND PROCEDURES
December 2016

As it relates to items submitted to the Committee for action:

- 1) The Committee requires that any requested action made pursuant to RSA 124:15, establishing any new position or continuation of an existing position, either full-time or part-time, or the hiring of consultants be for the current biennium only.
- 2) The Committee requires that any requested action made pursuant to RSA 14:30-a,VI, the Acceptance and Expenditure of Funds Over \$100,000 from any Non-State Source be for the current biennium only.
- 3) That any request made to the Committee under the following statutes, either individually or a combination thereof will be placed on a consent calendar and voted on as a block.

*******Any member may request that any item be removed from the consent calendar for further discussion and/or clarification prior to or during the Fiscal Committee meeting.*******

- RSA 9:16-a - Transfers Authorized,
 - RSA 9:16-c - Transfer of Federal Grant Funds,
 - RSA 9:17-d - Transfer of Appropriations, Judicial Branch,
 - RSA 14:30-a,VI - Acceptance and Expenditure of Funds Over \$100,000 from any Non-State Source and
 - RSA 124:15 - Positions Restricted
- 4) Acceptance of a late item requires approval of the Chairman.

As it relates to the Office of Legislative Budget Assistant:

- 5) Authorize the Legislative Budget Assistant to;
 - Effective December 1, 2016, grant step increases for employees of the LBA Office on the employee's anniversary dates, and at such other times for exceptional service, as determined by the Legislative Budget Assistant. The Legislative Budget Assistant will inform the Fiscal Committee in writing, when these step increases have been granted.
 - Promote an LBA employee, with prior approval of the Chairman of the Fiscal Committee,
 - And fill a vacancy in the LBA Office with the prior approval of the full Fiscal Committee.