

FISCAL COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COURT

MINUTES

October 9, 2020

The Fiscal Committee of the General Court met on Friday, October 9, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom Meetings.

Members in attendance were as follows:

Representative Mary Jane Wallner, Chairman
Representative Ken Weyler
Representative Susan Ford
Representative Peter Leishman
Representative Lynne Ober
Representative Erin Hennessey (Alternate)
Representative Patricia Lovejoy (Alternate)
Senate President Donna Soucy
Senator Lou D'Allesandro
Senator Jay Kahn
Senator Cindy Rosenwald
Senator Chuck Morse

The Zoom Video Webinar convened at 10:00 a.m., with the assistance Michael Kane, Legislative Budget Assistant.

OFFICIAL AUDIO CONFERENCE MEETING PROCEDURES:

The Chair opened the meeting with the following Right-to-Know checklist;

“Due to the state of emergency declared by the Governor as a result of the Covid-19 Pandemic, and in accordance with the Governor's Emergency Order #12, pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, as extended, this public body is authorized to meet electronically. Please note that there is no physical location to observe and listen contemporaneously to this meeting which was authorized pursuant to the Governor's Emergency Order.”

“However, in accordance with the Emergency Order, I am confirming that we are; 1) providing the public access to the meeting by telephone, with additional access possible by video or other electronic means. We are utilizing Zoom Video Webinar for this remote meeting.”

“All Members of the Committee, selected legislative staff and other guests present have the ability to communicate contemporaneously during this meeting through this platform, and the public has access to contemporaneously watch and listen to this meeting following directions and link provided on the General Court website at <http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/LBA/budget/fiscalcommittee.aspx>.”

“2) By providing public notice of the necessary information of the meeting, we previously gave notice to the public of the necessary information for accessing the meeting telephonically. Instructions have also been provided in the House and Senate calendars, the Fiscal Committee agenda, and the website of the Office of the Legislative Budget Assistant at <http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/LBA/budget/fiscalcommittee.aspx>.”

“3) Providing a mechanism for the public to alert the public body during the meeting if there are problems with access. If anyone has a problem, please e-mail LBA_Fiscal@leg.state.nh.us.”

“4) Adjourning the meeting if the public is unable to access the meeting and in the event the public is unable to access the meeting, the meeting will be adjourned and rescheduled.”

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL:

The Chair announced the meeting would start by taking the roll of attendance and that Members state their presence, and state whether there was anyone in the room with them during the meeting as required under the Right-To-Know Law.

Representative Weyler, as clerk, called the Roll of voting members.

Representative Wallner – Present/at home in Concord, alone

Representative Leishman – Present//at home in Peterborough, alone

Representative Ford – Present/at home in Easton, alone

Representative Weyler – Present/at home in Kingston, alone in room

Representative Hennessey (Alternate) – Present/at home in

Littleton, her two minor children are in the home

Representative Ober – Present/at home, alone

Representative Lovejoy (Alternate) – Present/at home in Stratham, and her husband was in the house

Senator D’Allesandro – Present/at home in Manchester, alone

Senate President Soucy – Present/at home in Manchester, alone

Senator Kahn – Present/in Keene, and his wife was in the house

Senator Rosenwald – Present/in her home, alone

Senator Morse – No response

AUDIT PRESENTATIONS:

State of New Hampshire, Single Audit Of Federal Financial Assistance Programs For The Year Ended June 30, 2019 – Stephen Smith, Director of Audits, Audit Division, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant, Brock Romano, KPMG Partner, and Heather Kuney, KPMG Senior Manager, presented the report and responded to questions of the Committee. Charles Arlinghaus, Commissioner, and Dana Call, State Comptroller, Department of Administrative Services, were also present to respond to questions of the Committee.

No action was required as the Committee accepted, placed on file and released the audit at the May 8, 2020 meeting.

State of New Hampshire, Management Letter, Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019 – Brock Romano, KPMG Partner, and Karen Farrell, KPMG Manager, presented the report and responded to questions of the Committee. Charles Arlinghaus, Commissioner, Department of Administrative Services, and Carollynn J. Lear, Assistant Commissioner, and Melissa Rollins, Senior Financial Analyst, Department of Revenue Administration, were also present to respond to questions of the Committee.

No action was required as the Committee accepted, placed on file and released the audit at the May 8, 2020 meeting.

State of New Hampshire, Liquor Commission, Management Letter, For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019 – Stephen Smith, Director of Audits, and James LaRiviere, Senior Audit Manager, Audit Division, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant, presented the report and responded to questions of the Committee. Joseph Mollica, Chairman, Tina Demers, Chief Financial Officer, and Rosemary Wiant, Chief Operations Officer, New Hampshire Liquor Commission, were present to respond to questions of the Committee.

No action was required as the Committee accepted, placed on file and released the audit at the May 8, 2020 meeting.

State of New Hampshire, Department of Safety, Division of State Police, Financial Audit Report, For The Nine Months Ended March 31, 2019 – Stephen Smith, Director of Audits, and Christine Young, Senior Audit Manager, Audit Division, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant, presented the report and responded to questions of the Committee. Colonel Robert Quinn, Commissioner, and Steven Lavoie, Director of Administration, Department of Safety were present to respond to questions of the Committee. Colonel Nathan Noyes, Director, and Major Mathew Shapiro, Division of State Police, Department of Safety, were also present.

No action was required as the Committee accepted, placed on file and released the audit at the September 18, 2020 meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT:

The next regular meeting of the Fiscal Committee was previously scheduled for Friday, November 20, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. (Whereupon the meeting adjourned at 11:43 a.m.)

/s/ Ken Weyler

Representative Ken Weyler, Clerk