

Breakfast Meeting Minutes

June 1, 2016

New Hampshire Association of Counties

The Executive Council convened at 9:02 a.m. with Governor Hassan and all Executive Councilors present.

Governor Hassan reviewed the pre-meeting ceremonial items for the 10:00 a.m. meeting.

- Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilor Kenney
- Music from Guitarist Chris Peters of the Chris Peters Band

The Executive Council, on a motion by Councilor Pappas, seconded by Councilor Kenney, voted 5-0 to approve the minutes of the Breakfast Meeting of May 18, 2016.

Governor Hassan informed the Council that Item #7 from the Department of Health and Human Services has been withdrawn by agency request.

Governor Hassan reviewed the tabled item:

- Item #9 from the Department of Health and Human Services- tabled on a motion by Councilor Wheeler, seconded by Councilor Kenney

Councilor Wheeler indicated that he still has concerns with the item. The Governor and Council agreed that time permitting, the item could be brought off the table at the 10:00a.m. meeting for further discussion.

The Governor and Council received a presentation from the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) regarding the Lakes Region Facility in Laconia. Councilor Quiram and Assistant Commissioner Connor explained that Chapter 276:113, Laws of 2015 directs the Commissioner of DAS to offer the property for sale. DAS is planning to initiate an RFP in order to hire a broker to assess the value of the property. The City of Laconia and a few other vendors have expressed interest in utilizing the property for substance abuse rehabilitation services. Councilor Kenney suggested that a task force or working group be created to address long-term issues. Governor Hassan encouraged the group to begin thinking about what would be the best way to develop such a strategy.

Councilor Van Ostern will host the next meeting on Wednesday, June 15, 2016 at a location to be determined.

Other Business:

Governor Hassan let the Council know that she plans to go forward with a confirmation vote on the Secretary of State's nomination to the Executive Branch Ethics Committee (EBEC), which was not voted upon at the May 4, 2016 meeting. The Governor indicated that she has not heard back from Secretary Gardner regarding the letter she sent to him on May 17, 2016. The letter was subsequent to a meeting the Governor and Secretary Garner had with Attorney General Foster about the nomination and confirmation process for the EBEC. The statute establishing the EBEC provides that the nomination is to be made by the Secretary and confirmed by the Governor and Council. Councilor Kenney asked if the Secretary of State could withdraw his nomination to the Executive Branch Ethics Committee. Ann Rice, Deputy Attorney General, agreed with the Governor's determination that, after nomination by Secretary Gardner the Governor places the nomination on the Governor and Council agenda, indicating her vote for confirmation and the council then votes on the confirmation. It is not an agenda item that is approved by Governor and Council. The Governor told the Council that she will treat the State Treasurer's nomination to the EBEC in the same manner, as this is the way both individuals' nominations have been put forward in the past.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:41 a.m.