

**Breakfast Meeting Minutes for Approval 5/3/2017**  
**Wednesday, April 19, 2017**  
**Department of Transportation**

The Executive Council convened at 9:34 a.m. with Governor Sununu and all Executive Councilors present.

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

- Pledge of Allegiance led by Executive Councilor Kenney
- Music: Music Director Paul Bourgelais and the Franklin High School Band.
- Proclamation: NH Wildfire Awareness Week- Division of Forests & Lands in conjunction with the winners of the Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest Winners. Commendation: Groveton High School Eagle Boys Varsity Basketball Team, Division IV State Champions.

The Executive Council voted to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2017 Breakfast Meeting.

Executive Councilor Volinsky will host the next meeting on Wednesday, May 3, 2017 at a location to be determined.

Governor Sununu noted that Commissioner Goulet of the Department of Information Technology would like to address a few topics with the Executive Council regarding the length of contracts and how that relates/affects DoIT items.

Governor Sununu addressed tabled item #A from the Department of Justice and acknowledged the request of Attorney General MacDonald for further review of the item.

Governor Sununu and the Executive Council discussed the late item submitted by the Community Development Finance Authority noting that upon detailed review of the contract any confusion as to the details were cleared up. Administrative Services Assistant Commissioner Joe Bouchard spoke to the Governor and Council about late item #B submitted by their agency.

**Other Business:**

Councilor Wheeler addressed concerns and complaints he received regarding the Board of Land Surveyors and requested to hold on confirming members until those concerns were addressed.

Discussion took place regarding regulatory boards and addressing any conflicts of interest.

Councilor Pappas noted the pending confirmation of Kenneth Merrifield, nominee to serve as Commissioner for the Department of Labor. Discussion took place regarding the time line for when Mr. Merrifield would close out responsibilities in his current position as well as his elected position, allowing him to be able to assume responsibility as Commissioner if confirmed.

Governor Sununu noted that the Council had been informed of a nomination for reappointment to the Public Utilities Commission, but that nomination was going to be held off pending further discussion. Councilor Prescott noted his receipt of unsupportive constituent feedback regarding Fish & Game Commission reappointment nominee David Patch. Discussion took place regarding the need to address the concerns and conflict regarding the Commission.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 a.m.