

GOVERNOR AND EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MINUTES
State House, Concord, New Hampshire
January 7, 2021, 1:30 p.m.

The Governor and Executive Council convened at 1:30 p.m. with Councilors Kenney, Warmington, Stevens, and Wheeler present in person and Councilor Gatsas present via telephone.

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Today's pre-meeting ceremonial items included:

- Councilor Kenney offered a prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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The Governor and Executive Council on motion of Councilor Gatsas, seconded by Councilor Stevens, voted to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2020 meeting.

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The Governor and Council, on motion of Councilor Wheeler, seconded by Councilor Stevens, voted to set the date for a *special election for State Representative in Hillsborough County, District 21 (Merrimack)*.

The filing period will begin on January 11, 2021 and end on January 15, 2021. The primary election will be February 23, 2021. The special election will be April 13, 2021.

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NOMINATIONS

The following nominations were submitted:

Chief Justice, New Hampshire Supreme Court – RSA 490:1

Gordon J. MacDonald, Deering

Succeeding: Robert J. Lynn, Windham (resigned)

Effective: Upon Confirmation

Term: Until 70 years of age

* A public hearing on the nomination of Gordon J. MacDonald to serve as Chief Justice of the New Hampshire Supreme Court will be held on January 21, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at the Department of Transportation Conference Room*

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REGULAR AGENDA

STATE TREASURY

The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Gatsas, seconded by Councilor Warmington acted as follows:

#1 Authorized that the State Treasurer shall invest and reinvest any surplus funds of the state, in accordance with the provisions of RSA 6:8. (2)Further authorized that the State Treasurer, be and hereby is, designated to act as Custodian of all such funds as have been previously placed in her custody as State Treasurer, and of other trust funds of the State.

#2 Authorized the list of revolving funds, as detailed in letter dated December 18, 2020, for which the State Treasurer holds receipts, be renewed for the ensuing two years, in the total amount of \$402,458.78.

#3 Authorize the State Treasurer to make payment of rightful owner claims of abandoned or unclaimed funds that have escheated to the general fund, upon receipt of sufficient proof of the validity of such claims and shall report quarterly to the G&C on the actual disbursements of such payments. (2)Further authorized the Comptroller to issue a warrant from funds not otherwise appropriated in such amounts as required to pay the aforementioned claims, pursuant to RSA 471-C:31-a.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

#4 The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Kenney, seconded by Councilor Gatsas, and with Councilor Warmington voting **no**, authorized the Bureau of Education Opportunities to accept and expend NH School Charter School Grant funds in the amount of \$10,114,548 from the US Department of Education. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2021. The budget for Fiscal Year 2021 is listed in letter dated December 4, 2020. The balance of the grant, which is in the amount of \$35,885,452, will be incorporated into the next two biennial budgets. **100% Federal Funds.** (2)Further authorized to establish temporary full time positions. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2021. **100% Federal Funds. Fiscal Committee approved.**

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

#5 The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Warmington, seconded by Councilor Kenney, authorized the list of Governor and Council meeting dates for the period of January through June 2021.

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The Next regular Governor and Executive Council meeting is scheduled for Friday January 22, 2021, at the State House, Concord, New Hampshire.

The Honorable Board then Adjourned at 2:05 p.m.