

Breakfast Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2016

New Hampshire Army National Guard Regional Training Institute

The Executive Council convened at 9:05 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.

- Reading and Pledge of Allegiance led by Governor Hassan
- Music from Nashua Community Music School Flutists
- Commendation for the State Employees Charitable Campaign
- Proclamation for World Trade Week (May 16-20)

The Executive Council, on a motion by Councilor Pappas, seconded by Councilor Wheeler, voted 5-0 to approve the minutes of the Breakfast Meeting of May 4, 2016.

Governor Hassan informed the Council that Item #21 from the Department of Information Technology has been withdrawn by agency request.

Governor Hassan reviewed Late Item A from the State Treasury and Late Item B from the Department of Transportation.

Governor Hassan informed the Council that Item #55 from the Department of Administrative Services has a typographical error in the agenda description. The agenda currently states "not to exceed a price of \$15,000". The actual amount is \$15,000,000. The correct amount is reflected on the item itself and all of its backing documents.

Councilor Kenney will host the next meeting on Wednesday, June 1, 2016 at a location to be determined. Councilor Kenney made note that May is County Government Month, and that the NH Association of Counties may serve as an ideal location for the next meeting.

Other Business:

Governor Hassan gave the Councilors an update on the status of the Secretary of State's nomination to the Executive Branch Ethics Committee (EBEC), which was removed from the list of confirmations at the May 4, 2016 meeting. The Governor indicated that she sent a letter to Secretary Gardner after a meeting they had with the Attorney General and the Governor's staff about his concerns regarding the nomination and confirmation process for nominations he makes to 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. This process provides for the nomination to rest on the Council table for two weeks before a vote is taken, and the Governor feels that this is an important part of the process in order to give the public the opportunity to weigh in on a nomination. Secretary Gardner believes that his nomination should be put on the regular meeting agenda. Councilor Wheeler indicated that he is not comfortable moving forward on the State Treasurer's nomination to the EBEC until this issue is resolved.

Councilor Van Ostern inquired on the status of the Manual of Procedures from the Department of Administrative Services and when it will come back to the Council for a vote. The item was withdrawn at the April 20, 2016 meeting so that possible changes could be made. Commissioner Quiram indicated that she is working with the Attorney General's office and hopes to bring it back soon.

Councilor Kenney let the group know that he toured the Lakes Region Facility with the Department of Administrative Services in Laconia and would like to discuss how the property can be put to use at the next breakfast meeting. Governor Hassan asked her staff to include this on the breakfast agenda.

Councilor Wheeler raised concerns that the reality television show featuring Fish and Game officers (Item #44 approved at the January 13, 2016 meeting) may show the state in a negative light and that it would be a good idea for the filming to be monitored. The Governor agreed and indicated that the contract was negotiated to give the state final say in what material is aired. Councilor Van Ostern suggested that staff from the Division of Travel and Tourism at the Department of Resources and Economic Development should be included in the marketing process.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 a.m.