

**Breakfast Meeting Minutes (DRAFT for Approval 3/8/2017)**  
**Wednesday, February 15, 2017**  
**NH Department of Administrative Services**

**The Executive Council convened at 9:11 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 Councilor Prescott**
- **Music: No music due to illness.**

**The Executive Council voted to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2017 Breakfast Meeting.**

**Councilor Pappas will host the next meeting on Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at a location that is to be determined.**

**Other Business:**

**Governor Sununu discussed upcoming Judicial Retirements and the established Judicial Selection Committee with the Executive Council, touching on their purpose, deadlines for Judicial Candidate applications and informational web presence.**

**Councilor Wheeler brought up the past pardon request and hearing of Ward Bird and discussed the commuted sentence hearing outcome, and noted Mr. Ward would like to be pardoned. This prompted discussion regarding procedures for pardon and commutation requests amongst the Governor and Executive Councilors, including comments from the Attorney General's office noting the communications/practices of prior Administrations, and Legal Counsel to the Governor noting that if any pardon/commutation requests come directly to the Executive Councilors, to forward them to him. Discussion continued about putting together an overview of the process.**

**Councilor Wheeler mentioned the Department of Transportation CMAC committee as well as the GACIT committee regarding the purpose of these committees, membership, prior processes for submitting input, how processes have changed, noting the Executive Councils role and considerations going forward.**

**Councilor Volinsky inquired about attending a briefing with the Department of Corrections regarding a status of how things are going. There was discussion regarding funding, the new women's prison that will be opening and how the drug crisis impacts this agency. Councilor Pappas stated he would contact the Department about hosting the next Governor & Executive Council Breakfast on March 8, 2017.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 9:46 a.m.**