

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
May 3, 2018
Held in Room 1E at the Legislative Office Building

PRESENT: Lieutenant Governor Nancy Wyman
Deputy Comptroller Martha Carlson
Deputy Treasurer Wilson
Senator Catherine Osten
Senator Paul Formica
Representative Ezequiel Santiago
Representative Melissa Ziobron
Deputy Secretary Susan Weisselberg
Office of Policy and Management, Finance Advisory Committee Clerk

Lieutenant Governor Wyman called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

The minutes of the April 5, 2018, meeting were adopted.

The following new transactions were considered by the committee:

FAC 2018-06 for Division of Criminal justice. Transfer of \$310,000 from the Cold Case, Witness Protection and Shooting Task Force accounts to the Other Expenses, Medicaid Fraud Control and Expert Witnesses accounts to cover expenses for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Representative Ziobron commented that the Cold Case Unit and Shooting Task Force funds should be utilized to reduce gun violence rather than remaining unspent.

The item was approved with Representative Ziobron voting against.

FAC 2018-07 for Connecticut Insurance Department. Transfer of \$290,000 from Personal Services and Fringe Benefits to Other Expenses to cover unanticipated premises and examination-related travel costs.

The item was unanimously approved without discussion.

FAC 2018-08 for Mental Health and Addiction Services. Transfer of \$4,600,000 from the Home and Community Based Services, TBI Community Services and General Assistance Managed Care accounts to the Professional Services and Worker's Compensation Claims accounts to cover expenditures through the remainder of the fiscal year.

The item was unanimously approved without discussion.

FAC 2018-09 for the Department of Transportation. Transfer of \$24,971,800 from the Personal Services, Pay-As-You-Go Transportation Projects and Non-ADA Dial-a-Ride Program accounts to the Bus Operations, Rail Operations and ADA Para-transit Program accounts to cover operating requirements for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Senator Formica asked whether labor and pension elements of the Bus Operations shortfall are contract-related. Commissioner Redeker noted that the contract negotiations were completed after the state budget was finalized.

Senator Formica then inquired about equipment lease costs in the Rail Operations account. Commissioner Redeker noted that the costs are for the Hartford Line. Originally, the intent was for cars from the New Haven Line to be deployed to the Shoreline East service, so the existing Shoreline East railcars could be redeployed to the Hartford Line. However, due to increased ridership on the New Haven Line, DOT was unable to redeploy the cars as envisioned, necessitating an alternative strategy that resulted in leasing railcars for the Hartford Line. The costs for this lease were not included in the budget, which was developed over a year and a half ago.

This item was unanimously approved.

FAC 2018-10 for the Department of Education. Transfer of \$1,100,000 from the Commissioner's Network account to the Other Expenses account to cover payments to Thompson and Groton for implementation of Alliance District educational improvements.

This item was unanimously approved without discussion.

FAC 2018-11 for the Department of Children and Families. Transfer of \$2,637,892 from the Child Abuse and Neglect Intervention account to the Supportive Housing and Board and Care of Children – Foster Care accounts to cover programming costs through the remainder of the fiscal year

This item was unanimously approved without discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Susan Weisselberg".

Susan Weisselberg, Clerk