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TO: All Fourth District Cities and Towns
FROM: Executive Councilor Christopher C. Pappas
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The Governor and Executive Council met on Wednesday, November 18, 2015, in the Executive Council Chamber at the State House, Concord, NH and considered an agenda of approximately 54 items.

The next scheduled Governor and Executive Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 2, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in the Executive Council Chamber at the State House Concord, NH.

MEETING NOTES:

The Executive Council convened today at 10 am at the State House. Here's an overview of the Council meeting, focusing on issues with both statewide and District 4 significance:

District 4 Nominations

The Governor nominated Nicole Brassard Jordan of Manchester as Director of Marketing, Merchandising, and Warehousing at the Liquor Commission; Robert Hamel of Manchester to the New Motor Vehicle Arbitration Board; and Stephen Crean of Goffstown to the Waste Management Council.

District 4 Confirmations

The Council confirmed Denise Bolduc of Hooksett and Susan Robidas of Manchester to the Board of Court Reporters; and Christine Williams of Bedford to the Volunteer NH Board of Directors. Despite receiving correspondence from constituents as well as the legal and law enforcement communities supporting Dorothy Graham of Manchester as a justice of the Superior Court, the Council did not reconsider its action at the previous meeting rejecting her confirmation 3-2.

Resignations

The Council accepted the resignation of Superior Court Judge David Garfunkel effective February 7; and Health and Human Services Commissioner Nick Toumpas effective January 8. An extensive search process for a replacement is being conducted by the Governor's Office.

Nashua Drug Court Funds

The Council approved \$851,000 in federal funds for agencies that provide clinical and evaluation services for the Hillsborough County South Drug Court in Nashua.

SAT Testing for 11th Graders

The Council approved a \$613,000 agreement with the College Board to offer the SAT Test as the state's assessment for 11th graders, replacing the Smarter Balanced assessment.

Family Leave Insurance Program

The Council approved a \$134,000 contract with UNH to do a cost-benefit assessment of a family leave insurance program for businesses in New Hampshire. The study is being done after being recommended by the legislature.

Energy Efficiency Money

The Council approved a \$1.2 million agreement with the state's electric utilities to award grant funds for businesses and large energy users who make energy efficiency improvements. The funds come out of the state's energy efficiency fund.

Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Agreement

The Council unanimously approved a \$375,000 contract for administrative support to continue the NH Carbon Dioxide Budget Trading Program as part of the consortium of Northeastern states that participate in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative.

Today's complete agenda is available [here](#) along with the minutes and audio recording. The next G&C meeting will be held Wednesday, December 2, at 10 am at the State House. Stay tuned for future updates, and please don't hesitate to contact me with your thoughts or concerns.

The Executive Council welcomes public input on nominations that are brought forward by the Governor for consideration and confirmation.

If you have interest in serving on any of the 300+ State Boards or Commissions please send a letter of interest along with a resume, to Jennifer Kuzma in care of the Governor's office and a copy to Executive Councilor Pappas.

Please feel free to contact me with concerns or support for any of the above individuals or any other issues you might have.

A listing of the Boards and Commissions, along with the qualifications required, can be found at <http://www.sos.nh.gov/redbook/index.htm>.