



State of Vermont
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Emergency Board Meeting Minutes
August 8, 2024 – 1:00 p.m.

Pursuant to notice, the Emergency Board met via Zoom on Thursday, August 8, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. (<https://legislature.vermont.gov/committee/streaming/vermont-joint-fiscal>).

Members present: Governor Philip B. Scott, Chair; Senator Jane Kitchel; Senator Ann Cummings; Representative Emilie Kornheiser and Representative Diane Lanpher

The items on the agenda were as follows:

ITEM 1. Rapid Response Mobile Home Infill Program
Presentation by Lindsay Kurrle, Secretary of the Agency of Commerce and Community Development

Senator Kitchel made the following motion, seconded by Representative Lanpher:

Moved: A motion was made to transfer \$7 million from the Treasurer’s bond retirement appropriation to the Rapid Response Mobile Home Infill Program, as explained in Item 1 in the meeting materials (as detailed below):

“In recognition of the 2024 flooding events in Vermont and the urgent need to increase available affordable housing, motion is made pursuant to 32 V.S.A. §§ 133(b) and 706(2) to transfer \$7 million of the \$20 million total appropriation to the State Treasurer’s Office pursuant to 2022 Act 83, Sec. 53(b)(5)(B) as amended by 2022 Act 185 Sec. C. 102, to the Department of Housing and Community Development, for the Mobile Home Infill program (as described in the attached materials). This transfer is made to support the rapid creation of additional mobile home infill and housing for Vermonters. As part of the Governor’s fiscal year 2025 budget adjustment proposal, the Commissioner of Finance & Management shall present a proposal to replace the funds transferred from the Treasurer’s Office appropriation pursuant to 2022 Act 83, Sec. 53(b)(5)(B) as amended by 2022 Act 185 Sec. C. 102, and the Secretary of the Agency of Commerce and Community Development, or designee, shall present an assessment of mobile home infill programs and a recommendation on whether and how to consolidate the programs. Additionally, at the September and November 2024 Joint Fiscal Committee meetings and as part of the fiscal year 2025 Budget Adjustment Request, the Secretary of Commerce and Community Development or designee shall report on the implementation of the mobile home infill program, and key measures indicative of progress, including, but not limited to, the number

of sites that have been improved, the number of homes purchased, the number of homes sited, the status of homeowners qualified for financing, the number of individuals living in the new homes, and the status of available funds in the program.”

The motion was passed unanimously.

ITEM 2. Business Emergency Gap Assistance Program (BEGAP)

Presentation by Joan Goldstein, Commissioner of the Department of Economic Development

Senator Cummings made the following motion, seconded by Representative Kornheiser:

Moved: A motion was made to transfer \$7 million from the Treasurer’s bond retirement appropriation to BEGAP, as explained in Item 2 in the meeting materials (as detailed below):

“In recognition of the 2024 flooding events in Vermont and the urgent needs of Vermont businesses, motion is made, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. §§ 133(b) and 706(2), to transfer \$7 million of the \$20 million total appropriation to the State Treasurer’s Office pursuant to 2022 Act 83, Sec. 53(b)(5)(B) as amended by 2022 Act 185 Sec. C. 102, to the Department of Economic Development for the Business Emergency Gap Assistance Program (as described in the attached materials). This transfer is made to provide support to businesses affected by the 2024 Vermont flood events. As part of the Governor’s fiscal year 2025 budget adjustment proposal, the Commissioner of Finance & Management shall present a proposal to replace the funds transferred from the Treasurer’s Office appropriation pursuant to 2022 Act 83, Sec. 53(b)(5)(B) as amended by 2022 Act 185 Sec. C. 102. At the September and November 2024 Joint Fiscal Committee meetings, the Secretary of Commerce and Community Development or designee shall report on the amounts and use of funds distributed by the Business Emergency Gap Assistance Program.”

The motion was passed unanimously.

ITEM 3. Emergency Grant Funding for Flood-Impacted Vermonters

Presentation by June Tierney, Commissioner of the Department of Public Service

Representative Kornheiser made the following motion, seconded by Senator Kitchel:

Moved: a motion to expand the scope of the Emergency Financial Assistance Program for Flood-Impacted Vermonters (as detailed below):

“In recognition of the 2024 flooding events in Vermont, motion is made to amend the Emergency Financial Assistance Program for Flood-Impacted Vermonters, created at the July 31, 2023 Emergency Board meeting, by expanding the scope of the program to include replacement of flood damaged and destroyed appliances and equipment for Vermont Households impacted by the Vermont 2024 flood events. The Commissioner of Public Service shall report on the amounts and use of funds distributed for replacement of Vermonters’ flood-damaged and destroyed appliances at the September and November 2024 Joint Fiscal Committee meetings.”

The motion was passed unanimously.

With no other business, Senator Kitchel made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Senator Cummings. The motion was passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

A true record,

ATTEST:



Brittney L. Wilson

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Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

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Supporting materials can be found online at: <https://aoa.vermont.gov/revenue/emergency-board-minutes>.

c: Board Members
Auditor of Accounts
State Treasurer