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**Emergency Board Meeting Minutes
October 24, 2022 – 1:00 p.m.**

Pursuant to notice, the Emergency Board met in the Governor's State House Office, 115 State Street, Montpelier, Vermont, on Monday, October 24, 2022, at 1:00 p.m.

Members present: Governor Philip B. Scott, Chair; Senator Jane Kitchel; Representative Janet Ancel; and Representative Mary Hooper

Members absent: Senator Ann Cummings

The items on the agenda were as follows:

ITEM 1. ANR/AOE/VDH request for PCB mitigation funding (Act 178 of 2022)
Presentation by Julie Moore, Secretary of the Agency of Natural Resources and Dan French, Secretary of the Agency of Education

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

Moved: a motion as proposed in the Emergency Board's meeting materials for Item 1 (as detailed below):

“Pursuant to Act 178 of 2022, Section 3(b) and 32 VSA Sec. 133, to transfer \$2.5 million from the adjusted education payment appropriation of Sec. B.505 of Act 185 of the 2022 session. This transfer is to the Agency of Education to establish a new appropriation line item for the purposes of supporting immediate action to reduce PCB exposure in school locations where established action levels are exceeded and therefore present a significant health threat, limited to pre-purchasing and deploying emergency mitigation supplies and providing cost share to conduct additional investigation and required materials testing to inform permanent remediation. Expenditures from this appropriation shall be made consistent with recommendations from the Agency of Natural Resources and the Vermont Department of Health. The Agency of Natural Resources, Vermont Department of Health and Agency of Education shall include an update on the status of expenditures from this appropriation in the disbursement plan required by Act 178 of 2022, Section 3(a).”

The motion was passed unanimously.

ITEM 2. Request for supplemental LIHEAP funding (32 V.S.A. Sec. 133)

Presentation by Dr. Harry Chen, Interim Commissioner for the Department for Children and Families and Richard Giddings, LIHEAP Program Director for the Department for Children and Families

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

Moved: a motion as proposed in the Emergency Board’s meeting materials for Item 2 (as detailed below):

“Pursuant to 32 VSA Sec. 133, \$5,800,000 in General Fund appropriated to the Agency of Human Services’ Secretary’s Office Global Commitment appropriation shall be reduced and transferred to the Department for Children and Families’ Home Heating Fuel Assistance and LIHEAP appropriation in fiscal year 2023 to be used to meet expected heating needs. These General Funds shall be re-appropriated to the Agency of Human Services’ Secretary’s Office Global Commitment appropriation in the fiscal year 2023 Budget Adjustment Act in the amount of \$5,800,000.”

The motion was passed unanimously.

With no other business, Representative Ancel made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Representative Hooper. The motion was passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 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
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