

MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Held in Room 1E of the Legislative Office Building on April 5, 2007.

PRESENT: Lieutenant Governor Michael Fedele  
Mark Ojakian, Deputy Comptroller  
Howard Rifkin, Deputy State Treasurer  
Senator Toni Harp  
Senator David Cappiello  
Representative Denise Merrill  
Representative Kevin DelGobbo  
Representative Peter Tercyak  
Robert L. Genuario, Secretary and Clerk,  
Office of Policy & Management  
John Bacewicz, Executive Budget Officer,  
Office of Policy & Management, Budget and Financial Management Division

ABSENT: Governor M. Jodi Rell

Lieutenant Governor Fedele called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

1. It was voted to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 1, 2007.
2. The following new transactions were approved by the Committee:

FAC 2007-17– Office of State Ethics – A total transfer of \$55,000 from Judge Trial Referee Fees and Reserve for Attorney Fees to Other Expenses to pay for court reporter costs and other investigation related costs.

There was no discussion on this item. This item was unanimously approved by the Committee.

FAC 2007-18 – Division of Criminal Justice – A transfer of \$285,000 from Personal Services to Other Expenses to meet expenditures.

There was no discussion on this item. This item was unanimously approved by the Committee.

FAC 2007-19 – Office of the Healthcare Advocate – A transfer of \$46,000 from Personal Services to Fringe Benefits.

There was no discussion on this item. This item was unanimously approved by the Committee.

FAC 2007-20 – Council on Environmental Quality – A transfer of \$9,000 from Personal Services to Other Expenses to allow the Council to create a new website format for the Annual Report on Connecticut’s environment.

There was no discussion on this item. This item was unanimously approved by the Committee.

FAC 2007-21 – Department of Social Services – A total transfer of \$49,132,000 from various accounts to meet anticipated end of year requirements.

Discussion clarified that due to delays in enrollment in Medicare Part D in 2006, many Connecticut Pharmaceutical Assistance Contract to the Elderly (ConnPACE) clients did not reach the “donut hole” during the end of calendar year 2006 as had been budgeted, resulting in significant savings in FY07. The savings in FY07 are not due to individuals dropping out of either the ConnPACE or Medicare Part D program, but rather a delay in Medicare Part D enrollment.

There was discussion regarding the transfer of \$7 million from Medicaid and the overall lapse projected in this account. Discussion noted that the surplus is in large part due to caseload reduction and that the transfer of \$7 million is significantly less than one percent of the overall Medicaid appropriation.

The Finance Advisory Committee also noted the transfer of \$2 million from Personal Services to the Child Care Services – TANF/CCBG account. The Finance Advisory Committee made note of the Department of Social Service’s understaffing at district offices, high vacancy rate and the projected lapse in light of the Governor’s recommended budget, which provides additional positions in the regional offices over the biennium.

This item was unanimously approved by the Committee.

FAC 2007-22 – Emergency Management and Homeland Security – A transfer of \$115,570 from Personal Services to Other Expenses to address the latest expenditure projections.

There was no discussion on this item. This item was unanimously approved by the Committee.

3. The meeting was then adjourned at 1:15 P.M.



Robert L. Genuario  
Clerk