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Commissioners Council Meeting Minutes
November 11, 2025, at 3:00 PM
Omni Mt. Washington Hotel

I. Call to Order

a. Commissioner Maglaras calls the meeting to order at 3:00 PM finding a quorum fit to conduct business.
b. Ms. Duchesne calls the roll: Commissioner Claudia Stewart, Commissioner Robert Theberge, Commissioner Katie Hedberg, Commissioner Martha Stroup McLeod, Commissioner Wendy Piper, Commissioner Toni Pappas, Commissioner Stuart Trachy, Commissioner David Lovlien, Commissioner Steven Goddu, Commissioner Tom Tombarello, Commissioner Kate Coyle, Commissioner Leslie Feliciano, Commissioner Sean Leavitt, Commissioner George Maglaras, Commissioner Bennie Nelson Ms. Danielle Duchesne and Mr. Jim Monahan of the Dupont Group/Rumford Management.

II. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes (January 23, 2025)

a. Commissioner Maglaras presents the minutes from the January 23, 2025, meeting of the Commissioners Council. Lovlien makes a **MOTION** to approve the minutes. Piper **SECONDS** the **MOTION**. The **MOTION PASSES** by a unanimous voice vote.

III. Review and Discussion of 2026 Dues and Assessments

a. Director Nickerson reviews the dues formula and assessments. Director Nickerson highlights the removal of the 50th special assessment. Director Nickerson reviewed the dues calculation: a 1/10 even distribution plus the prior calendar year's utilization by county. Commissioner Maglaras explains the history of the dues holiday and how it affected fund balance. The Council discusses the option to increase the nursing home assessment. Commissioner Tombarello supports the dues and assessments as is but is worried about the overall reduction in dues for 2026 as that will not always be the case. Commissioner Coyle suggests adding $1,000 to each county's long-term care assessment line. Commissioner Trachy makes a **MOTION** to accept the dues and assessments with the amendment. Commissioner Lovlien **SECONDS** the **MOTION**. The **MOTION PASSES** by a unanimous voice vote.

IV. Advancement of Choices for Independence (CFI)

a. Commissioner Maglaras leads a discussion of the payment model for CFI and what the counties' role should be to manage the aging population with home and community-based care. Mr. Monahan recommends that the Commissioners Council work with the County-State Finance Committee to work with the State. Commissioner Maglaras will reach out to Administrator David Ross on the matter.

V. **Filling of County Commissioner Vacancies LSR**

a. Commissioner Maglaras leads a discussion around the bill filed by Representative Turcotte that proposes changes to the way that county commissioner vacancies are filled. There is conversation about how districts do not align for this process. Commissioner Maglaras would like the Association to choose to oppose the bill. Commissioner Stewart explains that continuity is important when new commissioners are elected. The Dupont Group staff will invite commissioner to relevant hearings on the bill once they are scheduled. Commissioner Tombarello makes a **MOTION** to recommend the Association oppose the bill. Commissioner Theberge **SECONDS** the **MOTION**. The **MOTION PASSES** by a unanimous voice vote. There is also discussion on LSR 2655 that concerns Grafton County, which would create 2 additional commissioners for Grafton County. Commissioner Goddu suggests that the Association submit a bill that allows for redistricting for commissioners only every 10 years. Seeing that the bill filing periods have passed, the Council agrees to make an amendment on a related bill.

VI. Other Business

a. Commissioner Pappas reminds the Council that Rockingham and Hillsborough Counties pay the most in dues to the Association but have the same representation in the Executive Committee.

VII. Next Meeting

a. The next meeting of the Commissioners will be at the call of the Chair.

VIII. Adjournment

a. Commissioner Pappas makes a **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Piper **SECONDS** the **MOTION**. Commissioner Maglaras invokes unanimous consent, and hearing no objection, the **MOTION PASSES**.

Minutes prepared by Danielle Duchesne on November 11, 2025

Minutes approved on November 10, 2026.