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Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
May 1, 2026 at 10:00 AM
Primex

I. Call to order

- a. Register Stacey calls the meeting to order at 10:09 AM finding a quorum fit to conduct business.
- b. Ms. Horgan calls the roll: Administrator Julie Libby, (via Commissioner Hedberg proxy), Superintendent Chris Brackett (via Commissioner Maglaras proxy), Commissioner Sean Leavitt (via Commissioner Maglaras proxy), Attorney Carolyn Kirby (via Commissioner Pappas proxy), Superintendent Joseph Costanzo (via Commissioner Pappas proxy), Superintendent Brian King (via Superintendent Wetherbee), Superintendent Nick Phillips (via Administrator Coates proxy), Commissioner Tom Tombarello (via Director Nickerson proxy), Administrator David Ross (via Commissioner Pappas proxy), Superintendent Michelle Wetherbee, Administrator Richard Leboeuf, Administrator Chris Coates, Commissioner Claudia Stewart, Administrator Kathryn Kindopp, Director Sheryl Trombly, Commissioner Katie Hedberg, Commissioner Wendy Piper, Commissioner Martha McLeod, Commissioner Toni Pappas, Administrator Ross Cunningham, Administrator Heather Moquin, Director Wendy Heath, Superintendent Garrett Jewell, Superintendent Jonathan Banville, Director Alison Kivikoski, Director Chuck Nickerson, Register Cathy Stacey, Administrator Ray Bower, Commissioner George Maglaras, Commissioner Leslie Feliciano, of the NHAC Executive Committee. Danielle Duchesne, Kate Horgan, and Jim Monahan of the Dupont Group/Rumford Management.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

- a. Administrator Coates leads the Executive Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Approval of past meeting minutes (April 6, 2026)

- a. Register Stacey presents the minutes from the April 6, 2026, meeting of the Committee. Administrator Cunningham makes a **MOTION** to approve the minutes. Administrator Coates **SECONDS** the **MOTION**. There is discussion around the fifty-fifty split of the nonfederal share for long-term services and supports. Register Stacey invokes unanimous consent, and hearing no objection, the **MOTION PASSES**.

IV. 2026 Annual Conference Gold Sponsor Presentation – Grappone Ford

- a. Adam Memmolo and Sarah Reilly present in-person on the procurement of vehicles for county government and some of the special services that Grappone offers, like the new mobile service offering.
- b. Because Grappone's slides were not shown due to technical issues, additional resources will be sent out after the meeting.

V. Financial Update – Chuck Nickerson

- a. Director Nickerson presents the financial report. Director Nickerson explains that, due to high attendance, the Corrections Academies revenues are ahead of budget. Director Nickerson also explains that another deposit of \$25,000 was recently paid to the Omni Mt. Washington. Administrator Ross makes a **MOTION** to accept the financial report. Commissioner Pappas **SECONDS** the **MOTION**. Register Stacey invokes unanimous consent, and hearing no objection, the **MOTION PASSES**.

VI. Executive Committee appointments

- a. Ms. Horgan explains that Carroll County has one vacancy.

VII. Rural Health Transformation Program Update – David Chorney GO-NORTH

- a. Mr. Chorney explains that the State could see \$1 billion from this program, though it is dependent on how much of the funds are spent every year. Mr. Chorney reviews the hubs and the project areas that they will serve and explains that application windows are dependent on the hubs. There is an opportunity to sign up for notifications and funding opportunities on the GO-NORTH website. The Association will sign up to receive the notifications and share them with the Association. There is a request to have GO-NORTH present again at the June or September Executive Committee or a virtual presentation in the meantime before the breakout session at the Conference.

VIII. Bylaws Committee

- a. The membership for the Bylaws Committee was last voted on in January 2025 with the members being Superintendent Jason Henry, Director Hilary Snide, and Administrator Deb Shackett. Following the bylaws, the Committee is made up of three members who are elected or appointed officials and will serve a term of two years. The Bylaws Chair is an automatic member. With Administrator Shackett's retirement and Director Snide's move, the President can nominate someone to fill the remainder of the term. Register Stacey nominates Sullivan County Director of Facilities and Operations Mary Borque to the Bylaws Committee. Administrator Cunningham makes **MOTION** to approve the nomination. Director Nickerson **SECONDS** the **MOTION**. Register Stacey invokes unanimous consent, and hearing no objection, the **MOTION PASSES**.

IX. Annual Conference

- a. Ms. Holly Elsholz submitted a report in writing and explains that roughly \$60,000 in sponsorships has been raised so far while the 50th Anniversary Committee continues to reach out to sponsor targets. In addition, roughly 50 people have registered.
- b. Administrator Bower offers his suite for meeting space if anyone needs it.
- c. Ms. Duchesne explains that the hotel room block is open, early-bird registration is available through early September, award nominations are due by June 26, twelve breakout sessions are in the works pending speaker and/or session details, and a contract is in the works with Doug Babcock as a plenary speaker.

X. County-State Finance Committee update – Administrator David Ross

- a. Ms. Horgan explains that the next meeting will be on June 24th so there will be no update until the Executive Committee's September meeting.

XI. State Government updates

- a. Ms. Horgan explains that HB 1184 has been favorably amended; HB 1300 has also been favorably amended but the Association continues to remain opposed as the bill sets an unfavorable prescient for political subdivisions; HB 1236 underwent a favorable “replace all” amendment. Most of these bills are on the consent calendar.

XII. Government Relations Contract

- a. Ms. Horgan explains that the Dupont Group government relations contract will expire at the end of the year and the Executive Committee will need to decide if the Association will go out to bid or pursue a sole source contract. Commissioner Maglaras makes a **MOTION** to pursue a 2-year contract with the Dupont Group. Administrator Bower **SECONDS** the **MOTION**. Register Stacey asks for a vote by raised hands. Thirty hands are raised to approve the **MOTION**, while none are raised in opposition. The **MOTION PASSES**.

XIII. Affiliate updates

- a. Corrections Certification Board – Superintendent Shawn Coughlan: No update.
- b. Superintendents Affiliate – Superintendent Joseph Costanzo: No update.
- c. Commissioners Council – Commissioner George Maglaras: No update from the Council. Commissioner Maglaras notifies the Committee that there is talk in Washington, DC that the federal government may seek a shift of 100% cost Medicaid to be transferred to the states. NH is not ready for such a shift, and such a change would be detrimental to NH
- d. County Attorneys – Martha Ann Hornick: No update.
- e. Deeds – Register Cathy Berube: Register Stacey explains that the Affiliate will not meet again until June. The Affiliate has secured a speaker for the Annual Conference.
- f. Sheriffs – Sheriff William Wright: No update.
- g. Human Resources – Director Kim May: The Affiliate will meet next on May 15th in Sullivan County.
- h. Administrators: Ms. Horgan explains that the group is meeting after this meeting. Nursing Home Administrators – Administrator Craig Labore: Administrator Labore reports that the Affiliate will meet after this meeting.

XIV. Other business

- a. Administrator Coates asks if Medicaid pending cases have been resolved or if other counties are experiencing issues. It is recommended that this issue be added to the June meeting agenda. It is also recommended that this issue be brought to the National Association of Counties.
- b. Belknap County Superintendent Michelle Weatherbee has been appointed by the Governor to serve as the Chair of the Opioid Abatement Advisory Commission. The next meeting of the Commission will be on Monday, June 22nd at 1:00 PM.
- a. The NACo video/podcast studio is looking to collect fun visuals from counties for the walls and shelves - road signs, public works tools, voting machines or other items that reflect the daily work of counties.
- b. The NACo Leadership Academy is offering an AI-focused academy. See the meeting materials email for details to sign up before May 11.
- c. The 50th Anniversary Planning Committee will gather briefly after this meeting.
- d. Commissioner Maglaras explains that some notifications have gone out from straggling opioid settlements, though those funds must go to the Opioid Abatement Trust, due to state law. Maglaras will draft a letter on this for Kindopp to read out at the next meeting of the Opioid Commission.

XV. Next meeting

- a. The next meetings of the Executive Committee will be at Primex on:
 - i. Friday, June 12, 2026 (Rockingham County, 102 North Road, Brentwood)
 - ii. Friday, September 11, 2026

- iii. Friday, October 2, 2026
- iv. Friday, November 10, 2026 (Omni Mt. Washington)
- v. Friday, December 4, 2026

XVI. Adjournment

- a. Commissioner Maglaras makes a **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting. Administrator Coates **SECONDS** the **MOTION**. Register Stacey invokes unanimous consent and hearing no objection, the **MOTION PASSES**.

Minutes prepared by Danielle Duchesne on May 1, 2026.

Minutes approved on June 12, 2026.