

**Hillsborough County Delegation Meeting**  
**Bouchard Building, Goffstown, NH**  
**December 12, 2012 6:00 PM**

Present: Representatives: G. Shattuck, M. Porter, E. Connor, N. Kurk, J. Manley, S. Spratt, K. Williams, D. Woodbury, R. Meaney, J. Graham, M. Villeneuve, J. Goley, P. Ramsey, L. DiSilvestro, P. Sullivan, R. Walsh, T. O'Flaherty, L. Gagne, W. Infantine, P. Garrity, C. Williams, S. Vaillancourt, D. McCloskey, B. Shaw, T. Smith, E. Sandblade, J. Winters, B. Backus, D. Marston, R. Boehm, F. Byron, R. Barry, B. Grady, R. Hinch, T. Pellerino, L. Peterson, S. Chandley, P. Hansen, R. Heden, S. Palmer, S. Sweeney, P. Leishman, J. Coffey, J. Flanagan, M. Levesque, J. Belanger, S. Gale, A. Kopka, J. Schmidt, M. MacKay, D. Cote, M. Gorman, D. LeBrun, D. Carroll, D. Hansberry, L. Harriott-Gathright, M. Jack, M. O'Brien, R. Haefner, M. A. Knowles, R. Ober, L. Ober, J. Ulery, R. Eaton, R. McNamara, M. Warden, G. Daniels, L. Sanborn, P. Long, J. Dobson, J. Beaulieu, R. Boisvert, R. Rowe, K. Stroud.

Also Present: S. Ziehm, Holden C., T. Pappas, E. A. Robinson, G. Wenger, D. Reidy, Sheriff Hardy, D. Dionne, M. Montminy, M. Castonguay and members of the public.

Former Rep. Seidel called the Delegation Meeting to order at 6:10 PM and requested that everyone to stand and say the Pledge to the Flag.

Former Rep. Seidel announced the first order of business is the election of a temporary chairman. Motion by Rep. Ulery, District #37 second by Rep. Kurk, District #2, to elect former Rep. Seidel, as temporary Chairman of the County Convention. On a voice vote motion adopted.

Chairman Seidel appointed Rep. Ulery as temporary clerk. Chairman Seidel declared a quorum present.

Chairman Seidel stated that all motions are to be submitted in writing and presented to the Clerk and only Delegation members may address the Convention unless specifically called upon.

Chairman Seidel introduced the Elected Officials and Department Heads present.

Chairman Seidel stated that before we begin, I would like to address some questions about the organizational methods used at prior organizational meetings and the method proposed for this organizational meeting.

Let me state first and foremost, that the Delegation has the absolute right to elect its officers and Executive Committee from any member of the body. Any delegate may be nominated and elected if it is the will of the majority.

However, from a historical perspective, prior County Conventions have seen wisdom in ensuring fair representation from both the political and geographical diversity that comprises Hillsborough County. This attempt to provide a cross section of representation in leadership has been helpful in fulfilling the obligations of the Executive Committee and Delegation.

The result has been so-called "Gentleman's Agreements" to rotate the chairmanship and officers of the Delegation and Executive Committee between the two (2) cities and the conglomerate of towns. Likewise the "Agreements" allocate the representation on the Executive Committee based on geographical and political affiliation. In some years, the use of commissioner districts has been applied to determine the rotation of officers and make up of the Executive Committee.

The "Gentlemen's Agreement" is not binding on this body. This body may agree to accept or reject proposed orders of the day and any particular suggestion as to the determination of officers and make up of the Executive Committee. However, I would remind each member that the decision to participate on the Executive Committee or as an Officer can be a demanding and time-consuming venture. Quorums are necessary. Time commitments are essential and decorum is essential. Please consider whether or not you or your nominees can meet the commitment.

If we adhere to the Gentleman's Agreement the following would be the political and geographical distribution for the Executive Committee and Officers of the Convention.

	Chairman - Towns			
	Vice-Chairman – Manchester			
	Clerk – Nashua			
Manchester:	Democrat	5	Republican	1
Nashua:	Democrat	4	Republican	1
Towns	Democrat	3	Republican	8

Chairman Seidel announced that the Democrats have the majority so the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Clerk will be made up of the Majority Party and the Executive Committee will consist of 22 members.

Chairman Seidel stated that if anyone has issues with the Gentlemen's Agreement to please advise the body.

Motion by Rep. Kurk, District #2, seconded by Rep. Hinch, District #21, that the Executive Committee consist of 22 members and that the number of members on the Executive Committee from Manchester, Nashua and the Towns be in proportion to the number of their state representatives (to wit: Manchester, 6; Nashua, 5; and towns, 11) and that the number of Republican and Democratic members from Manchester, Nashua and the Towns be in proportion to the number of Republican and Democratic State Representatives representing the respective areas (to wit: Manchester, 5 Democrats and 1 Republican; Nashua, 4 Democrats and 1 Republican; and the towns, 8 Republicans, 3 Democrats) and be nominated by their respective area and that the officers of the Convention be from the party garnering the majority of State Representatives in the County (to wit: the Democratic party) and that Manchester caucus of the majority party nominate the Chairman, and the Manchester caucus of the majority party nominate the Vice-Chairman and Nashua caucus of the majority party nominate the Clerk. Rep. Kurk briefly spoke to his motion noting that the County does not work on a partisan basis and there has been good diversity on the Executive Committee in the past and everyone works well together. On a voice vote motion adopted unanimously.

Chairman Seidel requested that a motion be made for the nominations for the Executive Committee and the Officers.

Rep. M. MacKay, District #30, that Rep. Linda Harriott-Garthright, District #36, Rep. Daniel Hansberry, District #35, Rep. Martin Jack, District #36, Rep. Mariellen MacKay from the Democrats and Rep. Don LeBrun, District #32, from the Republicans are the nominees from Nashua. The nominee for the Clerk position is Rep. Mariellen MacKay.

Rep. Rowe, District #22, stated that the Towns slate will consist of Rep. Shawn Jasper, District #37, Hudson, Rep. Robert Rowe, District #22, Amherst, Rep. Moe Villeneuve, District #7, Bedford, Rep. Jordan Ulery, District # 37, Hudson, Rep. Neal Kurk, District #2, Weare, Rep. T. Pellegrino, District #21, Merrimack, Rep. D. Hinch, District # 21, Merrimack, Rep. James Belanger, District #27, Hollis, are the Republican nominees from the Towns noting that Rep. S. Spratt District #4, Greenville, is the nominee for the Chairman, in addition Rep. G. Shattuck and K. Williams are the Democratic nominees.

Rep. Pat Long, District #42, stated that Rep. Barbara Shaw, District # 16, Rep. Ron Boisvert, District #45, Rep. Pat Garrity, District #14, Rep. Linda DiSilvestro, District #9, and Rep. David McCloskey, District 16, are the Democrat nominees from Manchester. The Republican nominee is Rep. Steve Vaillancourt District #15. The nominee for Vice Chairman is Rep. B. Shaw

Motion by Rep. Kurk, second by Rep. Boisvert to close the nominations.

Motion by Gagne, second by Flangan that the Chairman be instructed to cast one ballot for the slate of nominations. On a voice vote motion to approve the slate of nominations for the Executive Committee which includes the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Clerk was adopted unanimously.

Temporary Chairman Seidel relinquished the gavel to the new Chairman of the Hillsborough County Delegation, Rep. Steve Spratt.

Rep. Shaw thanked former Rep. Seidel for all his hard work during his tenure on the Executive Committee during the last two years as serving as Chairman. Rep. Shaw presented former Rep. Seidel with a gift from the Department Heads, Elected Officials and members of the Executive Committee. Former Rep. Seidel graciously accepted the gift and thanked everyone for their help and assistance over the past two years.

Chairman Spratt, District #4 recognized Rep. Shaw for a motion.

Motion by Rep. Shaw, District #16 second by Rep. Kurk, District #2 consistent with RSA 24:2-b to authorize the executive committee to fill a vacancy that may occur in the membership of the executive committee, with a member of the county delegation to fill the vacancy for the un-expired term. The Executive Committee would continue to respect the agreements that are in place where vacancies are filled according to the party and area where the vacancy occurs. On a voice vote motion adopted unanimously.

Motion by Rep. Gagne, District #13, second by Rep. Flanagan, District #26, consistent with RSA 24:2, this Convention designates the Executive Committee to act as a Subcommittee to consider the budget, and other matters, and make recommendations to the Convention. On a voice vote motion adopted unanimously.

Motion by Rep. Shattuck, second by Rep. Belanger, consistent with RSA 24:9-ee that members of the Convention shall be paid \$20.00 per day, plus \$56.5 cents per mile beginning in January of 2013 or the approved Federal rate for travel to and from meetings for actual attendance at the County Conventions and Executive Committee Meetings. On a voice vote motion adopted.

Motion by Rep. K. Williams, second by Rep. LeBrun, to adopt the Robert's Rules of Order of Parliamentary Procedure and that these rules shall govern the Hillsborough County Delegation and Executive Committee Meetings. Brief discussion ensued as to why the County uses Robert's Rules versus Mason's Rules. On a voice vote motion adopted.

Chairman Spratt appointed Rep. Shawn Jasper as Parliamentarian, noting he has been Parliamentarian for many years.

Motion by Rep. Vaillancourt, second by Rep. Hinch, consistent with RSA 28:8-d to authorize the Executive Committee and the Board of Commissioners to enter into agreements for the use of county owned property with the following restrictions: The use of county owned property be approved for no longer than 6 months, is limited to no more than one (1) acre of land, and no more than 25,000 square feet of building space, be leased and that the county be indemnified for any use. On a voice vote motion adopted .

Motion by Rep. Belanger, second by Rep. LeBrun pursuant to RSA Chapter 24:10-a for the Hillsborough County Convention to approve and adopt the Memorandum of Understanding between Hillsborough County and UNH Cooperative Extension for a period of six years effective upon approval by this Convention. On a voice vote motion adopted.

Motion by Rep Leishman second by Rep. Kurk to request Board of Commissioners to present to the Executive Committee with a proposed county budget for FY 2014 equal to 97% of the 2013 budget as adopted by the County Delegation and such other proposed budget or budgets as they deem appropriate.

Rep. Kurk spoke to the motion stating that one of the major reasons for this motion is if a budget is presented that is 97% of what the current budget is this will give information in a form that we can make decisions on where the County wants to spend money. He noted that this is what Gov. Hassan is requesting from all the Departments at the State level.

Rep. Kurk stated this does not mean that Departments are going to have a 97% budget, for instance, when department heads and Elected Officials present their 97% budget to Board of Commissioners the Department Heads will explain why they cannot live within that budget. He also noted that there will be consequences to various services, however, the Budget will work its way through the various committees which conclude will at the Delegation Meeting. Rep. Kurk stated "that this is a device to give the committees information which we haven't had in the past. This does not bind us it simply provides information for the process."

In response to a question Rep. Kurk stated that the State has six weeks to provide a budget, At the County level when the subcommittees meets with Department Heads/Elected Officials they have one day. When the information is provided to the subcommittees they do not have sufficient information. He added that he thinks this will be a benefit to the County noting that the process that was voted on last year will not be changed and this is an effort for committees to attain information to make decisions.

Chairman Spratt recused himself and turned the gavel over to the Vice Chairman Shaw.

Chairman Spratt stated that this motion does not bind the Board of Commissioners however, this means a 97% budget or 3% reduction noting the Committees will go through the budget as they have in the past.

Rep. Kurk responded stating that the Sub-committees do not get the specific numbers and the consequences of a cut or and increase to the budget. He stated that with this motion the committees would have information in writing which had been submitted to the Board of Commissioners. Lengthy discussion ensued regarding budgeting at the State and comparing it to the County level.

Rep. Kurk is suggesting that Department Heads and Elected Officials to present two budgets, one at 97% and another that will be recommended by the Board of Commissioners. Discussion ensued.

Debate ensued about the appropriateness of the motion at this first meeting without more information.

Rep. Tim Smith, District #17 suggested that the Board of Commissioners submit a budget with a 3% cut and a budget with a 3% increase and then compare.

Motion was made and seconded to move the question. On a voice vote motion adopted.

Rep. O'Brien inquired about delaying a vote and he is questioning why his motion to table was not taken up earlier, Rep. Shaw stated that there was no second to the motion.

Rep. Garrity discussed budget cuts in the prior Fiscal Year and layoffs resulting from them. He requested a roll call. Some members questioned whether a motion for a roll call vote was needed.

On a roll call vote motion adopted 45-27

Ayes: Rep. Connor, Kurk Meaney, Graham, Villeneuve, Sullivan, O'Flaherty, Gagne, Vaillancourt, Shaw, Sandblade, Winters, Marston, Boehm, Barry, Grady, Hinch, Pellegrino, Peterson, Hansen, Heden, Palmer, W=Sweeney, Leishman, Coffey, Flanagan, Levesque, Belanger, MacKay, Gorman, LeBrun, Carroll, Haefner, Knowles, Ober, R. Ober, Ulery, Eaton, Warden, Daniels, Sanborn, Beaulieu Stroud.

Nays: Shattuck, Porter, Manley, Spratt, Williams, Woodbury, Goley, Ramsey, Diilvestro, Walsh, Garrity, McCloskey, Smith, Chandley, Gale, Kopka, Schmidt, Cote,Booras, Hanesberry, Harriott-Garthright, Jack, Obrien McNamara, Long, Dobson, Boisvert, Rowe.

Motion by Rep. Kurk, second by Rep. Ober to adjourn at 7:15 PM. On a voice vote motion adopted.

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Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Rep. Mariellen MacKay, Clerk  
Hillsborough County Executive Committee