

New Hampshire College Tuition Savings Plan Advisory Commission
Minutes of the Special Meeting of October 27, 2023

The October 27, 2023 meeting of the New Hampshire College Tuition Savings Plan Advisory Commission (“Advisory Commission”) was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Dr. Deborah Scire, Advisory Commission Chair. The meeting was held at the University System of New Hampshire’s office located at 5 Chenell Drive, Suite 301, Concord, NH 03301.

Attendance:

Member	Representing	Attendance
Dr. Deborah Scire, Chair	NH College and University Council	Present
Christiana Thornton, Vice Chair	NH Higher Education Assistance Foundation	Present
Monica Mezzapelle	State Treasurer	Present
Senator Lou D’Allesandro	State Senator	Present
Senator Ruth Ward	State Senator	Present
Rep. Kenneth Weyler	State Representative	Absent
Dr. Mark Rubinstein	NH Higher Education Commission	Present
Catherine Provencher	University System of New Hampshire	Present
Shannon Reid	Community College System of New Hampshire	Present
Rep. Robert Lynn	Public Member Appointed by the Governor	Present
Joseph Doiron	Governor Designee	Absent
Rep. Margie Smith	State Representative	Present

Also present at the meeting were Moira Valenti from NHHEAF Network, Kenneth Ferreira representing Franklin Pierce University, Sheri Gonthier representing NH Technical Institute, Stephanie Weldon representing Manchester Community College, Mac Broderick representing Plymouth State University, Lauren Warner, and Allison Shablin from the NH State Treasury.

In anticipation of the upcoming changes to the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (“FAFSA”) form in 2024, the Advisory Commission held an education session to learn about the changes and the potential impact to the scholarship programs overseen by the Advisory Commission.

FAFSA Updates

Ms. Valenti provided a presentation of the upcoming changes to the FAFSA form and highlighted the benefits of the FAFSA simplification and the impact for students, families, and Financial Aid offices.

The representatives from the Financial Aid offices also shared their views and perspectives regarding the FAFSA changes and provided recommendations to the Advisory Commission which will be considered at the December 4th meeting when the student eligibility criteria for the UNIQUE Annual Allocation Program will be established for the 2024-25 academic year.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

NOTE: The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 4, 2023.