MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Held in Room 1E at the Legislative Office Building, on November 7, 2013.

PRESENT: Lieutenant Governor Nancy Wyman
Deputy Comptroller Martha Carlson
Deputy Treasurer Christine Shaw
Senator Toni Harp
Senator Robert Kane
Representative Mae Flexer
Representative Craig Miner
Representative Toni Walker
Representative Catherine Abercrombie (alternate)
Secretary Benjamin Barnes
Office of Policy and Management, Finance Advisory Committee Clerk

Lieutenant Governor Wyman called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

The minutes of the June 5, 2013 meeting were adopted unanimously.

The following new transactions were considered by the committee:

FAC 2014-01 – Department of Administrative Services. Transfer of $8,000,000.00 from the Personal Services account to the State Insurance and Risk Management account to cover payment of several large claims which were recently settled.

Representative Miner asked, will this transfer impact the hiring of positions added to the biennial budget? Secretary Barnes responded that there currently is sufficient funding to transfer this amount and that we would address the future funding shortfall with a subsequent action such as a deficiency appropriation. He does not believe that this transfer would impact the agency's ability to fill positions. Representative Miner also asked if there was another account within the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) which was more viable to transfer funds from? Secretary Barnes responded that funding in DAS is tight in other accounts and there was no other account that would have provided a viable option that would not have required a deficiency appropriation.

This item was unanimously approved by the committee.

FAC 2014-02 – Department of Social Services. Transfer of $134,243,423.00 from the Disproportionate Share – Medical Emergency Assistance account to the Medicaid account to make supplemental payments to hospitals.

Representative Miner wanted to confirm that hospitals will not be negatively impacted by the proposed transfer. Secretary Barnes responded that, to the contrary, the transfer of dollars should produce an increase in hospital revenue of approximately $18 million.

Secretary Barnes answered affirmatively when Senator Harp asked to confirm that the transfer implements the implementer bill.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ben Barnes
Clerk