

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
NEW HAMPSHIRE - CANADIAN TRADE COUNCIL

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New Hampshire Canadian Trade Council Regular Meeting  
April 7 2023  
Meeting Minutes

Called to order by Chairman Senator Lou D'Alessandro at 2:00 pm

Attendance:

**Secretary of State** David M. Scanlan

**Senators:** Chairman Lou D'Alessandro, Donna Soucy, Keith Murphy,

Absent: Donovan Fenton

**Representatives:** Vice Chair Janet Wall, Representatives Benjamin Baroody, Tim McGough, Troy Merner, Daniel Eaton, Arnold Davis

Absent: Representatives: Speaker of the House Sherman Packard, Rep. Steve Shurtleff, Rep. Linda DiSilvestro, Rep. Linda Massimilla

**Department of Business and Economic Affairs:** Benoit LaMontagne

**Office of the Governor:** Harold Parker

**Private Sector:** Timothy T. Egan

Absent (excused): BJ Perry

Chairman D'Alessandro called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

- 1.) Meeting minutes were authorized and accepted.
- 2.) Meeting to Northern Border – discussion of fundraising and agenda for this trip – further discussion later in the meeting after Benoit Lamontagne arrives
- 3.) Council of State Governments – Eastern Region Conference

CSG East in Toronto Sun 8/20-23 info found here: <https://csg-erc.org/annual-meetings/2023-annual-meeting-in-toronto-ontario/>

NCSL is week prior 8/14-16, for those planning to attend both, info here: <https://www.ncsl.org/events/ncsl-legislative-summit-2023>

Discussion from the Chair and Vice Chair to submit requests to House and Senate leadership to authorize travel and attendance on behalf of the House and to represent the Canadian Trade Council to CSG now and to make an early request.

- 4.) Sister cities discussion: Mayor of Sherbrooke - Action Items:
  - a.) Benoit Lamontagne to reengage with Mayor of Sherbrooke and coordinate with Mayor Craig's office
  - b.) Benoit has arranged ZOOM call for members to join and listen-in – details forthcoming by email to Committee Distribution List
- 5.) Budget: Secretary Scanlan reported to the Chair \$8,000/year allocated to the Council –
  - a.) Needs to be encumbered by June or it will lapse to General Fund – Please send ideas for allocation to the Chair with CC to this Distribution list for discussion at next meeting in May.
  - b.) \$2,000 per year additional has been allocated from House Finance so it should increase to \$10,000/year provided the Senate also approves
- 6.) Special Projects :
  - a.) Counsel General of Canada in Boston is leaving, BJ Perry will be having Reception here in Concord – Details TBD
  - b.) Tim Egan: Chris King has been working on dinner for Counsel General in Portsmouth area.
  - c.) Potential to engage with Steve Duprey to collaborate – calendar has been challenging to coordinate a date
- 7.) Special Projects: Discussion of grant application to Northern Border
  - a.) Deadline rapidly approaching for Letter of Intent to apply – Benoit Lamontagne to send follow up email to Council
  - b.) Need grant application partner to secure matched funds and to submit letter of interest to seek financial support. Budget likely to approach \$20,000 inclusive of all costs for Council delegation travel to Sherbrooke.
- 8.) Council members to make suggested agenda items for Sherbrooke visit
  - a.) What companies would you want to visit? What do you want to learn for your districts?
  - b.) Look here and see what interests you or your constituents: <https://sherbrooke-innopole.com/en/quantum-innovation-zone/>
  - c.) What technology or industries are transferable partnerships into New Hampshire?
  - d.) Should we invite key industry leaders and who to join us on the trip?
- 9.) EV event – Virtual Event May 16<sup>th</sup>
- 10.) SOS Scanlan and Benoit had visit with US Ambassador to Canada - David Cohen with Tim Egan
- 11.) Council to Request visit of Governor Sununu - **Promotion of NH alongside Quebec** at BioInternational Trade visit to BioInternational Trade Show in Boston -June 5-8, 2023
  - a.) Harold Parker to coordinate, potential for Council Members to attend. Rep Tim McGough preparing briefing memo to Harold – tentative calendar dates Tues 6/6 or Wed 6/7 (evening?)  
<https://www.bio.org/events/bio-international-convention/schedule>

<https://www.bio.org/events/bio-international-convention/exhibitor-directory>

Move to adjourn by Rep Dan Eaton, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Secretary Scanlan, Adjourned at 2:50 pm – Next Meeting will be in May at the Call of the Chair. Request to not meet on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Rep. Tim McGough, for the Council.

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