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**Hillsborough County Delegation Meeting
Bouchard Building, Goffstown, NH
December 13, 2006 6:00 PM**

Present: Representatives: R. Mack, G. Shattuck, D. Essex, C. Beck, S. Spratt, J. Hammond, a. Peterson, B. Hall, M. Levesque, C. Dokmo, R. Hansen, T. O'Connell, R. Rowe, G. Daniels, S. Stepanek, P. Leishman, R. Day, N. Kurk, P. Manney, R. Fletcher, S. Smith, S. Tahir, J. Jeudy, M. DesRoches, P. Long, A. Simon, M. Sysyn, H. Velez, S. Johnson, B. Barody, M. Reuschel, P. Garrity, M. Farley, S. Vaillancourt, J. Martineau, M. Pilotte, B. Shaw, J. Beaulieu, M. Brunelle, A. Forest, C. Soucy, I. Messier, J. Winters, J. Spaulding, K. Hawkins, M. Villeneuve, M. Clark, R. Barry, D.L. Christensen, J. O'Neil, N. Elliott, P. Hinkle, R. L'Heureux, M. Mooney, R. Ginsberg, E. Rochette, A. Matarazzo, P. Hackel, S. Harvey, L. Movsesian, L. Rosenwald, D. Smith, D. Cote, J. Clemons, P. Cote, C. Jean, J. Kelley, C. Lisle, A. Kopka, B. Lasky, J. Schulze, J.G. Bergeron, J. Knowles, M. Knowles, L. Christiansen, R. Ober, L. Ober, A. Renzullo, J. Ulery. Also present: Comm. Holden, Pappas, N. Allan, G. Barry, C. Kirby, J. O'Mara, D. Reidy, M. Rusch, G. Wenger

Former Rep. Allan called the Delegation Meeting to order at 6:10 PM and requested Rep. Movsesian, District #22, to lead the Pledge to the Flag.

Former Rep. Allan announced the first order of business is the election of a temporary chairman. Motion by Rep. Kurk, District #7, second by Rep. Stepanek, District #10 to elect former Rep. Allan, as temporary Chairman of the County Convention. On a voice vote motion adopted.

Chairman Allan appointed former Rep. G. Barry, as temporary clerk. G. Barry declared a quorum present with 77 members present.

Chairman Allan introduced the Elected Officials and Department Heads present.

Chairman Allan 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	7

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

Rep. Vaillancourt stated that he has an objection if the Gentlemen's Agreement is not carried out as in previous years. Rep. Kurk stated that a slate of nominees from each of the areas will be nominated and brought up for a vote. He stated that every group has caucused in advance and there will be one slate of nominees from each area. He also noted that the County Delegation has never been a partisan group and the Executive Committee has never been a partisan group and he stated that it appears this group will be under Democratic control for the next two years.

Motion by Rep. Kurk, seconded by Rep. Cote that the Executive Committee consist of 21 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, 10) 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, 7 Republicans, 3 Democrat) 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 the towns 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. On a voice vote motion adopted unanimously.

Chairman Allan requested that a motion be made for the nominations for the Executive Committee.

Rep. Movsesian, District #22, stated that Rep. Peter Cote, Rep. Eric Rochette, Rep. Cindy Rosenwald, Rep. Bea Francoeur and Rep. Lori Movsesian are the nominees from Nashua.

Rep. Hall, District #5, stated that Rep. David Essex, Rep. Steve Spratt, and Rep. Gil Shattuck are the Democratic nominees from the Towns.

Rep. Mooney, District #19, stated that Rep. Steven Stepanek, Rep. Robert Rowe, Rep. Peyton Hinkle, Rep. Jordan Ulery, Rep. Shawn Jasper, Rep. Neal Kurk, and Rep. Pam Manney are the Republican nominees from the Towns.

Rep. Brunelle, District #17, stated that Rep. Michael Farley, Rep. Armand Forest, Rep. Maurice Pilotte, Rep. Barbara Shaw and Rep. Anthony Simon are the Democrat nominees from Manchester.

Rep. Messier, District #17, stated that Rep. Steve Vaillancourt is the Republican nominee from Manchester.

Motion by Rep. Kurk, second by Rep. Cote to close the nominations and the Chairman be instructed to cast one ballot for the slate of nominations. On a voice vote motion to accept the nominations was adopted unanimously.

Motion by Rep. Hall, District #5, second by Rep. Kurk to nominate Rep. Essex, District #1, as Chairman of the Hillsborough County Delegation. On a voice vote motion adopted unanimously.

Motion by Rep. Brunelle, District #17, second by Rep. Kurk, to nominate Rep. Pilotte, District #16 as Vice-Chairman of the Hillsborough County Delegation. On a voice vote motion adopted unanimously.

Motion by Rep. Lasky, District #26, second by Rep. Cote, District #25, to nominate Rep. Movsesian, District #22 as Clerk of the Hillsborough County Delegation. On a voice vote motion adopted unanimously.

Temporary Chairman Allan relinquished the gavel to the new Chairman of the Hillsborough County Delegation, Rep. David Essex.

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

Chairman Essex recognized Rep. Cote for a motion.

Motion by Rep. Cote, second by Rep. Kurk, 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. Movsesian, second by Rep. Rosenwald, District #22, 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. Manney, District #7, second by Rep. Movsesian, Motion consistent with RSA 24:9-ee that members of the Convention shall be paid \$25.00 per day, plus \$.44.5 cents per mile or the approved Federal rate for travel to and from meetings for actual attendance at the County Conventions and Executive Committee Meetings. Brief discussion regarding the approved Federal rate. On a voice vote motion adopted.

Motion by Rep. Pilotte, District #16, second by Rep. Movsesian, 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, 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 unanimously.

Motion by Rep. Stepanek, District #6, second by Rep. Movsesian 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. On a voice vote motion adopted unanimously.

Chairman Essex stated The Hillsborough County Delegation has adopted the practice of having members of the Delegation serve on Budget Subcommittees. After the Board of Commissioners have completed their F/Y 2008 Budget recommendations (no later than May 10, 2007), the Budget Subcommittees meet with each elected official/or department head to review their budget requests and vote recommendations to be made to the full Executive Committee for adoption. In the March/April timeframe, members of the Delegation will be contacted to determine whether they want to participate and to make their requests for Budget Subcommittee assignments.

He also noted a handbook of Statutes pertaining to Hillsborough County are available from the Delegation Office. Please see Marcia Rusch, Delegation Coordinator for a copy. A Handbook outlining the various county departments and their functions will be mailed-out sometime during the month of January.

Chairman Essex introduced the Delegation Coordinator, Marcia Rusch, and former Rep. Mercer who work in the Delegation Office. Chairman Essex explained the position of the Delegation Coordinator noting that her position is to serve the representatives. Her primary role is to act as liaison between the Board of Commissioners/Department Heads and the Executive Committee. She is also the budget coordinator for Subcommittees, Executive Committee and the Delegation portion of the budget. Chairman Essex explained the importance of communication, especially regarding attendance at Executive Committee Meetings and Delegation Meetings, noting that it is important if there is a meeting planned that a quorum be present so business can be accomplished. He stated that Delegation meetings will be kept to a minimum but sometimes things come up we have no control over such as Sale of Property, Capital Reserve issues, Collective Bargaining Agreements, Supplemental appropriations and the Budget.

Chairman Essex requested that the new Executive Committee stay after this meeting for a few announcements.

Motion by Rep. Kurk, second by Rep. Cote to adjourn at 6:50 PM. On a voice vote motion adopted.

Date Approved: _____

**HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
DECEMBER 13, 2006**

TABLE I -- POLITICAL DISTRIBUTION

	Total	Republican	Percent	Democrat	Percent
Manchester	35	6	17%	29	83 %
Nashua	28	4	24%	24	86%
Towns	<u>60</u>	<u>43</u>	17%	<u>17</u>	28%
TOTAL	123	53		70	

TABLE II -- DELEGATES

	Delegates	Percent	Executive Committee
Manchester	35	28%	6 members
Nashua	28	23%	5 members
Towns	<u>60</u>	49%	<u>10</u> members
Total	123	100%	21

TABLE III -- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

	Seats	Republican	Democrat
Manchester	6	1	5
Nashua	5	1	4
Towns	<u>10</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>3</u>
TOTAL	21	9	12