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Meeting Minutes

August 4, 2026

Department of Business and Economic Affairs

100 North Main Street, Suite 100

Caswell Conference Room

9:30 a.m.

Meeting called to order by Commissioner Lange, and a quorum was present.

Present: Sen. Birdsell, Rep. Malloy, Commissioner Lange, Hon. Steve Shurtleff, Adam Boltik, Jeanie Forrester, Michele Dillon, Darragh Madden

Update of AISLC Conference

Council Members attending the conference include Senator Birdsell, Representative Malloy, Dean Dillon, and Commissioner Lange and will be staffed by Director of OIC Adam Boltik.

Adam reviewed the activities planned for the August conference, highlighting the businesses that would be included in the visit.

Update on Subcommittee for Irish Festival

Adam provided an update on the August 22nd event and outlined planned activities and participants. Capital Center for the Arts is the lead on organizing this event. We are waiting for the contract.

The event will begin at 10 a.m. in Concord and include a variety of entertainment including Irish dancers, two movie viewings at the Red River Theater (Secret of Kells and Belfast). There will be food trucks featuring Irish food and Irish-based organizations have been invited to set up tables.

Commissioner Lange asked the Council to consider inviting a representative from Millipore to join the Council. Millipore is an Irish company based in Jaffrey employing over 1700 people. After brief discussion, Commissioner Lange made a motion to ask Millipore to join the Council, seconded by Dean Dillon, the motion passed unanimously.



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Discussion about having the Governor, Senate, and House issue proclamations for the inaugural NH Irish Festival. Proclamations would be housed by the NH Ireland Trade Council. Adam and Jeanie will draft up some language based on feedback from Council members and send out for consideration for each body to create (Commissioner Lange will spearhead the Governor's proclamation).

Next Meeting

Next meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 4 at 1 p.m. at BEA offices, Caswell Conference Room

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

