

**Manufacturing Innovation Advisory Board**  
***Meeting Minutes***  
**Department of Economic and Community Development**  
May 28, 2025  
1:00 PM – 2:30 PM  
*via Teams meeting*

**Attendance**

- Board Members Present: Paul Lavoie, Hannah Belmont, Dave Cremin, Colin Cooper, Mike Rocheleau, Mark Burzynski, Chris DiPentima, Lydia Blanche, John Zoldy, Emir Redzic, Tracy Ariel as a proxy for Kelli-Marie Vallieries.  
Quorum: Yes
- Absent: None
- Stakeholders & Guests: Mark Bliet, Alan Davis (CONNEX), Beatrice Gutierrez (CONNSTEP), John Glidden, Paul Striebel, Alan Davis (CONNEX)
- DECD Staff: Michelle Hall, Cindy Hetu, Carmen Molina-Rios, Tracey Ariel, Carla Rae Rodriguez.

1. **Welcome** - Board Chair Paul Lavoie called the meeting to order at 1:03pm.
2. **Minutes 4.15.25 (VOTE)** – Motion to approve made by Paul Lavoie. Moved by Dave Cremin, seconded by Hannah Belmont.
3. **Review - Program Budget**
4. **Discussion - MVP Example (VOTE)** – Terminology with regard to funding eligibility was discussed. Discrepancy as to what is considered an “Allied Service Provider” and therefore eligible for funding. No vote pending research and additional discussion among Board members.  
Action Item: Board to take a deeper look into verbiage and the potential impact making a change to eligibility of the MVP program and how it fits into the overall mission of supporting the manufacturing industry.
5. **Update - Mfg Innovation Forum** – Soft launch of the 9/11 Manufacturing Innovation Forum, event will be held at the Capital on May 15<sup>th</sup>, coinciding with the release of the new Manufacturing Strategic Plan. Information will be available on the website on Monday, with the goal of driving interest directly to the website.
6. **Motion to adjourn** made at by Paul Lavoie at 1:45pm. Moved by Michael Rocheleau, seconded by Dave Cremin. Motion carried.