

Manufacturing Innovation Fund Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

Department of Economic and Community Development

November 18, 2025

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

via Teams meeting

Attendance

Board Members Present: Kirti Patel, Hannah Belmont, Dave Cremin, Mike Rocheleau, Mark Burzynski, Chris DiPentima, Lydia Blanche, John Zoldy, Kelli-Marie Vallieres, Colin Cooper

Quorum: Yes

Absent: Emir Redzic

Stakeholders & Guests: Lauren Burt (C&K), Amanda Mueller (C&K), Emmanuel Vargas (C&K), Julie Nicholson (C&K), Christina Davis (C&K), Tony Cashman (C&K), Eric Cavoli (C&K), Felicia Lindau (C&K), Kerry Markey (CTTECH), Erin Day (CTTECH), Lawrence Pomerleau (CTTECH), Deb Presbie (ReadyCT), Shannon Marimon (ReadyCT), Amy Thompson (CCAT), Eileen Candels (CCAT), Paul Striebel (CCAT), Ron Angelo (CCAT), Deb Presbie (ReadyCT), John Glidden (CCAT),

DECD Staff: Michelle Hall, Carmen Molina-Rios, Cindy Hetu

1. **Welcome**
2. **Meeting Minutes 10/21/25 (vote)** - Motion to accept 10/21/25 Minutes made by Kirti Patel. Moved by Mark Burzynski, second by Lydia Blanche. Motion carried.
3. **Update – Annual Reporting Changes and Legislative**
4. **Update/Proposal – Manufacturing Careers Roadshow (vote)** - Motion to accept proposal for 2 years, \$568,854 budget made by Kirti Patel. Moved by Michael Rocheleau, second by Chris DePentima. Motion passed.
5. **Update – Marketing Plan**
6. **Update/Proposal – Manufacturing Voucher Program (vote)** Motion to accept proposal for 18-months, includes 6-month period for close-out audits and collect impact data, \$5M budget made by Kirti Patel. Moved by Michael Rocheleau, second by Chris DePentima. Kelli Vallieres abstained. Motion passed.

7. **Follow up – Additive Technology Adoption Program (ATAP) (vote)** Motion to accept proposal for 2 years, amended \$1.8M budget made by Kirti Patel. Moved by Michael Rocheleau, second by Dave Cremin. John Zoldy opposed. Motion passed.
8. **Follow up – Digital Transformation Program (DTP) (vote)** Motion to accept proposal for 2 years, amended \$1.8M budget made by Kirti Patel. Moved by Michael Rocheleau, second by Hannah Bemont. Kelli Vallieres abstained. Motion passed.
9. Meeting was adjourned by Kirti Patel at 2:40pm.