

Manufacturing Innovation Fund Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

Department of Economic and Community Development

December 9, 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, Emir Redzic

Quorum: Yes

Absent:

Stakeholders & Guests: Lauren Burt (A&K), Jill Adams (A&K), Felicia Landau (A&K), Mark Bliet (A&K), Ryan Scott (CONNSTEP), Bernice Zampano (CONNSTEP), Deb Presbie (ReadyCT), Amy Thompson (CCAT), Eileen Candels (CCAT), Paul Striebel (CCAT), Ron Angelo (CCAT), John Glidden (CCAT), Debra Morgan (CCAT, Amy Thompson (CCAT); Ted Fisher (AdvanceCT), Adam Rodrigues (FORGE), Andrew Bond (CCAT)

DECD Staff: Carmen Molina-Rios, Cindy Hetu

1. **Welcome**
2. **Meeting Minutes 11/18/25 (vote)** - Motion to accept 11/18/25 Minutes made by Kirti Patel. Moved by Hannah Belmont, second by Mark Burzynski. Motion carried.
3. **Update – Budget**
4. **Approve – MIF FY25 Annual report (vote)** - Motion to accept Annual Report, with track changes corrected - made by Dave Cremin. Moved by Kirti Patel, second Mark Burzynski. Motion passed.
5. **Update & Proposal – Internship Program** – Motion to accept program request of \$1.5M for a period of 2 contract years which would cover both 2026 and 2027 summer sessions made by Kirti Patel. Moved by Michael Rocheleau, second by Dave Cremin. Motion to approve withdrawing the motion to approve made by Kirti Patel, motion carried by Kelli Vallieres, second by Michael Rocheleau. Motion to accept proposal of budget award of \$1.5M subject to an amended statement of work made by Dave Cremin. Moved by Kirti Patel, second by Kellie Vallieres. **ACTION ITEM:** Michael Rocheleau, Hannah Belmont and Colin Cooper will work together to complete the scope of work revision.

6. **Update – Manufacturing Ambassadors Program**
7. **Reminder – January Strategy Session – January**
8. Meeting was adjourned by Kirti Patel at 2:40pm.