

Manufacturing Innovation Fund Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
Department of Economic and Community Development
May 19, 2026
1:45 PM – 2:30 PM

Attendance

Board Members Present: Kirti Patel, Hannah Belmont, Dave Cremin, Mike Rocheleau, Mark Burzynski, Lydia Blanche, Colin Cooper, Tracy Ariel (for Kelli-Marie Vallieres)

Quorum: Yes

Absent: Kelli-Marie Vallieres (Tracy Ariel), Emir Redzic, Chris DiPentima.

Stakeholders & Guests: Michelle Coach (CT State), Paul Striebel (CCAT), Ron Angelo (CCAT), Eileen Candels (CCAT), John Glidden (CCAT), Amy Thompson (CCAT), Sonja Randall (CCAT), Nick Briere (CTIC), Doron Feller (CTIC), Christine Lawlor-King (ReadyCT),

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

1. **Welcome**
2. **Mtg Min 4/28/26 (vote)** Motion to accept 4/28/26 Minutes made by Kirti Patel. Moved by Mike Rocheleau, second by Colin Cooper. Motion carried unanimously.
3. **CT Invention Convention Update**
4. **College Manufacturing Pathways V2 (vote)** Proposal will be tabled until the June meeting, pending request for additional information from Board members.
5. **MIF Advisory Board Meeting schedule (vote)** Motion to accept proposal, was made by Kirti Patel. Moved by Mike Rocheleau, second by Dave Cremin. Motion passed unanimously.