

Manufacturing Innovation Fund Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
Department of Economic and Community Development

January 20, 2026

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

In Person Meeting at CCAT, East Hartford

Attendance

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

Quorum: Yes

Absent: Chris DiPentima, Colin Cooper, Emir Redzic

Stakeholders & Guests: Paul Striebel (CCAT), John Glidden (CCAT)

DECD Staff: Michelle Hall, Cindy Hetu

1. **Welcome**
2. **Meeting Minutes 12/9/25 (vote)** - Motion to accept 12/9/25 Minutes made by Kirti Patel. Moved by Michael Rocheleau, second by Kelli Vallieres. Motion carried unanimously.
3. **Update – Budget**
4. **CONNEX Marketplace – Update** – This item was carried over to the next regularly scheduled MIF Advisory Board Meeting.
5. **CT Aerospace & Defense – Update and Proposal** - Motion to accept program request of \$702,000 which will cover 2 more editions of the ACM Aerospace Alley Trade Show, to take place in 2027 and 2029 was made by Kirti Patel. Moved by Michael Rocheleau, seconded by Kelli Vallieres. Motion passed unanimously.
6. **Cyberspace Adoption Program (CAP) – Update and Proposal** – Motion to accept program request of \$1,125,000 to continue Cybersecurity Adoption made by Kirti Patel. Moved by Michael Ropcheleau, seconded by Kelli Vallieres. Motion passed unanimously.
7. Meeting was adjourned by Kirti Patel at 2:10pm.