

Manufacturing Innovation Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
Department of Economic and Community Development
January 21, 2025
1:00 PM – 2:30 PM
via Teams meeting

Attendance

- Board Members Present: Paul Lavoie, John Zoldy, Hannah Belmont, Kelli-Marie Vallieres, Dave Cremin, Colin Cooper, Mike Rocheleau, Mark Burzynski, Chris DiPentima, Emir Redzic, Lydia Blanche
Quorum: Yes
 - Stakeholders & Guests: Paul Striebel (CCAT), Ron Angelo (CCAT), Rich DuPont (AMHoF), Eileen Candels (CCAT), Debra Morgan (CCAT), Jay Sloves (AMHoF), John Glidden (CCAT), Bernice Zampano (CONNSTEP), Tracy Ariel (OWS)
 - DECD Staff: Cindy Hetu, Carmen Molina-Rios, Carla Rae Rodriguez, Nancy Tanguay
1. **Welcome** – Meeting was brought to order by Paul Lavoie at 1:04pm. Introduction of Lydia Blanche, as the newest member of the MIF Advisory Board.
 2. **12/17/24 Meeting Minutes** – Motion to approve 12/17/24 minutes by Paul Lavoie. Moved by Mark Rocheleau, seconded by Dave Cremin. Mark Burzynski pointed out that the minutes show he had opposed the minutes, but that he didn't remember this. Motion passed unanimously.
Action Item: Review and correct 12/17/24 minutes regarding Mark's meeting minutes vote
 3. **Alternate June meeting date (VOTE)** – Scheduling conflict on 6/17 MIF Advisory Board meeting date. July 9; 1 – 2:30pm was proposed as the replacement date. Date change motion made by Paul Lavoie, moved by Mike Rocheleau, seconded by Hannah Belmont. Motion passed unanimously.
Action Item: Cindy to send out reviewed meeting invite
 4. **Sponsorship Policy – (VOTE, VOTE)** – Two items requiring vote: 1. Policy and 2. Annual Sponsorship Allocation. 1. **Policy**: Motion made by Paul Lavoie to approve Sponsorship Policy as presented. Moved by Mark Burzynski/Mike Rocheleau, seconded by Hannah Belmont. Additional discussion held by board members. 2. **Annual Sponsorship Allocation**: Awaiting clarification on state policy.
Action Item: Explore state statute regarding alcohol and lobbying activity. Review edits and vote during the February 2025 meeting.
 5. **Review Budget**
 6. **2025 Mfg Innovation Forum (VOTE)** – Motion to approve the revised Manufacturing Innovation Forum plan as presented was made by Paul Lavoie. Moved by Hannah Belmont, seconded by Mike Rocheleau. Motion passed unanimously.
Action Item: Date to be finalized
 7. **IWT - P&G (VOTE)** – Vote was not held based on discussions resulting in several questions needing to be addressed and clarified. Recommendations and outcomes to be proposed and presented at next MIF meeting.

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10. **Motion to adjourn** made at by Paul Lavoie at 2:31pm. Moved by Mike Rocheleau, seconded by Mark Burzynski. Motion carried.

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