

Manufacturing Innovation Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
Department of Economic and Community Development
October 23, 2024
1:00 PM – 2:30 PM
via Teams meeting

Attendance

- Board Members Present: Paul Lavoie, John Zoldy, Mike Rocheleau, Hannah Belmont, Dave Cremin, Kelli-Marie Vallieres, Mark Burzynski
Board Members Absent: Emir Redzic, Chris DiPentima, Colin Cooper, Raquel Rivera
Quorum: Yes
- Stakeholders & Guests: Ron Angelo (CCAT), Ann Marie Kemp Cronin), Maria Ciriello (Cronin), John Glidden (Guest), Nick Briere (Guest), Paul Striebel (CCAT), Beatriz Gutierrez (CONNSTEP), Barara Fernandez (CONNSTEP), Bernice Zampano (CONNSTEP), Shannon Marimon (AdvanceCT), Deb Presbie (AdvanceCT), Lisa Nollman (Guest), William McDonough (VEX), Keri Valente (DOL)
- DECD Staff: Michelle Hall, Cindy Hetu, Lakisha Pryor, Carmen Molina-Reyes, Carla Rae Rodriguez, Yvonne Zhao, Tracy Ariel

1. **Welcome** – Meeting was brought to order by Paul Lavoie at 11:32am.
2. **8/15/24 Meeting Minutes*** - Motion to approve 8/15/24 minutes by Paul Lavoie. Moved by David Cremin, seconded by Mark Burzynski. Motion passed unanimously.
3. **CT Invention Convention** curriculum w/in the Technical High Schools, program introduction presented by Nick Briere.
4. **Pathways to STEM Careers in Manufacturing** – Pilot series of 4 targeted events presented by Eileen Candels, CCAT.
5. **Marketing Campaign** – Update provided by Maria Ciriello from Cronin.
6. **Expanding statewide robotics programming** – VOTE - Paul Lavoie put forth a motion to accept the proposal to fund \$461k to ReadyCT in order to expand statewide robotics in CT. Moved by Mike Rocheleau, second by Dave Cremin.
7. **Budget Discussion** – Paul Lavoie presented the budget to the Board. Allocation has been received for next year. There are sufficient funds to carry over programs to June of 2025. Additional programs will be looked at in the future.
8. Next MIF meeting will be rescheduled to Tuesday 11/26; 2 – 3:30pm due to a conflict on 11/21 at 1pm.