

Manufacturing Innovation Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
Department of Economic and Community Development
May 15, 2024
1:00 PM – 2:30 PM
via Teams meeting

Attendance

- Board Members Present: Paul Lavoie, John Zoldy, Mike Rocheleau, Colin Cooper, Emir Redzic, Dave Cremin, Mark Burzynski, Kelli-Marie Vallieres and Chris DiPentima
 - Board Members Absent: Raquel Rivera, Hannah Belmont
 - Quorum: Yes
 - Stakeholders & Guests: Ron Angelo (CCAT), Barbara Fernandez (CONNSTEP), Paul Striebel (CCAT), Joe Budd (CBIA), John Glidden (CCAT), Mitch Kennedy (Guest), Debra Morgan (Guest), Heather Burns (Guest)
 - DECD Staff: Michelle Hall, Cindy Hetu, Lakisha Pryor, Carmen Molina-Reyes
1. **Welcome** – Meeting was brought to order by Paul Lavoie at 1:02pm.
 2. **3/21/24 Meeting Minutes*** - Motion to approve 3/12/24 minutes by Paul Lavoie. Moved by Dave Cremin, seconded by John Zoldy. Motion passed unanimously.
 3. **Proposed MIF Mtg Date Changes*** Proposal to change 2 of this year’s meetings due to conflicts: 9/19 move to 9/23 and 10/17 move to 10/23; 1 – 2:30pm. Kelli has a conflict with 1 – 2:30 on 10/23 so the meeting will be 11:30am – 1pm. Unanimous agreement.
 4. **Budget update was provided by Paul.**
 5. **Proposal – Green Gain*** Presentation made by Heather Burns, CT Sustainable Business Council. Motion to approve GreenGain to build a one year Pilot program with \$355,000 to start an energy efficiency program to help CT manufacturers made by Paul Lavoie. Moved by Dave Cremin, seconded by Colin Cooper. Zero opposed, Kelli Vallieres abstained.
 6. **Update – MVP Program Review** – Presented by Paul Striebel. The program is coming up on its 10 year Anniversary. Obviously this is a very popular program which has helped manufacturers to grow their companies with matching grants between \$6k - \$100k. This is much higher than the original limit of \$15k. To date, over \$34M has been awarded and there was a recent budget amendment of \$5M.
 7. **Adjourn** - Motion to adjourn made at 2:10pm by Paul Lavoie. Moved by Colin Cooper, seconded by Dave Cremin. Motion carried.