

Manufacturing Innovation Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
Department of Economic and Community Development
August 15, 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, Chris DiPentima, Mark Brzynski, Colin Cooper.
Board Members Absent: Emir Redzic, Raquel Rivera
Quorum: Yes
- Stakeholders & Guests: Paul Striebel (CCAT), Beatriz Gutierrez (CONNSTEP), Barara Fernandez (CONNSTEP), Bernice Zampano (CONNSTEP), Ron Angelo (CCAT), Lisa Nollman (Guest), Suzanne Carbonella (Cronin), Jessica Taylor (Guest),
- DECD Staff: Cindy Hetu, Lakisha Pryor, Carmen Molina-Reyes, Carla Rae Rodriguez, Tracy Ariel

1. **Welcome** – Meeting was brought to order by Paul Lavoie at 1:06pm.
2. **6/20/24 Meeting Minutes*** - Motion to approve 6/20/24 minutes by Paul Lavoie. Moved by David Cremin, seconded by Mark Brzynski. Motion passed unanimously.
3. **Budget update** - provided by Paul.
4. **2025 Global Defense and Aerospace** - Motion made by Paul Lavoie to approve a total of \$250,000 in Program funds and \$150,000 in Admin funds for this conference. Moved by David Cremin, seconded by Mike Rocheleau.
5. **FIRST Robotics** – update provided by Lisa Nollman.

Action Items:

- a. Lisa expressed that connecting the robotics teams with Manufacturers is a challenge. Each wants to get involved with the other but there is no list of who is where in the state. She and Tracy Ariel will share contact information with each other to ensure this information gets passed along so that Manufacturers can get as involved as possible.
 - b. Deb Presbie at AdvanceCT also is in the process of completing a list of the teams now. When it is complete, she will forward it to all parties so that the teams can become connected with different manufacturers based on their geographic locations.
6. **CONNEX Marketplace** – update provided by Bernice Zampano.
 7. **Adjourn** - Motion to adjourn made at 2:22 pm by Paul Lavoie. Moved by David Cremen, seconded by Kelli Vallieres. Motion carried.