

Manufacturing Innovation Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
Department of Economic and Community Development
September 25, 2023
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM
via Teams Meeting

Attendance

- Board Members Present: Paul Lavoie, Kelli Vallieres, Mike Rocheleau, Hannah Coombs, David Cremin, and Chris DiPentima
- Board Members Absent: Raquel Rivera, Emir Redzic, John Zoldy, Mark Burzynski and Colin Cooper
- Quorum: Yes
- Stakeholders & Guests: Praba Baptist (P&W), Ron Angelo (CCAT), John Glidden (CCAT), Mike Stimson (CONNSTEP), Eileen Candels (CCAT), Jeff Orszak (CONNSTEP), Paul Striebel (CCAT), Jessica Taylor (ACM)
- DECD Staff: Carmen Molina-Rios and Michelle Hall

Welcome

Convene @ 1:05 PM.

Minutes (Vote)

Motion to approve the 7/24/23 meeting minutes. Mike Rocheleau moved the motion. Kelli Vallieres seconded the motion. No comments. The motion passed unanimously.

Announcements:

- MVP oversubscribed
- September Bond Commission mtg cancelled
- Special Bond Commission mtg slated for October 6, 2023
- Remaining balance of \$217,164 in MIF
- \$2.3M remains encumbered by Raytheon Composite Ctr – working on closing out for a return of funds

Review of Procedures & Guidelines – Discussion:

Paul Lavoie presented three (3) scenarios related to the MVP procedures and guidelines, which dealt largely with 1) the 51% of operations in CT and 2) minimum 3 years in operation guidelines.

SIRI & Cyber Subcommittee Report Out:

Mike Rocheleau – chair.

- Sought informal, anecdotal info from various manufactures.
- Cybersecurity – Primary concerns are: 1) lack of awareness, 2) lack of understanding, and 3) lack of strategic priority.
 - Raising awareness – cybersecurity is broadly applicable and not just for defense manufacturers
- SIRI assessment – Primary concerns are: 1) lack of awareness and 2) lack of strategic priority.
 - Federal government has yet to release mandates regarding CMMC
 - CONNSTEP is exploring a SIRI alternative

EIP Closeout Report:

Paul Streible – report.

- 56 internship openings
- 26 colleges/universities
- 118 interns placed
- \$341,905 spent/encumbered
- Very successful w/ number exceeding first year pilot. Planning to expand companies and placements in the next phase.
- Kelli Vallieres addressed the topic of modifying EIP for faculty externships
- Hannah Coombs would like additional demographic information

Hearts & Minds Closeout Report:

- Campaign exceeded standard industry metrics – performed very well!
- Phase II w/ a focus on “stories”, “manufacturing and life changing stories”, and “reaching the kitchen table”

Manufacturing Month Update:

- 43 events posted – keep visiting the website for updates
- Very employer-focused
- 10/6 Governor’s Mfg Day Press Conference

Reminder:

10/16/23 MIF Mtg is in-person at CBIA

Adjourn @ 2:24

Paul Lavoie motion to approve. Mike Rocheleau moved the motion and Kelly Vallieres seconded the motion.