

**Manufacturing Innovation Fund Advisory Board**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD)**

**August 13, 2014**

9:00-11:00

505 Hudson Street

Hartford, Connecticut

**Board Members**

- **Present:** Commissioner Catherine Smith, Danny DiPerna, Colin Cooper, Chris DiPentima, Todd Pihl, Beverlee Dacey, and Donald Balducci
- **Absent:** John Harranty
- **Quorum:** Yes
- **Others Present:** *Ronald Angelo, Claire Leonardi, Kathy Marioni, Carmen Molina-Rios, Karla Lindquist, Meg Hourigan, Lori Granato, Elliot Ginsberg, Bonnie DelConte, Jim Watson, Debbie Russo*

**Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 9:06 P.M. by Chair, Commissioner Smith

**Public Meeting:**

- **Overview of Public Board Requirements**
  - 1.) **Vote:** Motion to approve meeting schedule by Danny DiPerna, seconded by Chris DiPentima, unanimously approved
  - 2.) **Vote:** Motion to approve role and responsibilities by Danny DiPerna, seconded by Colin Cooper, unanimously approved
- **Program Overview and Review of Legislation**
  - Review of MIF Program Details
  - Discussion of mission led to the inclusion of term technological excellence into the mission statement.
  - Highlight of funding distribution for program components included administration, workforce development, capital investments, federal match and voucher program.
- **Voucher Program**
  - Discussion of MIF voucher program model
    - The program will provide financial assistance in the form of matching small grants with a minimum request of \$5,000 and maximum of \$50,000 to assist manufacturing companies with retention and growth projects through technological innovation in productivity and efficiencies.
  - 3.) **Vote:** Motion to capitalize the program to \$3.5 million by Colin Cooper, seconded by Chris DiPentima, unanimously approved
- **Federal Match**
  - Explanation of the federal match component of the MIF and its purpose to support the state in pursuing and leveraging federal dollars. A current pending application to the Department of Defense Office of Economic Adjustment was discussed.
  - 4.) **Vote:** Motion to vote on \$450,000 match for the DoD OEA pending application request (subject to federal approval as part of the for MIF federal match program by Danny DiPerna, seconded by Todd Pihl, unanimously approved

Meeting adjourned at 11:01 A.M.

*Minutes submitted by Karla Lindquist*