

# **Manufacturing Innovation Fund Advisory Board**

## Meeting Minutes

Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD)

October 14, 2014

11:30 AM-1:00 PM

505 Hudson Street

Hartford, Connecticut

### Attendance:

- Board Members: Commissioner Catherine H. Smith (Chair), Donald Balducci, Beverlee Dacey, John Harrity, John Zoldy
- Attending via Phone: Chris DiPentima, Danny DiPerna, Todd Pihl
- Absent: Colin Cooper
- Quorum: Yes
- Others Present: Ram Aberasturia, Eddie Cajigas, Bonnie DelConte, Barbara Fernandez, Elliot Ginsberg, Jennifer Herz, Keri Lamontagne, Karla Lindquist, Amy Lopez, Kathy Marioni, Carmen Molina-Rios, Mark Pozella, Debbie Russo

### Minutes:

Meeting called to order at 11:34 AM by Chair, Commissioner Catherine Smith.

### Public Meeting:

#### **Review of Previous Meeting Minutes**

- 1.) **Vote:** Motion to approve minutes from September meeting by John Harrity, seconded by Donald Balducci, unanimously approved.

#### **Update on Voucher Program by Carmen Molina-Rios**

- DECD is currently drafting contract with CCAT
- Bond Commission has not met yet to approve bond funding
- Have Voucher Program website functional with information about how to apply by October 27<sup>th</sup>, **applications will be accepted starting December 1<sup>st</sup>**
- Program to marketed to local chambers of commerce, eligible municipalities list, CGA, local economic development departments, trade associations

#### **Review of Workforce Development PowerPoint by Chair Commissioner Catherine Smith and Representatives of DOL**

- Review of current incumbent worker training program at DOL
- DECD to provide updated funding pie chart to Board members
- Review of in-house training model
- Review of current apprenticeship program at DOL
- Presentation of possible workforce development program options for MIF Board to support: manufacturing jobs funnel, apprenticeships - scholarships
- Review of Business Service Consultant program at DOL
- Call for input on Board members' priority areas of workforce development
- Chair Commissioner Catherine Smith suggests subcommittee to study and explore apprenticeship, job funnel, concierge services, and incumbent worker training program options
  - DECD to send out sign-up for subcommittee to Board members before next meeting

#### **Discussion of Financial Assistance Moved to Next Meeting**

#### **Call for Other Business**

Meeting adjourned at 1:09 PM by motion by John Harrity, seconded by Donald Balducci, unanimously approved.