

APPROVED MINUTES

TWO HUNDRED NINETY-EIGHTH MEETING

of the

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

of the

MASSACHUSETTS TECHNOLOGY PARK CORPORATION

July 23, 2025

By Videoconference

The Two Hundred Ninety-Eighth Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Technology Park Corporation (“Mass Tech Collaborative” or “Mass Tech”) was held on July 23, 2025, via videoconference pursuant to notice duly given to the Directors and publicly posted on the Mass Tech Collaborative website with corresponding notice provided to the Office of the Secretary of State and the Executive Office for Administration and Finance.

The following members of the Mass Tech Collaborative Executive Committee were present and participated remotely: Executive Office of Economic Development Interim Secretary of Economic Development Ashley Stolba, Julie Chen, Joe Dorant, Paige Fetzner-Borelli, and Pam Reeve. The following members of the Mass Tech Collaborative Board of Directors were present: Bran Shim and Jason Snyder.

The following members of the Mass Tech Collaborative staff were present: Carolyn Kirk, Michael Baldino, Keely Benson, Lily Fitzgerald, Mark Halfman, Marc Leonetti, Pat Larkin, Ben Linville-Engler, Holly Lucas Murphy, Dana Nolf, John Petrozelli, Jennifer Saubermann, Brianna Wehrs, Rachael Stachowiak, Max Fathy, Kevin O’Brien, Rich Cook, Megan Marszalek, James Byrnes, Josh Eichen, and Paula Foley.

Also present were Emily MacCormack, Senior Advisor for the Executive Office of Economic Development, and Steve Baker, Director of Broadband and Digital Equity for the Executive Office of Economic Development.

Secretary Stolba observed the presence of a quorum and called the meeting of the Mass Tech Executive Committee to order at 2:01 p.m.

Agenda Item I Approval of Minutes (motion item)

After a brief period of discussion and upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously and without abstention voted by a roll call vote:

The Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts

Technology Park Corporation, acting on behalf of the full Board pursuant to section three of Chapter Forty J of the General Laws of the Commonwealth, hereby adopts the Draft Minutes of the Two Hundred Ninety-Sixth Meeting of the Executive Committee, held on June 12, 2025, by videoconference, as the formal Minutes thereof, and the Draft Minutes of the Two Hundred Ninety-Seventh Meeting of the Executive Committee, held on June 24, 2025, by videoconference, as the formal Minutes thereof.

Agenda Item II Report of the Board Chair

Secretary Stolba began her report by welcoming Ms. Kirk back from her short absence and noting that Mr. Eric Paley will be taking over the reins as Secretary of Economic Development in September. Secretary Stolba then announced the official launching of EOED's Business Front Door program which took place yesterday. This initiative, explained Secretary Stolba, provides Massachusetts businesses with a one-stop shop to access state government grant programs, including those offered by Mass Tech. The Business Front Door, explained Secretary Stolba, also provides businesses with concierge, step-by-step assistance to start or expand in the Commonwealth. Secretary Stolba noted that information regarding the Business Front Door would be provided to Board members for their assistance in getting the word out about the new program. Secretary Stolba then turned to Ms. Kirk for her update.

Agenda Item III Update from the Mass Tech Collaborative Chief Executive Officer

Ms. Kirk thanked Secretary Stolba, Ms. MacCormack, and the Mass Tech staff (noting the extra efforts of Mr. Marc Leonetti and Ms. Briana Wehrs), for their leadership during Ms. Kirk's brief hiatus. Ms. Kirk then reported that recent budget cuts require the Executive Committee to meet in August to discuss the material differences between the budget the Executive Committee voted on last month and what was signed into law. Ms. Kirk then noted that Mass Tech was in full alignment with the initiatives contained within the Mass Leads Act, as demonstrated by the full agenda of today's meeting. Ms. Kirk then asked Mr. John Petrozelli, Director of Mass Tech's MassCyberCenter, to introduce the next agenda item.

Ms. Pam Reeve joined the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

Agenda Item IV MassCyberCenter Cybersecurity Centers of Excellence – CyberTrust Massachusetts Yr. 4 Operating Grant (motion item)

Mr. Petrozelli explained that MassCyberCenter was requesting approval of \$2.5 million to support the operations of CyberTrust Massachusetts, which provides governance to Security Operations Centers ("SOCs") and Cyber Range facilities located at colleges and universities across the state. Mr. Petrozelli noted that CyberTrust Massachusetts provides solutions to municipalities, small businesses, and other organizations for protection against cyber threats, as well as growing and promoting the diversity of the cybersecurity talent pipeline. To date, explained Mr. Petrozelli, CyberTrust Massachusetts has delivered SOC services to forty-one (41) entities, including thirty-eight (38) municipal entities, and has employed thirty-five (35) students as SOC interns in the past year. Mr. Petrozelli noted that in FY25, more than three thousand (3,000) learners in Massachusetts trained on Cyber Ranges.

After a brief period of discussion and upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously and without abstention voted by a roll call vote:

The Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Technology Park Corporation (“Mass Tech Collaborative”), acting pursuant to the authority delegated under Chapter 40J of the General Laws of the Commonwealth, does hereby authorize a grant award to CyberTrust Massachusetts, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$2,549,279 for operating expenses, cyber range services license, managed security services provider licenses, workforce development, and funds for student employees, as presented, to be funded from Item 1599-2039 of Chapter 102 of the Acts of 2021, and item 7002-1503 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023. The grant award to CyberTrust Massachusetts is subject to the execution of a grant agreement in a form and with terms approved by MassTech Collaborative’s Chief Executive Officer.

Agenda Item V Center for Advanced Manufacturing – Advanced Manufacturing Training Grant Program - MassHire Metro North Workforce Board (motion item)

Next, Ms. Lily Fitzgerald, Director of Mass Tech’s Center for Advanced Manufacturing (“CAM”), kicked off the presentation of this agenda item by noting that CAM’s Advanced Manufacturing Training Grant (“AMTG”) Program is one of CAM’s premier funding programs, and is coordinated by Mr. Rich Cook, CAM’s Senior Manager for Manufacturing Growth and Workforce. Mr. Cook then explained that CAM was requesting approval of \$530,000 for a grant to MassHire Metro North Workforce Board to train sixty (60) participants in five (5) occupational programs. These occupational programs, explained Mr. Cook, will be provided by the Center for Manufacturing Technology, the LARE Institute, Shawsheen Regional Technical School, Greater Lawrence Technical School, and Middlesex Community College. Mr. Cook noted that three (3) other awards will be made under the AMTG Program, but these do not require Board approval. Mr. Cook then detailed the scoring criteria for the awards, noting that emphasis is placed on service to under-represented and under-employed individuals and initiatives that meet manufacturing goals and industry needs.

After a brief period of discussion and upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously and without abstention voted by a roll call vote:

The Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Technology Park Corporation (“Mass Tech Collaborative”), acting pursuant to the authority delegated under Chapter 40J of the General Laws of the Commonwealth, does hereby authorize an award in an amount not to exceed \$530,000 to MassHire Metro North Workforce Board under the Advanced Manufacturing Training Program (RFP No. 2025-CAM-03), to be funded from the Workforce Investment Trust Fund. The grant award is subject to the execution of a grant agreement in a form and with terms approved by Mass Tech Collaborative’s Chief Executive Officer.

Agenda Item VI MassBroadband Institute – Residential Retrofit Program - Aervivo, Inc., Archtop Fiber, CBN Geneva LLC, and Comcast Cable Communications Management (motion item)

Mr. Josh Eichen, MBI’s Director of Program Development, began the discussion of this item by providing an overview of the Residential Retrofit Program. Mr. Eichen explained that MBI’s Residential Retrofit Program provides funding to Internet Service Providers (“ISPs”) to install and maintain state of the art broadband infrastructure at affordable and public housing properties across the state. Mr. Eichen explained that the program is funded through \$73 million in federal American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”) funds, and that Rounds 1 through 3 of the program have funded upgrades to more than 30,000 Massachusetts households. This fourth round, Mr. Eichen explained, will provide an additional 14,000 households with connectivity with grants totaling \$31 million to four (4) ISPs. Mr. Eichen noted that ARPA funds must be expended by the end of 2026, therefore there will be a fifth round of the Residential Retrofit Program before it closes.

After a brief period of discussion and upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously and without abstention voted by a roll call vote:

The Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Technology Park Corporation (“Mass Tech Collaborative”), acting pursuant to the authority delegated under Chapter 40J of the General Laws of the Commonwealth, does hereby authorize the following five grant awards to support capital costs associated with the installation of fiber optic cabling to the housing unit, as presented:

- **to Aervivo, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$10,527,014.22;**
- **to Archtop Fiber, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$481,955.88;**
- **to CBN Geneva in an amount not to exceed \$7,606,664.54; and**
- **to Comcast Cable Communications Management in an amount not to exceed \$12,932,384.00**

Mass Tech Collaborative’s Chief Executive Officer is hereby authorized to increase the grant award amounts noted above based upon further project-specific conditions as required by the program. The grants are awarded under the Residential Retrofit Program, RFP No. 2025-MBI-11, and shall be funded through the American Rescue Plan Act and Capital Projects Fund through a contract with the Executive Office of Economic Development. The grant awards are subject to the execution of a grant agreement in a form and with terms approved by Mass Tech Collaborative’s Chief Executive Officer.

Agenda Item VII Innovation Institute - Massachusetts TechHubs Program - Berkshire Innovation Center, New Bedford Ocean Cluster, Inc., Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Endicott College, InnoVenture Labs, Merrimack College, University of Massachusetts Lowell, Old Colony Planning Commission, Western MA Economic Development Council, Massachusetts Port Authority, Middlesex 3 Corridor, MassRobotics, and Qubic Labs (motion item)

The final agenda item was presented by Mr. Pat Larkin, Mass Tech’s Innovation Institute

Director. Mr. Larkin explained that the creation of the Massachusetts TechHubs Program is an important achievement for Mass Tech and involved the hard work of many people, including Innovation Institute staff members Ms. Megan Marszalek and Mr. James Byrnes. Mr. Larkin noted that the TechHubs Program will have a meaningful impact throughout the state and thanked Secretary Stolba and the administration for creating the program as part of the Mass Leads Act.

Turning to details of the proposal, Mr. Larkin explained that the Innovation Institute was seeking approval of \$14 million in capital funding, and \$600,000 in operating funding for three (3) Tech Hubs awards. Other program awards, explained Mr. Larkin, do not require Board approval. Mr. Larkin noted that the three (3) awards are “transformation” grants, which means that they will support large scale projects aimed at enhancing regional innovation ecosystems. Mr. Larkin explained that each grant will fund initiatives that enhance innovation infrastructure, promote the development of local high-growth scaling companies, catalyze technology commercialization, and foster workforce development.

After a brief period of discussion and upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously and without abstention voted by a roll call vote:

The Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Technology Park Corporation (“Mass Tech Collaborative”), acting pursuant to the authority delegated under Chapter 40J of the General Laws of the Commonwealth, does hereby authorize the following awards under the Massachusetts TechHubs Program (NOFO No. 2025-JAII-06), as presented, to be funded from item 7002-8072 of Chapter 238 of the Acts of 2024:

- **Berkshire Innovation Center for an Advanced Optics TechHub in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000;**
- **New Bedford Ocean Cluster, Inc. for a Marine TechHub in New Bedford in an amount not to exceed \$4,084,589; and**
- **Worcester Polytechnic Institute for a Biomanufacturing TechHub in Worcester in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000.**

Additionally, each above-named grantee is authorized to receive \$200,000 for operating expenses to be funded from the Innovation Institute Fund, section 6A of chapter 40J of the General Laws. The grant awards are subject to confirmation that any additional match funds required to fully fund the project have been committed for each award and the execution of grant agreements in a form and with terms approved by Mass Tech Collaborative’s Chief Executive Officer.

Having determined that there was no other business to discuss, Secretary Stolba adjourned the meeting at 2:54 p.m.

A TRUE COPY ATTEST: (Secretary)

DATE:

Materials and Exhibits Used at this Meeting:

1. Draft Minutes for the June 12, 2025, Mass Tech Collaborative Executive Committee Meeting (motion item)
2. Draft Minutes for the June 24, 2025, Mass Tech Collaborative Executive Committee Meeting (motion item)
3. MassCyberCenter Cybersecurity Centers of Excellence – CyberTrust Massachusetts Yr. 4 Operating Grant (motion item)
4. Center for Advanced Manufacturing – Advanced Manufacturing Training Grant Program - MassHire Metro North Workforce Board (motion item)
5. MassBroadband Institute – Residential Retrofit Program - Aervivo, Inc., Archtop Fiber, CBN Geneva LLC, and Comcast Cable Communications Management (motion item)
6. Innovation Institute - Massachusetts TechHubs Program - Berkshire Innovation Center, New Bedford Ocean Cluster, Inc., Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Endicott College, InnoVenture Labs, Merrimack College, University of Massachusetts Lowell, Old Colony Planning Commission, Western MA Economic Development Council, Massachusetts Port Authority, Middlesex 3 Corridor, MassRobotics, and Qubic Labs (motion item)