

# **APPROVED MINUTES**

## ***THREE HUNDRED THIRD MEETING***

of the

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

of the

## **MASSACHUSETTS TECHNOLOGY PARK CORPORATION**

January 14, 2026  
By Videoconference

The Three Hundred Third 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 January 14, 2026, 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: Secretary of Economic Development Eric Paley, Julie Chen, Rupa Cornell, Joe Dorant, Paige Fetzer-Borelli, Pam Reeve, and Bogdan Vernescu.

The following Board members were present: Secretary Jason Snyder of the Executive Office of Technology Services and Security, and Turchese d’Andrea.

The following members of the Mass Tech Collaborative staff were present: Carolyn Kirk, Michael Baldino, Keely Benson, Lily Fitzgerald, Jody Jones, Patrick Larkin, Marc Leonetti, Holly Lucas Murphy, Sabrina Masur, Dana Nolf, John Petrozzelli, Jennifer Saubermann, Brianna Wehrs, Rachael Stachowiak, Kevin O’Brien, Josh Eichen, Jessica Boulanger, Caitlin Schubert, Zhuqing Wang, James Byrnes, William Fuqua, Joseph Downing, and Paula Foley.

Also present were Steve Baker, Director of Broadband and Digital Equity for the Executive Office of Economic Development, and Zenobia Moomchala, Undersecretary of Business Strategies for the Executive Office of Economic Development.

Secretary Paley observed the presence of a quorum and called the meeting of the Mass Tech Executive Committee to order at 2:06 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 Three Hundred Second Meeting of the Executive Committee, held on November 19, 2025, by videoconference, as the formal Minutes thereof.**

## **Agenda Item II      Report of the Mass Tech Collaborative Board Chair**

Secretary Paley began his report by welcoming the Board members to the first Executive Committee meeting of 2026. He noted that the past four (4) months since he began his tenure as Secretary of Economic Development have been very interesting and that he has enjoyed working with the Mass Tech Board members and Undersecretary Moochhala during this time. Secretary Paley reported that Governor Healey's SHIELD initiative is ongoing, with Mass Tech playing a leading role, and then discussed Mass Tech's Residential Internship Program which is a new pilot initiative starting in 2026 to create a community-focused residential program for about one hundred (100) interns in the tech sector to address housing costs and build connections, which invites Massachusetts universities and non-profits to partner with the program.

Secretary Paley then asked Ms. Kirk for her CEO Update.

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

Ms. Kirk thanked the Board members for their service throughout 2025 and their continuing commitment in the new year. Ms. Kirk indicated that she is expecting another impactful year from Mass Tech in 2026 and pointed out a number of notable programs that are already underway. Among these, explained Ms. Kirk, are the SHIELD initiative, two (2) Robotics programs recently launched as part of the Mass Leads Act, and the ongoing Rural Health Initiative being headed by Mass Tech's Massachusetts eHealth Institute and MassCyberCenter in coordination with the Executive Office of Health and Human Services.

Secretary Paley then turned the floor over to Ms. Lily Fitzgerald, Director of the Center for Advanced Manufacturing ("CAM"), to discuss the next agenda item.

## **Agenda Item IV      Center for Advanced Manufacturing – Massachusetts Manufacturing Innovation Initiative (M2I2) – Galy with partner Institute for Cacao and Chocolate Research (motion item)**

Ms. Fitzgerald explained that CAM's request today was an award under CAM's M2I2 Program which continues to be a popular funding program with many applications submitted to CAM each quarter. Ms. Fitzgerald then asked Senior Manager Ms. Zhuqing Wang to provide an overview of the award. Ms. Wang indicated that CAM was seeking approval of an award in the amount of \$736,113.00 to Galy, a Boston based company, to scale up production of its cell-cultured cocoa using modular bioreactor systems in New Bedford. Ms. Wang explained that Galy will be partnering with the Institute for Cacao and Chocolate Research on this project which will result in an additional ten (10) jobs as well as scholarships to students from Harvard University and Boston University.

Ms. Pam Reeve joined the meeting at 2:12 p.m.

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 the Institute for Cacao and Chocolate Research in an amount not to exceed \$736,113 to support Galy, as it scales up production of their cell-cultured cocoa using modular and low-cost bioreactor systems, as presented. This grant is funded through the Massachusetts Manufacturing Innovation Initiative (“M2I2”) program from item 7002-8059 of Chapter 238 of the Acts of 2024, and 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 V      Innovation Institute – Collaborative Research Matching Grant Program – Marine Monitoring and Modeling Platform for Massachusetts Shellfish Aquaculture – University of Massachusetts Dartmouth (motion item)**

Secretary Paley then turned the floor over to Pat Larkin, Innovation Institute Director, who explained that the Innovation Institute was requesting approval of a grant under its Collaborative Research and Development Match Grant Program. This Program, explained Mr. Larkin, has a primary emphasis on projects with near-term economic stimulus benefits with Priority Focus Areas of scientific merit, cluster strategy and effects, regional impact collaboration, and workforce development. Mr. Larkin then asked Mr. James Byrnes, Senior Director of Operations and Grant Making to explain the proposal. Mr. Byrnes explained that today’s request was a grant in the amount of \$1.4 million to the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, in partnership with Seaweave Ltd. and Jaia Robotics, to develop a marine monitoring and modeling platform for shellfish farming in Massachusetts. Mr. Byrnes explained that funds (which include a 1:1 match) will be used to support the purchase, installation and deployment of sensors, underwater vehicles, and the development of artificial intelligence tools.

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 under the Collaborative Research Matching Grant Program (RFP 2022-JAII-04), in an amount not to exceed \$1,400,112 to the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth to support the establishment of the UMass Dartmouth Marine Monitoring & Modeling Platform for Massachusetts Shellfish Aquaculture, as presented. The grant award is to be funded through the Scientific and Technology Research and Development Matching Grant Fund (M.G.L. Chpt. 40J, Sec. 4G) and is subject to the execution of a grant agreement in a form and with terms approved by**

**Mass Tech Collaborative's Chief Executive Officer.**

Secretary Paley then asked Ms. Jody Jones, Program Executive for the Massachusetts Broadband Institute ("MBI") to present the next two (2) agenda items.

**Agenda Item VI      Massachusetts Broadband Institute – Retrofit Ancillary Grant Program (RANGE) (motion item)**

Ms. Jones explained that, under MBI's RANGE Program, housing operators participating in MBI's Residential Retrofit Program are eligible to receive direct grants to fund public space improvements, digital navigation initiatives and tenant coordinators, as well as the purchase of devices and other equipment for residents of affordable and public housing. Ms. Jones then asked Ms. Jessica Boulanger, MBI Broadband and Digital Equity Grants Manager for the RANGE Program, to describe the proposed awards. Ms. Boulanger explained that MBI was seeking approval of grants totaling \$677,086.70 for the Boston Housing Authority (BHA) and \$130,630.40 for the Quincy Housing Authority (QHA). These grants, explained Ms. Boulanger, would fund projects at four (4) BHA properties and at two (2) QHA properties as part of the third and final round of MBI's RANGE Program.

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 the Boston Housing Authority in an amount not to exceed \$677,086.70 and the Quincy Housing Authority in an amount not to exceed \$130,630.40, to support costs associated with eligible activities applied for under the Residential Retrofit - Retrofit Ancillary Grantee (RANGE) Program (Solicitation No. 2025-MBI-12), as presented.**

**The grants shall be funded through the American Rescue Plan Act, Capital Projects Fund, through a contract with the Executive Office of Economic Development. The grant awards are subject to approval of additional funding from the United States Department of the Treasury for this program, and the execution of a grant agreement in a form and with terms approved by Mass Tech Collaborative's Chief Executive Officer.**

**Agenda Item VII      Massachusetts Broadband Institute – Connected & Online Program Device contract with Hub Technical Services (motion item)**

Ms. Jones then turned the discussion over to Ms. Caitlin Schubert, MBI Broadband and Digital Equity Grants Manager for the Connected & Online Program. Ms. Schubert explained that MBI was seeking approval from the Executive Committee to reallocate some of the funding previously approved for MBI's Connected & Online Program to a different vendor. Specifically, Ms. Schubert explained that MBI was requesting that \$10.7 million dollars of the \$25 million dollars that was approved go to Dell Computers at the September 3, 2025, Executive Committee

Meeting instead be reallocated to Hub Technical Services. This is necessary, explained Ms. Schubert, given the need to contract directly with Hub Technical Services, instead of Dell, for certain services offered to awardees in the Connected & Online Program.

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 not to exceed \$10,700,00 to HUB Technical Services for services associated with the Connected & Online Program, as presented.**

**This award is funded through the American Rescue Plan Act, Capital Projects Fund through a contract with the Executive Office of Economic Development. This award is subject to the execution of an agreement 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 Paley adjourned the meeting at 2:37 p.m.

A TRUE COPY ATTEST: (Secretary)

DATE:

**Materials and Exhibits Used at this Meeting:**

1. Draft Minutes for the November 19, 2025, Mass Tech Collaborative Executive Committee Meeting (motion item)
2. Center for Advanced Manufacturing – Massachusetts Manufacturing Innovation Initiative (M2i2) – Galy with partner Institute for Cacao and Chocolate Research (motion item)
3. Innovation Institute – Collaborative Research Matching Grant Program – Marine Monitoring and Modeling Platform for Massachusetts Shellfish Aquaculture – University of Massachusetts Dartmouth (motion item)
4. Massachusetts Broadband Institute – Retrofit Ancillary Grant Program (RANGE) (motion item)
5. Massachusetts Broadband Institute – Connected & Online Program Device contract with Hub Technical Services (motion item)