

## Advanced Manufacturing Collaborative

March 22, 2022

2:00pm - 3:30pm

### Minutes

#### Attendees:

Michael Kennealy, EOHED  
Michael Tamasi, AccuRounds  
Mark Fuller, EOHED  
Jeffrey Roy, MA House of Representatives  
Robby Bitting, MassChallenge, Boston  
Stephen Boyd, Boyd Technologies  
Allan Brown, General Dynamics  
Carlo Canetta, MITRE  
Julie Chen, UMassLowell  
David Cruise, MassHire, Hampden County  
Susan Feindt, Analog Devices  
Leslie Greis, Kinefac  
Carolyn Kirk, Mass Tech Collaborative  
Joseph Kunze, Si2  
Megan Marszalek, MassTech  
Vinit Nijhawan, MasVentures  
John Regan, AIM  
Brenna Schneider, 99Degress  
Winston Sobejeyo, WPI  
Israel Soibelman, Lincoln Labs  
Rick Sullivan, Western MA Economic Development Council  
Art Trapotsis, Consolidated Sterilizer Systems  
Kenneth Turner, MLSC  
Ken Warnock, Medtronic

#### Absent:

Senator Eric Lessor  
Rosalin Acosta, EOLWD  
Jim Heppelman, PTC  
Dan Rivera, MassDevelopment  
Emily Reichert, Greentown Labs  
Mass Clean Energy Center

#### Guests:

Joe Donovan, Neslon Mullins  
Brenda Burdick, General Dynamics

#### Staff:

Farhad Vazehgoo, MassTech  
Meghan Abella-Bowen, MassTech

Christine Nolan, MassTech  
Adam Couturier, MassTech  
Brianna Wehrs, MassTech  
Ben Linville-Engler, MassTech

**1. Introduction, roll call, approval of past minutes**

Roll call was taken and the December 9, 2021 minutes were approved unanimously and without abstention.

A motion to approve by Michael Tamasi, seconded by Julie Chen, and approved unanimously through a roll call.

**2. Welcome remarks from Co-Chair Michael Tamasi**

Mr. Tamasi opened the meeting and welcomed everyone and our new members

**3. Welcome remarks from Secretary Kennealy**

Sec. Kennealy welcomed the AMC and noted how much he appreciates these meetings – Very interested in the focus on workforce.

**4. Christine Nolan introduced four new members to the AMC;**

- Susan Feindt, Senior ADI Fellow at Analog Devices,
- Art Trapotsis, President and CEO of Consolidated Sterilizer Systems,
- Rick Sullivan, President and CEO of the Western MA Economic Development Council, and
- Brenna Schneider, CEO of 99Degrees Custom.

**5. Mark Fuller, Undersecretary of EOHEd** shared the opportunity for manufacturers to access the \$200M+ in workforce skills training to support industry currently available through the ARPA funds. These dollars will address 1.) Immediate hiring needs, 2.) Pipeline training programs and 3.) Incumbent worker training (upskilling). He encouraged the group to connect to the MassHires, the Market Makers, and our Community Colleges.

**6. AMC Working Group Updates**

**a. Workforce/Talent**

Ms. Nolan introduced our new brand #MassMakes with a supporting video. She shared CAM's statewide approach to educating an advanced manufacturing workforce. Allan Brown from General Dynamics provided an overview of General Dynamics, their expected growth, hiring needs, and how they engage with workforce development at all levels.

**b. Innovation Ecosystem**

Farhad Vazehgoo highlighted 3 companies that recently received M2I2 grants. He highlighted how these 3 companies were the intersection of product and manufacturing process innovations.

Mr. Vazehgoo provided an update on the Semiconductor Manufacturing coalition.

**c. Business Environment**

Ms. Nolan gave an update on the business manufacturing ecosystem. The first year of the MMAP grantees was announced in Fall River in January with Secretary Kennealy. FY '23 applications are expected to open in late April or early May.

**Closing Remarks**

The next AMC working group meeting is scheduled for June 9, 2022 in-person. Details to follow on the location. Working group meetings will take place in early May.

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

1. Draft Minutes – December 9, 2021 Advanced Manufacturing Collaborative meeting minutes
2. Presentation – Advanced Manufacturing Collaborative, March 22, 2022