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
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. Vazeghoo 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