

# **APPROVED MINUTES**

## ***TWO HUNDRED AND EIGHTY EIGHTH MEETING***

of the

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

of the

## **MASSACHUSETTS TECHNOLOGY PARK CORPORATION**

June 21, 2024

Zoom Videoconference

The Two Hundred and Eighty 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 June 21, 2024, via Zoom 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: Undersecretary of Economic Development Sarah Stanton (representing Secretary of Economic Development Yvonne Hao), Julie Chen, Bogdan Vernescu, and Joe Dorant.

The following members of the Mass Tech Collaborative staff were present: Carolyn Kirk, Michael Baldino, Keely Benson, Pat Larkin, Ben Linville-Engler, Marc Leonetti, Holly Lucas Murphy, Dana Nolfé, John Petrozzelli, Jennifer Saubermann, Brianna Wehrs, Rachel Stachowiak, Katie Green, Will Fuqua, James Byrnes, Kathryn Downes, Cheryl Coss, Josh Eichen, and Paula Foley.

Undersecretary Stanton observed the presence of a quorum called the meeting of the Mass Tech Executive Committee to order at 9:02 a.m.

### **Agenda Item I      Approval of Minutes**

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 and Eighty Seventh Meeting of the Executive Committee, held on April 24, 2024, by Zoom videoconference, as the formal Minutes thereof.**

## **Agenda Item II Report of the Board Chair**

Undersecretary Stanton provided a brief update on the pending economic development bill. She indicated that the bill is currently before the House for review and that many great conversations with legislators are taking place. Undersecretary Stanton noted that she is hopeful for the bill's passage and thanked the Mass Tech team for their ongoing end-of-fiscal year efforts.

Undersecretary Stanton then asked Ms. Kirk for her report.

## **Agenda Item III Report of the Chief Executive Officer**

Ms. Kirk explained that given the limited availability of the Executive Committee members, today's meeting would dispense with her report as well as the usual staff presentations, and the meeting will only consist of responding to questions from the Executive Committee on the motion items which were presented in detail in the Executive Committee's Agenda Package. Ms. Kirk then introduced the first item.

## **Agenda Item IV Massachusetts eHealth Institute – Massachusetts Medicaid Challenge Program – UMass Chan Medical School with WellSense Health Plan and Tembo Health (motion item)**

Ms. Keely Benson explained that this agenda item was a request for approval of a \$40,000.00 grant to UMass Chan Medical School, for a pilot project with WellSense Health Plan and Tembo Health for development of a program to assess Tembo Health's identification and mitigation of behavioral and psychological symptoms of dementia.

After a period of brief 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 to the UMass Chan Medical School in an amount not to exceed \$40,000 to design and execute a pilot with the winner of the Massachusetts eHealth Institute's Medicaid Challenge #1: Revolutionizing Home-Based Care. The award, funded from the eHealth Institute Fund (Mass. Gen. Laws Chpt 40J, Sec. 6E), 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 – Tech and Innovation Ecosystem Grant – Cape Cod Fisherman's Alliance and IoT in the Deep: Putting Massachusetts at the Helm of Coastal Ocean Observing (motion item)**

Ms. Kirk then introduced the next agenda item, which was a \$1,999,982.00 grant to the Cape Cod Fisherman's Alliance to support a two-year project to advance marine and climate technology and expand the Environmental Monitors on Lobster Traps ("eMOLT") program.

After a period of brief 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 Technology and Innovation Ecosystem Awards Program (RFP 2022-JAII-03), in an amount not to exceed \$1,999,982, to Cape Cod Commercial Fisheries Alliance, 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.**

**Agenda Item VI      Innovation Institute – Regional Priority Grant – Pioneer Valley Planning Commission for the Pioneer Valley Quantum Training Academy (motion item)**

Ms. Kirk then explained that the next agenda item was a \$500,000.00 grant to the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, in coordination with Springfield Technical Community College and the Springfield Empowerment Zone Partnership. The grant will fund a two-year pilot program to train forty (40) individuals for entry-level technician roles in quantum technology and quantum adjacent fields.

After a period of brief 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 Regional Priority Grant Program (RFP No. 2015-JAII-01), in an amount not to exceed \$500,000, to the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, as presented. The grant award is to be funded through the Innovation Institute Fund (M.G.L. Chpt. 40J, Sec. 6A), 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 VII      Mass Broadband Institute – Digital Equity Partnerships Grant – Vinfen (motion item)**

Ms. Kirk explained that the next agenda item is a request from the Mass Broadband Institute (“MBI”) to provide additional funding in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 to VinFen for an expansion of its Digital Equity Partnership program. Ms. Kirk explained that the additional funds will allow VinFen to increase its digital inclusion services to low-income people with physical disabilities, intellectual and developmental disabilities, and people with serious mental health conditions.

After a period of brief 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 additional award under the Digital Equity Partnerships Program (RFP No. 2023-MBI-04) to be funded from American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), State Fiscal Recovery Funds through a contract with the Executive Office of Economic Development, to Vinfen in an additional amount not to exceed \$1,000,000. The additional award is subject to the execution of an amendment to the subaward grant agreement with Vinfen in a form and with terms approved by MassTech Collaborative’s Chief Executive Officer.**

**Agenda Item VIII    Mass Broadband Institute – Broadband Economic Recovery Grant – Office of Refugees and Immigrants (motion item)**

The final agenda item, explained Ms. Kirk, is a request from MBI for approval of a \$1,400,000.00 grant to the Office of Refugees and Immigrants (“ORI”) for the purchase of 2,000 Wi-Fi hotspots and 4,350 Chromebooks to be used in ORI’s English for Speakers of Other Languages (“ESOL”) program located at 72 emergency shelter sites throughout the state.

After a period of brief 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 in an amount not to exceed \$1,400,000, to the Massachusetts Office of Refugees and Immigrants, as presented. The grant award is to be funded from 2020 Coronavirus Economic Recovery Plan funds through a contract with the Executive Office of Economic Development, 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.**

Prior to close of the meeting, Ms. Kirk thanked the Executive Committee and the Mass Tech staff for their flexibility in agreeing to the different meeting format and pointed out that the next Executive Committee meeting, scheduled for the following week, will cover the FY25 budget.

Having determined that there was no other business to discuss, Undersecretary Stanton adjourned the meeting at 9:14 a.m.

A TRUE COPY ATTEST: (Secretary)

DATE:

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

1. Draft Minutes for the April 24, 2024, Mass Tech Collaborative Executive Committee Meeting
2. Massachusetts eHealth Institute – Massachusetts Medicaid Challenge Program – UMass Chan Medical School with Wellness Health Plan and Tembo Health (motion item)
3. Innovation Institute – Tech and Innovation Ecosystem Grant – Cape Cod Fisherman’s Alliance and IoT in the Deep: Putting Massachusetts at the Helm of Coastal Ocean Observing (motion item)
4. Innovation Institute – Regional Priority Grant – Pioneer Valley Planning Commission for the Pioneer Valley Quantum Training Academy (motion item)
5. Mass Broadband Institute – Digital Equity Partnerships Grant – Vinfen (motion item)
6. Mass Broadband Institute – Broadband Economic Recovery Grant – Office of Refugees and Immigrants (motion item)