

APPROVED MINUTES

THREE HUNDRED EIGHTH MEETING

of the

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

of the

MASSACHUSETTS TECHNOLOGY PARK CORPORATION

July 22, 2026

By Videoconference

The Three Hundred 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 22, 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, Pam Reeve, and Bogdan Vernescu.

The following Board members were present: Tye Brady, Bran Shim, and Secretary Jason Snyder.

The following members of the Mass Tech Collaborative staff were present: Carolyn Kirk, Lily Fitzgerald, Keely Benson, Mark Halfman, Ben Linville-Engler, Holly Lucas Murphy, Jason Mack, Sabrina Mansur, Dana Nolf, John Petrozelli, Brianna Wehrs, Rachael Stachowiak, Kevin O’Brien, James Byrnes, Richard Cook, and Paula Foley.

Also present were Zenobia Moochhala, Undersecretary of Business Strategies for the Executive Office of Economic Development (“EOED”), and Steve Baker, Director of Broadband and Digital Equity for EOED.

Secretary Paley observed the presence of a quorum and called the meeting of the Mass Tech Executive Committee to order at 2:08 p.m.

Before the first agenda item, Ms. Rupa Cornell asked whether the meeting was being recorded by Mass Tech, and Mr. Kevin O’Brien explained that the meeting was being recorded and transcribed. Ms. Carolyn Kirk and Secretary Paley explained that the recording would continue absent a strong objection from a Board member. No objections were raised and Secretary Paley turned to approval of the minutes for the prior two (2) Executive Committee meetings, held on June 10, 2026, and June 26, 2026.

Agenda Item I Approval of June 10, 2026 Minutes (motion item)

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 Sixth Meeting of the Executive Committee, held on June 10, 2026, by videoconference, as the formal Minutes thereof.

Agenda Item II Approval of June 26, 2026 Minutes (motion item)

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously and without abstention VOTED by 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 Seventh Meeting of the Executive Committee, held on June 26, 2026, by videoconference, as the formal Minutes thereof.

Agenda Item III Report of the Mass Tech Collaborative Board Chair

In his report, Secretary Paley provided an update on the status of the Mass Wins economic development bill. He noted that the Massachusetts Senate was taking up the bill today and indicated that the Senate Ways and Means Committee version of the bill preserved most of the key elements most relevant to Mass Tech, namely bonding authorization for the SHIELD initiative and bonding for artificial intelligence (“AI”) and quantum computing programs. Secretary Paley characterized the committee’s view of the bill as “enthusiastic” and noted that the Healey administration is looking forward to the bill’s passage. Secretary Paley expected this to occur within twenty-four (24) hours, following which the bill would proceed to conference committee which he indicated would probably not convene until after the summer recess.

Secretary Paley then turned the floor over to Ms. Kirk for her CEO Update.

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

Ms. Kirk indicated that she would provide a budget update and then she would ask Senior Counsel Paula Foley, standing in for General Counsel Jennifer Saubermann, to provide an overview of a pending Open Meeting Law complaint. Turning to the budget update, Ms. Kirk stated that the Senate’s proposed appropriation of \$5 million for Mass Tech did not survive budget conference committee process, therefore, Mass Tech’s appropriation will remain at \$3.45 million – the Governor’s original number and the number on which Mass Tech’s Fiscal Year 2027 (“FY27”) budget had been based and presented to the Board. Ms. Kirk explained that if the larger number had prevailed, then the amount of one-time funds needed to be drawn down in order to balance

Mass Tech’s budget would have been reduced. In the absence of the passage of the higher number, Ms. Kirk explained that the approved budget is unchanged and the full \$2.8 million one-time reserve draw will proceed as budgeted. Ms. Kirk emphasized that although Mass Tech will be whole for FY27, the longer-term concern is sustainability, as the use of one-time funds to balance the operating budget is not a durable model. Ms. Kirk indicated that the Secretary had authorized the one-time draw with the understanding that FY27 would provide time to conduct an organizational review and develop a sustainable funding strategy for Mass Tech for FY28 and beyond.

Ms. Kirk then confirmed that work is actively underway with Secretary Paley and Undersecretary Moomhala to examine the Mass Tech organizational structure and identify reprioritization opportunities. Ms. Kirk stated that once a framework is developed, she intends to bring the plan to the Personnel & Governance (“P&G”) Committee for input and Board-level review before implementation to draw on the P&G Committee’s experience and fiduciary perspective during the planning process.

Before turning the floor over to Ms. Foley to discuss the pending Open Meeting Law complaint, Ms. Kirk indicated that an executive session to discuss the volume, pattern, and context of Open Meeting Law complaints would be scheduled (as requested by Ms. Cornell) for a time when both Secretary Paley and General Counsel Saubermann would be available to ensure the meeting is appropriately structured under Open Meeting Law executive session provisions. Ms. Cornell then indicated that she had received a direct email from the complainant offering her “information” but she did not respond.

Ms. Foley then provided an overview of the Open Meeting Law complaint received on June 25, 2026, pertaining to the Executive Committee Meeting held on June 10, 2026. Ms. Foley noted that the complaint was filed by the same individual who has filed all the other Open Meeting Law complaints with Mass Tech and this complaint contains seven (7) allegations of violations, each of which would be reviewed individually. Ms. Foley then presented each allegation and the proposed responses, noting when the allegation and response was the same or similar to prior complaints and responses. She indicated that the basis for the complainant’s assertions that the public notice for the June 10, 2026, meeting and the minutes of the prior meeting (approved at the June 10, 2026, meeting) were insufficient have been raised in other complaints and responded to in detailed written responses. In addition, explained Ms. Foley, the complainant’s assertions that a Board vote was required prior to sending responses to two (2) of his earlier Open Meeting Law complaints, and that a Board vote was required before correcting the February 11, 2026 minutes, were not correct under applicable Open Meeting Law requirements. Lastly, Ms. Foley explained that the complainant’s allegation that Mass Tech was engaging in a “pattern” of intentional violations was untrue and had also been raised and refuted in prior complaints and responses. Ms. Foley indicated that absent questions or objections, the proposed response to the June 25, 2026, complaint would be sent to the complainant and the Attorney General the following day, and that no formal vote was required to do so.

Following the Open Meeting Law complaint review, Secretary Paley asked Ms. Lilly Fitzgerald, Director of Mass Tech’s Center for Advanced Manufacturing (“CAM”) to present the next agenda item.

Agenda Item V Center for Advanced Manufacturing – Advanced Manufacturing

Training Grant Program: Massachusetts Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MassMEP) and Bristol Black Collective (motion item)

Ms. Fitzgerald explained that the two (2) awards being discussed today are the final awards under CAM's FY26 Advanced Manufacturing Training Grant ("AMTG") Program funding round. She noted that the Board has previously reviewed and approved earlier investments from this round. Ms. Fitzgerald indicated that the AMTG Program is highly hands-on, requiring substantial input, collaboration, and proposal iteration to ensure value-add and proper alignment of workforce needs with industry partners. She explained that Mr. Richard Cook, CAM Senior Manager, Manufacturing Growth & Workforce, performed diligent program management work on these two (2) final awards and she turned the presentation over to him to discuss the specific awards.

Mr. Cook explained that the proposed award in the amount of \$159,000 to Bristol Black collective will be used to recruit, train, and place twenty (20) individuals into textile manufacturing careers. Mr. Cook explained that this effort will target underserved populations and will provide comprehensive wraparound services to support participants through training and into sustained post-training employment. With regard to the MassMEP award of \$447,000, explained Mr. Cook, the funds will be used to recruit, train, and place 108 participants into advanced manufacturing careers which will include (1) a Women's Registered Pre-Apprenticeship Program designed to feed into a formal apprenticeship program; and (2) a behind-the-wall cohort of 12 individuals at the Pondville Correction Center.

Mr. Vernescu joined the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Following a Board member's request for confirmation that only the MassMEP award required Board approval (the other award falling under Ms. Kirk's delegated approval authority), 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 Massachusetts Manufacturing Extension Partnership under the Advanced Manufacturing Training Program (NOFO No. 2026-CAM-03), to be funded from the Workforce Investment Trust Fund through a contract with the Executive Office of Economic Development in an amount not to exceed \$447,462.

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.

Secretary Paley then asked Ms. Sabrina Mansur, Director of Mass Tech's AI Hub, to present the final agenda item.

Agenda Item VI Massachusetts AI Hub - Applied AI Models Challenge - Changing funding source for the following previously approved grantees: Atlantic Resiliency Innovation Institute; Boston University; Bristol Community College; Harvard University Kempner Institute; and University of

Massachusetts Lowell Applied Research Corporation (motion item)

Ms. Mansur explained that the item before the Executive Committee was not a new award and does not change any prior grantee or award amount. Ms. Mansur indicated that the previously approved Applied AI Model Challenge awards remain identical in all respects and the sole action requested is approval of a change in the funding source for those awards from the Scientific and Technology Research and Development Matching Grant Fund (“R&D Fund”) (managed by the Innovation Institute) to the Applied AI Fund (also managed by the Innovation Institute). Ms. Mansur noted that this change was requested by EOED (specifically by the EOED Finance Department) and reflects a budgetary realignment consistent with the appropriate source of funds for AI-specific programming.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED by a roll call vote, with Chancellor Chen abstaining:

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 grant awards, as presented, under the Applied AI Models Innovation Challenge (NOFO 2026-JAII-05) to be funded from Item 7002-8070 of Chapter 238 of the Acts of 2024, to:

- **Atlantic Resiliency Innovation Institute (ARII) in an amount not to exceed \$958,550;**
- **Boston University in an amount not to exceed \$298,394;**
- **Bristol Community College in an amount not to exceed \$727,270;**
- **Harvard University (Kempner Institute) in an amount not to exceed \$811,578; and**
- **UMass Lowell Applied Research Corporation (UMLARC) in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.**

The grant awards are subject to the execution of grant agreements in a form and with terms approved by Mass Tech Collaborative's Chief Executive Officer.

Prior to the close of the meeting, Mr. Ben Linville-Engler informed the Executive Committee that the SHIELD Report had been released at the beginning of June and provided a link to the Report in the meeting chat. Secretary Paley noted that the SHIELD Report had been well received and represented more than six (6) months of intensive work by Mr. Linville-Engler and others at Mass Tech. Having determined that there was no other business to discuss, Secretary Paley thanked the Executive Committee and the Mass Tech staff, and adjourned the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

A TRUE COPY ATTEST: (Secretary)

DATE:

Materials and Exhibits Used at this Meeting:

1. Draft Minutes for the June 10, 2026, Mass Tech Collaborative Executive Committee Meeting (motion item)
2. Draft Minutes for the June 26, 2026, Mass Tech Collaborative Executive Committee Meeting (motion item)
3. Proposed Response to McCarter OML June 25, 2026 Complaint – For Board Review; June 25, 2026 OML Complaint Form
4. Presentation: Center for Advanced Manufacturing – Advanced Manufacturing Training Grant Program: Massachusetts Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MassMEP) and Bristol Black Collective (motion item)
5. Presentation: Massachusetts AI Hub - Applied AI Models Challenge - Changing funding source for the following previously approved grantees: Atlantic Resiliency Innovation Institute; Boston University; Bristol Community College; Harvard University Kempner Institute; and University of Massachusetts Lowell Applied Research Corporation (motion item)
6. 2026 SHIELD Working Group Report to the Governor, found at <https://nemicroelectronics.org/shield#shield-report>.