

APPROVED MINUTES

THREE HUNDRED SIXTH MEETING

of the

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

of the

MASSACHUSETTS TECHNOLOGY PARK CORPORATION

June 10, 2026

By Videoconference

The Three Hundred Sixth 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 10, 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, Joe Dorant, Paige Fetzner-Borelli, Rupa Cornell, Chancellor Julie Chen, and Pam Reeve.

The following Board member was present: Tye Brady.

The following members of the Mass Tech Collaborative staff were present: Carolyn Kirk, Keely Benson, Lily Fitzgerald, Jody Jones, Pat Larkin, Marc Leonetti, Ben Linville-Engler, Holly Lucas Murphy, Sabrina Masur, Dana Nolfe, Jennifer Saubermann, Brianna Wehrs, Rachael Stachowiak, Kevin O’Brien, Patrick McCormick, Sharron Wall, James Byrnes, Richard Cook, Joseph Downing, 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 2:02 p.m.

Agenda Item I Approval of 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 Fifth Meeting of the Executive Committee, held on April 15, 2026, by videoconference, as the formal Minutes thereof.

Agenda Item II Report of the Mass Tech Collaborative Board Chair

Secretary Paley began his report by providing an update on the “Mass Wins” economic development bill filed by Governor Healey in April 2026. He noted that a legislative hearing on the bill was held and meetings with Legislators are ongoing. Secretary Paley indicated that there are several provisions in the bill that are relevant to MassTech’s activities, including funding for an ongoing Strategic Hub for Innovation, Exchange and Leadership in Defense (“SHIELD”) initiative and continued investment in artificial intelligence (“AI”), quantum computing, and robotics. Secretary Paley also discussed a recent visit to MIT Lincoln Laboratory with Governor Healey and thanked Mr. Ben Linville-Engler for his continuing efforts on the SHIELD initiative which is now in the final report-writing stage after six (6) months of work.

Wrapping up his report, Secretary Paley commended Mr. Pat Larkin for the successful kick-off of MassTech’s Tech Generation Program, a residential and community-driven internship program for students housed at Boston University. Secretary Paley noted that, without the program, many students would experience work-from-home internships in isolation without community and professional network access. Secretary Paley expressed enthusiasm about the energy and engagement from participants that he saw at the kick-off. He then turned to Ms. Carolyn Kirk for her CEO Update.

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

Ms. Kirk indicated that she provided a comprehensive CEO Report at the prior meeting, therefore her update this month would consist of taking questions from the Executive Committee followed by a presentation from General Counsel Jennifer Saubermann on two (2) pending Open Meeting Law complaints.

In response to a question from Chancellor Julie Chen regarding the ongoing search for a new Chief Financial Officer (“CFO”), Ms. Kirk indicated that MassTech presented an offer of employment to a candidate, who just accepted the offer the prior day. Ms. Holly Lucas Murphy then confirmed that there would be a short overlap period between the current CFO and the new CFO, allowing for a smooth transition. Ms. Kirk noted that the incoming CFO comes from the federal defense research sector and will bring considerable experience in governmental accounting and auditing. Ms. Kirk indicated that the individual also participated in interviews with EOED personnel, who responded positively to his background.

Ms. Kirk then turned the floor over to General Counsel Jennifer Saubermann to discuss the most recent Open Meeting Law complaints and proposed responses. Ms. Saubermann indicated that the two (2) pending complaints are from the same individual who has filed the prior complaints and assert insufficiencies with the public notice for the April 15, 2026, Executive Committee Meeting and the minutes of the February 11, 2026, Executive Committee Meeting. Turning to the complaint regarding the April 15 public notice, Ms. Saubermann indicated that the open meeting law requires that meeting notices must contain a listing of topics that the Chair “reasonably

anticipates will be discussed” with sufficient specificity to “reasonably advise the public of the issues to be discussed.” Ms. Saubermann concluded that the public notice at issue did meet those criteria, notwithstanding the complainant’s assertions that no topics were listed under the Chair Report section of the notice and that the notice regarding a Massachusetts Broadband Institute (“MBI”) grant item did not include dollar amounts. Further, the complaint’s assertion that MassTech is engaging in a “pattern and practice” of violations is incorrect, indicated Ms. Saubermann.

Turning to the second complaint in which the complainant asserted that information was missing from the February 11 minutes, Ms. Saubermann indicated that statements, clarifying questions, and discussions in the level of detail asserted in the complaint are not required under the open meeting law (which only requires a “summary” of discussions, decisions made, actions taken, and votes) but she did concede that several documents used at the meeting were not listed in the “Materials and Exhibits Used at this meeting” section of the minutes. Therefore, Ms. Saubermann indicated that the February 11 minutes would be corrected and the updated version posted on the MassTech website, and to prevent further mistakes in the future, all MassTech personnel involved in preparation and handling of meeting minutes would be provided with a copy of the “Public Body Checklist for Creating and Approving Meeting Minutes” drafted by the Attorney General’s Division of Open Government.

No objections or questions regarding the proposed Open Meeting Law complaint responses were raised by the Executive Committee, however Ms. Rupa Cornell expressed interest in holding a closed executive session to discuss the pattern and volume of Open Meeting Law complaints that MassTech has been receiving, analogizing the issue to how the Board has managed litigation in prior years. Ms. Saubermann explained that although the Executive Committee could not go into executive session at this meeting because it was not publicly noticed on the agenda, an executive session to discuss these issues can be scheduled and noticed for a later meeting.

Secretary Paley then asked Ms. Sabrina Masur, Director of the AI Hub, to present the next agenda item.

Agenda Item IV Massachusetts AI Hub – Applied AI Models Innovation Challenge: 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 AI Hub was requesting that the Executive Committee approve grants under the AI Hub’s Applied AI Models Challenge. Ms. Mansur explained that this is the second cohort of the program, which was also run in the prior fiscal year. She noted that the program received 36 applications, of which five (5) are being recommended for awards. Ms. Mansur then detailed each proposed award, indicating the award amounts and the project descriptions. In response to questioning from Chancellor Chen on whether the outcomes of these projects will be disseminated and publicized, Ms. Mansur responded affirmatively, noting that the first cohort was recently convened to share experiences and cross-pollinate leanings, which yielded significant mutual benefit among the grantees. In addition, Ms. Mansur indicated that a public announcement event will take place which will bring both the first and second cohorts together. Also, Ms. Mansur indicated that all grantees are required to contribute to a data commons to share

datasets and models developed under the program.

Chancellor Chen then asked Secretary Paley to split the motion into two (2) separate motions given her affiliation with UMass Lowell, to which the Chair agreed.

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 the following grant awards, as presented, under the Applied AI Models Innovation Challenge (NOFO 2026-JAII-05) to be funded from the Scientific and Technology Research and Development Matching Grant Fund, 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; and**
- **Harvard University (Kempner Institute) in an amount not to exceed \$811,578.**

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.

Upon a second 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 a grant award to UMass Lowell Applied Research Corporation (UMLARC) in an amount not to exceed \$500,000, as presented, under the Applied AI Models Innovation Challenge (NOFO 2026-JAII-05) to be funded from the Scientific and Technology Research and Development Matching Grant Fund.

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 turned to Mr. Pat Larkin, Innovation Institute Director, to present the next item.

Agenda Item V Innovation Institute – RoboBench Shared Infrastructure for Commercialization Readiness: Boston University; MassRobotics;

**University of Massachusetts Amherst; and Worcester Polytechnic
Institute (motion item)**

Mr. Larkin introduced Ms. Sharron Wall, Senior Director of the Innovation Institute, and Mr. James Byrnes, Senior Director of Operations and Grant Making at the Innovation Institute, to present the funding request.

Ms. Wall explained that the RoboBench Program was launched in January 2026 and is funded through the Mass Leads Act line item attributed to the robotics sector. The Program's purpose, explained Ms. Wall, is to increase access to robotics-related infrastructure, encourage cross-sector commercialization, and expand access for robotics companies, developers, and start-ups. Ms. Wall explained that the Innovation Institute is requesting approval for four (4) awards in the amount of \$6.5 million with geographic distribution across Western Massachusetts, Central Massachusetts and the Boston area. Ms. Wall then discussed each proposed award, detailing the project descriptions and award amounts.

Secretary Paley then asked whether Chancellor Chen had a conflict of interest preventing her from voting on the proposed grant to UMass Amherst. Out of an abundance of caution, General Counsel Saubermann recommended that the motion be split into two (2) separate motions to which the Chair agreed.

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 the following grant awards under the RoboBench Program (NOFO 2026-JAIL-04), funded from Line Item 7002-8074 of Chapter 238 of the Acts of 2024, to:

- **Boston University in an amount not to exceed \$573,381 to establish MAP Hub, a shared sandbox for polymer research and development;**
- **MassRobotics in an amount not to exceed \$1,998,442 to establish a Manufacturing Implementation Center at their Boston location; and**
- **Worcester Polytechnic Institute in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 to expand PracticePoint into a Medical Technology Innovation Center.**

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

Upon a second 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 a grant award to the University of Massachusetts Amherst in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 to expand the NERVE center into a statewide robotics evaluation network. The award is granted under the RoboBench Program (NOFO 2026-JAII-04), funded from Line Item 7002-8074 of Chapter 238 of the Acts of 2024, and 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 turned the floor over to Ms. Lily Fitzgerald, Director of the Center for Advanced Manufacturing (“CAM”) to present the next item on the agenda.

Agenda Item VI Center for Advanced Manufacturing – Advanced Manufacturing Training Grant: Custom Group Center for Manufacturing Technology; Greenfield Community College; MassHire Central Workforce Board;, MassHire Hampden County; and MassHire Metro North Workforce Board (motion item)

Ms. Fitzgerald explained that workforce training for the manufacturing sector remains one of the most persistent and critical challenges that stakeholders indicate to CAM across the Commonwealth. She noted that the sector is facing a significant generational transition as older workers approach retirement, which will leave an acute demand for technically skilled replacements. CAM’s Advanced Manufacturing Training Grant Program, explained Ms. Fitzgerald, is addressing these needs and ensuring that underserved populations receive training opportunities. She then asked Mr. Richard Cook, CAM’s Senior Manager for Manufacturing Growth and Workforce, to present the award request.

Mr. Cook indicated that following a competitive review process, five (5) of the eight (8) applications received by CAM are recommended for funding, with two (2) of the five (5) (MassHire Netro North Workforce Board and Custom Group Center for Manufacturing Technology) requiring Executive Committee approval. The other three (3) awards, explained Mr. Cook, fall within Ms. Kirk’s delegated approval authority, but are included in the presentation for informational purposes. The five (5) proposed awardees, explained Mr. Cook, are projected to serve approximately 232 participants statewide and included disciplines such as CNC machining, welding, electronics, electromechanical assembly, and industrial manufacturing technologies. Mr. Joe Dorant then commented favorably on the geographic and disciplinary diversity of the recommended awards and suggested that they represent a well-rounded approach to statewide manufacturing workforce training.

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 the following grant awards 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:

- to MassHire Metro North Workforce Board in an amount not to exceed \$503,609; and
- to Custom Group Center for Manufacturing Technology in an amount not to exceed \$576,000.

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.

Secretary Paley then turned to Ms. Jody Jones, MBI Program Executive, to present the next, and final, agenda item.

Agenda Item VII Massachusetts Broadband Institute – Residential Retrofit Program: Community Broadband Networks America; and Hawk Networks (motion item)

Ms. Jones indicated that MBI's Residential Retrofit Program addresses approximately thirty-five percent (35%) of the state's affordable housing units by funding broadband infrastructure upgrades, including wiring improvements to provide residents with modern internet connectivity. Ms. Jones noted that today's agenda item is a request for a reallocation of previously approved funds and is not new spending. She then turned the floor over to Mr. Pat McCormick, MBI Technical Director.

Mr. McCormick explained that two (2) Internet Service Providers ("ISPs") previously awarded in the Residential Retrofit Program (Comcast and Archtop Fiber) decided they could not move forward with certain previously awarded projects due to construction and make-ready challenges. In addition, explained Mr. McCormick, given the estimated completion dates that Archtop received from National Grid for make-ready activities, Archtop would be unable to complete the work within the established deadline. Therefore, explained Mr. McCormick, MBI has identified alternative ISPs that will be able to complete the work within the required time by using a different technical solution that does not require the same make-ready construction requirements as the prior ISPs. Mr. McCormick indicated that these new ISPs – CBN America and Hawk Networks – have demonstrated available capacity and a commitment to timely completion of the projects.

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, as part of the Residential Retrofit Program, the following grant awards to support capital costs associated with upgrading broadband infrastructure in public and affordable housing buildings, including the installation of fiberoptic or Cat6 cabling to the housing unit, as presented, to:

- Community Broadband Networks (CBN) America in an amount not to

exceed \$7,011,391.81; and

- Hawk Networks in an amount not to exceed \$2,772,000.00.

Mass Tech Collaborative's Chief Executive Officer is hereby authorized to increase the grant award amounts noted above based upon additional costs incurred due to unforeseen issues associated with the broadband construction and installation activities described above. 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 the execution of a grant 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 thanked the Executive Committee and the Mass Tech staff, and adjourned the meeting at 2:44 p.m.

A TRUE COPY ATTEST: (Secretary)

DATE:

Materials and Exhibits Used at this Meeting:

1. Draft Minutes for the February 11, 2026, Mass Tech Collaborative Executive Committee Meeting (motion item)
2. Presentation Deck Containing:
 - 2a. Massachusetts AI Hub – Applied AI Models Innovation Challenge: Atlantic Resiliency Innovation Institute; Boston University; Bristol Community College; Harvard University Kempner Institute; and University of Massachusetts Lowell Applied Research Corporation (motion item)
 - 2b. Innovation Institute – RoboBench Shared Infrastructure for Commercialization Readiness: Boston University; MassRobotics; University of Massachusetts Amherst; and Worcester Polytechnic Institute (motion item)
 - 2c. Center for Advanced Manufacturing – Advanced Manufacturing Training Grant: Custom Group Center for Manufacturing Technology; Greenfield Community College; MassHire Central Workforce Board; MassHire Hampden County; and MassHire Metro North Workforce Board (motion item)
 - 2d. Massachusetts Broadband Institute – Residential Retrofit Program: Community Broadband Networks America; and Hawk Networks (motion item)
3. Agenda Package – MassTech Collaborative Executive Committee Meeting (June 10, 2026)
4. Proposed Response to McCarter OML May 8, 2026 Complaint – For Board Review; May 8, 2026 OML Complaint Form
5. Proposed Response to McCarter OML May 10, 2026 Complaint – For Board Review; May 10, 2026 OML Complaint Form