

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
of Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated
Minutes – Regular Meeting
Tuesday, April 5, 2022

A regular meeting of the **Board of Directors of Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated** (the “Board”), was held at 470 James Street, Suite 8, New Haven, CT 06513 and electronically through Microsoft Teams on Tuesday, April 5, 2022.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call of Members:

Noting the presence of a quorum, Mr. Cantor, Chairperson of the Board, called the regular meeting to order at 2:15 p.m. Participating: Michael Cantor; David Lehman, Commissioner of the Department of Economic and Community Development; Ben Barnes, Connecticut State & Community Colleges; Tom Dubin; Bob Eick; Valarie Gelb (via Teams); Peter Londa; Beth Maerz; John Olsen (via Teams); John Pavia; Jeffrey Sonnenfeld; Holly Williams and Ted Wright, Office of the Treasurer

Absent: Colleen Cuffaro, Radenka Maric; Rafael Santiago and Andre Swanston

Staff: Lauren Carmody, Konstantine Drakonakis (via Teams), Pete Longo, Matt McCooe, Pauline Murphy, Phil Siuta, Matt Storeygard and Dave Wurzer

Guests: Josh Geballe, Revell Horsey (via Teams), Marty Isaac, Erik Jansen (via Teams), Bill LaRochelle, Chris McLeod, Alan Mendelson, Peter Metz, Kevin Rakin (via Teams) and Jon Soderstrom

Guest Speaker: Dr. Josh Lerner

2. Presentation by Bella Private Markets:

Mr. McCooe, CEO of Connecticut Innovations introduced Dr. Josh Lerner, Jacob H. Schiff Professor of Investment Banking at Harvard Business School and provided a brief overview of his background.

Mr. McCooe noted that CI has asked Dr. Josh Lerner and his consulting group, Bella Private Markets, to assess Connecticut’s entrepreneurial ecosystem and provide ideas for future programs that could help Connecticut in its efforts to become a high-tech hub. The goal of this workshop is to present and discuss the research Bella has conducted, providing actionable insights and ideas for the implementation of the recommendations. The workshop will be 3 hours in duration,

including breakout groups. Throughout the workshop, there will be opportunities for participants to engage with Josh and other attendees, discussing ideas and issues that emerge from the various sessions

Dr. Josh Lerner thanked everyone for joining and provided a short introduction to the Connecticut Innovations Research Project and reviewed the workshop agenda for the day.

The workshop was concluded with a brief summary and key takeaways for the guests.

3. Adjournment:

Upon a motion made by Mr. Cantor, seconded by Mr. Pavia, the Board voted unanimously in favor of adjourning the April 5, 2022, regular meeting, at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Cantor

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Chairperson of CI






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