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**Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Committee  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
Tuesday, August 17, 2021, 12 noon**

This meeting was held by remote participation (Zoom) pursuant to Massachusetts Governor Charles D. Baker's order suspending certain provisions of the open meeting law.

The meeting recording is available for viewing at [https://youtu.be/Bgqb\\_j4hXDU](https://youtu.be/Bgqb_j4hXDU)

**Meeting Attendance**

<i>Voting Member</i>	<i>Organization</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>
John Murray, Co-chair	MassHire Greater Brockton Career Center	x	
Maryellen Brett, Co-chair	Massasoit Community College		x
Christopher Cooney	Metro South Chamber of Commerce	x	
Debra Pettey		x	
Forrest Lindwall			x
Frank Lynam			x
Jason Hunter	MassHire Greater Brockton Workforce Board	x	
Jay Pateakos	MassDevelopment	x	
Jennifer Burke	Town of Bridgewater		x
Lee Hartmann	Town of Plymouth		x
Marline Amedee	Haitian Community Partners		x
Mary Ellen DeFrias	MassDevelopment	x	
Michael Lambert	Brockton Area Transit		x
Pamela McCarthy	Town of Stoughton	x	
Pelege Marcellin	Brockton Home Health Agency		x
Rob May	City of Brockton	x	
Robert Downey	Town of Kingston		x
Sean Boucher	Eastern Bank		x
Sheila Sullivan-Jardim	MassHire Greater Brockton Career Center		x
Stephanie Danielson	Town of Easton		x
Tracey Costa	Ransom Environmental		x
Valerie Massard	Town of Duxbury		x

**Others Present**

- None

## **OCPC Staff Present**

- Joanne Zygmunt, Senior Economic Development and Environmental Planner
- Dottie Fulginiti, Economic Recovery Planner
- Mary Waldron, Executive Director
- Laurie Muncy, Director of Planning and Economic Development
- Shawn Bailey, Senior Transportation Planner

## **Minutes**

Co-chair John Murray opened the meeting at about 12 noon, welcomed everyone, and read the accessibility statement. Roll call was taken. Eight voting members were present, no guests, and five OCPC staff.

A motion was made (McCarthy) and seconded (Rob May) to accept the minutes from the meeting on June 15, 2021. The motion carried without dissent.

A motion was made (McCarthy) and seconded (Rob May) to adopt the CEDS Committee Terms of Reference as written. The motion carried without dissent.

Committee members present confirmed they would like to be reappointed to continue serving on the committee. Previous membership was discussed. Vacant seats will be reviewed and discussed at the next meeting.

Committee members were provided with an update on the next webinar, themed around workforce development. Workforce Investment Boards will be panelists. Committee members discussed that it would be helpful to hear about how the virtual job fair went, and also how municipalities could engage with workforce boards.

Future webinar topics were discussed including tourism, marketing local businesses, rooms tax, and how to market your community to attract hotels or other businesses.

Fulginiti updated the committee on Economic Development Administration American Rescue Act grant funding available - <https://www.eda.gov/funding-opportunities/>. She also mentioned U.S. Small Business Administration and MA Smart Capital Growth opportunities. Cooney said that the Metro South Chamber of Commerce website and email updates also include funding opportunities, and they host resource events, too.

Murray updated the group about the virtual state-wide job fair happening throughout the week. Over 8,700 jobseekers have signed up and over 1,400 companies. McCarthy updated the group on mixed-use development in Downtown Stoughton. There was no other business or public comment.

The next meeting will be held virtually on Tuesday, October 19 at 12 noon. A motion was made (Cooney) and seconded (Hunter) to adjourn. The motion carried without dissent. The meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

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Submitted by Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC  
Accepted on 10/18/21