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CTNEXT Higher Education Entrepreneurship Advisory Committee

Minutes

Wednesday, February 21, 2018

A regular meeting of the CTNext Higher Education Entrepreneurship Advisory Committee (the "Committee") was held on February 21, 2018 at Connecticut Innovations, 865 Brook Street, Rocky Hill, CT 06067.

1. **Welcome and Brief Introduction:**

Ms. Thames and James Boyle opened the meeting at 9:06 a.m. and thanked everyone for their attendance.

Committee Members Participating: James Boyle; Elena Cahill; Farenc Fazekes; Jeffrey Godley; Chris Hamer; Makeala Kingsley; Vince Murphy; Michael Nicastro

Absent: Dana Cerone; Rebecca DelValle and Radenka Maric

Staff Attending: Ali Berman; Lisa Day and Glendowlyn Thames

Other Guests: Hadi Bozorgmanesh (CTNext Board); Gail Garber (UConn); George Mathanool (CTNext Board); Matt McCooe (CTNext Board); Jen Widness (CCIC) and Rita Zangari (UConn)

Ms. Thames briefly reviewed goals and objectives for the meeting. She made mention of the January 10, 2018 special meeting focused on CTNext's Strategic Planning Process and emerging themes regarding Connecticut's entrepreneurial and innovation ecosystem and how they align with the four themes identified by the Advisory Committee for round two of the RFP process.

2. **Approval of Minutes:**

Mr. Hamer made a motion and Ms. Cahill seconded and the Advisory Committee members voted in favor of adopting the minutes from the January 10, 2018 meeting as presented.

3. **RFP Next Steps and Closing:**

Mr. Boyle, Co-Chairperson addressed the committee and facilitated an open discussion amongst the committee members to review the four grant themes and to finalize the second round RFP.

A discussion ensued and questions were addressed.

Ms. Berman presented the committee with the Grant Timeline. The committee reviewed and discussed next steps.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 16, 2018. It was noted that the time of this meeting will be changed to 9a.m. to 4 p.m. because this will be the in-person review for round two RFP submissions.

4. Meeting adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James Boyle, Co-Chairperson