**Future of Work Commission**

**MINUTES**

**THIRD MEETING OF COMMISSION MEMBERS**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2021**

**Time:** 11:00 am

**Location**: MIT Media Lab, 75 Amherst St., Cambridge, MA 02139

**MEMBERS PRESENT**: Rep. Josh Cutler (Co-Chair), Senator Eric Lesser (Co-Chair), Rep. Lenny Mirra, Rep. Kathy LaNatra, Senator Adam Hinds, Secretary Rosalin Acosta, Steven Tolman, Tonja Mettlach, Miriam Ortiz, Lisa Bernt, Lauren Jones, Secretary Joanne Goldstein, Rahkeem Morris, Laura Stout, Al Vega, Harry Dumay

**ALSO PRESENT**: Associate Provost Krystyn Van Vliet (MIT), Professor Julie Shah (MIT), Professor Lionel Kimerling (MIT), President Christina Royal (HCC), Vice President Jeffrey Hayden (HCC), Director Ed Lambert (MBAE)

1. **Welcome Remarks from Associate Provost Krystyn Van Vliet**.
2. **Opening Remarks and Announcements**. Opening remarks from Co-Chairs Sen. Eric Lesser and Rep. Josh Cutler. Meeting protocols reminders from Chair Lesser.
3. **Roll Call and Meeting Minutes**. Chair Lesser took roll. Meeting meetings were approved as written via a voice vote.
4. **Presentation from MIT Professor Julie Shah.** Professor Shah gave a presentation on the key work and findings of the MIT Work of the Future Task Force. The presentation gave an overview on the Task Force, defining and elaborating on some key findings and highlighted focus areas for future initiatives. Professor Shah detailed a particular study examining the challenges/opportunities in translating state-of-the-art technologies into production environments in manufacturing. (PowerPoint presentation)
5. **Presentation from MIT Professor Lionel Kimmerling**. Professor Kimmerling gave a presentation on the MIT Initiative for Knowledge and Innovation in Manufacturing (IKIM). The presentation gave details on the current challenges in US manufacturing and the IKIM mission to foster a thriving domestic manufacturing ecosystem and advance the manufacturing workforce. Following the 2 MIT presentations, there was a brief question and answer period. (PowerPoint presentation)
6. **Presentation from the President of Holyoke Community College**. President Christina Royal presented on “The Future of Community College Education: Shifts, Trends & Policy Considerations.” President Royal gave some background on Holyoke Community College (HCC) and used her expertise and insights at HCC to detail some broader trends and policy considerations concerning community colleges across the state. President Royal emphasized the long-term equity, support pathways, and basic needs security components as an essential part in fostering the lives of successful students/workers. Following the presentation, there was a brief question and answer period. (PowerPoint presentation)
7. **Presentation from the Executive Director of the Massachusetts Business Alliance for Education**. Director Ed Lambert gave a presentation entitled “A 21st Century Education System in Support of Future Success.” Director Lambert’s presentation acknowledged racial opportunity gaps and the current state of education and job-seeking in Massachusetts. His presentation elaborated on 7 actionable recommendations concerning education improvements, investments, and innovation to prepare the state for the future of work. Following the presentation, there was a brief question and answer period. (PowerPoint presentation)
8. **General Discussion**. Following the presentation, Chair Lesser invited a general discussion among members about feedback regarding the Commission and recommendations for future meetings. Chair Cutler encouraged suggestions from Commission members on future guest speakers.
9. **Next Meeting**. Chair Lesser reminded members that the next meeting date is set for Tuesday, October 12 at 11AM at Plymouth Town Hall. The topics will be Massachusetts Employment and Labor Law in the New Economy and its Impact on Economic Security.
10. **Adjournment**. Meeting adjourned at 1:51 pm.