**Technology Talent Advisory Committee Meeting**

***Meeting Notes***

**Department of Economic and Community Development**

September 15, 2021

3:00 – 4:00 PM

**Microsoft TEAMS Meeting**

**Attendance**

* Advisory Committee Members Present: Glendowlyn Thames, Kelli Vallieres, Monoswita Saha, Jessica Dodge, Sanguthevar Rajasekaran, Jeff Wihbey, Lisa Jacobi, Gary Scharf, Karen Wosczyna-Birch, and Jennifer Widness
* Quorum: Yes
* Absent: Bill Moschella, Dan Viens, Matt Mervis
* Presenters: Patrick Flaherty (Dept. of Labor); Niall Dammando (Office of Workforce Strategy); Laura Baker (Office of Workforce Strategy); Sean Petersen (Tech Talent South); Al Bhatt (Holberton School); Adele McCarthy-Beauvais (General Assembly Space); Tom Ogletree (General Assembly Space);
* Guests: Michael Polzella (Dept. of Labor); Matthew Krzyzek (Dept. of Labor); Beth Koback (Tech Talent South); Allie Hanson (Tech Talent South)
* DECD Staff: Carmen Molina-Rios, Beth Trenchard

**Welcome and Introductions**

Glendowlyn Thames opened the meeting at 3:05 PM. Ms. Thames introduced the new Committee member, Kelli Vallieres, in her role as the state’s Chief Workforce Officer.

**Overview of CT Tech Talent Occupations**

Patrick Flaherty, Director of Research and Information at the CT Department of Labor, provided an overview of the current tech–based occupations in Connecticut. A discussion ensued amongst Committee members.

**Office of Workforce Strategy (OWS) Updates**

Niall Dammando provided OWS updates on the following:

* Update on the legislative session
	+ Codification of the Office of Workforce Strategy and the Chief Workforce Officer
	+ $110M in funding for workforce development
* CSCU curriculum development
* IT career pathways development
* Capital Area Technology Partnership Update
* Capital Workforce Partners and Year Up project

For this initiative, Capital Workforce Partners is working in partnership with Year Up, Grads of Life (GOL), Educational Data Systems International (EDSI), and the American Job Centers. The project will undertake the Year Up IT strategy to simultaneously develop and commit employer demand for Opportunity Talent and develop new pathways and programs to increase the number of trained, motivated, and ready candidates to meet that demand.

**Financial Portfolio Update**

Glendowlyn Thames provided an overview of the current Tech Talent fund and highlighted the balance remaining in the fund.

**Wrap Up**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 8, 2021, from 3-4 PM.

**Meeting Closed**

Glendowlyn Thames closed the meeting at 4:00 PM.