



# **MassVentures**

# **Minutes**

# MassVentures Board Meeting

#### **Date and Time**

Monday June 16, 2025 at 8:00 AM

#### Location

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1075 Main Street, Suite 100 Waltham, MA 02451

#### **Directors Present**

A. Stolba (remote), B. Shim (remote), D. Schultheis (remote), J. O'Reilly (remote), L. Wittenberg, M. Cowan, M. James (remote), R. Jarquin (remote), W. Asher

## **Directors Absent**

## B. Linville-Engler, C. Bouthot

#### Directors who left before the meeting adjourned

A. Stolba, J. O'Reilly

#### **Guests Present**

C. Hipwood, J. Madison, M. Kassaraba, P. Yadav, S. Leis (remote), S. Swider, V. Nijhawan (remote), W. Leslie

## I. Opening Items

## A. Call the Meeting to Order

R. Jarquin called a meeting of the board of directors of MassVentures to order on Monday Jun 16, 2025 at 8:04 AM.

Naomi Berlin from Executive Office of Economic Development is present at the meeting as a guest of Secretary Stolba.

## **B.** Examples of Mission

# C. Highlights

Mr. Hipwood provided some highlights since the last meeting.

## D. FY 2026 Budget Discussion

Mr. Madison presented the FY '25 budget to actual and the pro forma budget for FY '26. Discussion ensued.

## E. FY 2026 Budget Approval

- J. O'Reilly made a motion to approve the FY '26 budget.
- L. Wittenberg seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

#### Roll Call

L. Wittenberg	Aye
B. Shim	Aye
R. Jarquin	Aye
J. O'Reilly	Aye
A. Stolba	Aye
C. Bouthot	Absent
M. James	Aye
M. Cowan	Aye
D. Schultheis	Aye
B. Linville-Engler	Absent
W. Asher	Aye

A. Stolba left at 8:35 AM.

# II. President's Report

## A. General Update

Mr. Hipwood provided an overview of performance in FY '25 and for the period FY '21-25. Discussion ensued.

- B. MV Capital Update
- C. MV Accelerate Update
- D. Strategy Discussion

## III. Approvals

#### A. Board Minutes

- W. Asher made a motion to approve the minutes from MassVentures Board Meeting on 05-05-25.
- J. O'Reilly seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

#### **Roll Call**

B. Linville-Engler Absent

B. Shim Aye W. Asher Aye M. Cowan Abstain Abstain L. Wittenberg M. James Aye C. Bouthot Absent J. O'Reilly Aye D. Schultheis Aye R. Jarquin Aye A. Stolba Absent

## **B.** Expedited Investment Committee Minutes

- D. Schultheis made a motion to approve the minutes from Expedited Investment Committee Meeting on 05-21-25.
- R. Jarquin seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

#### **Roll Call**

M. Cowan AbstainR. Jarquin AyeM. James Abstain

#### Roll Call

B. Linville-Engler Absent

J. O'Reilly Abstain C. Bouthot Absent B. Shim Abstain

W. Asher Aye

D. Schultheis Aye A. Stolba

Absent L. Wittenberg Abstain

## C. Pre-Investment Ascend Elements

W. Asher made a motion to Approve the pre-investment action sheet.

R. Jarquin seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

#### **Roll Call**

L. Wittenberg Aye

W. Asher Aye

R. Jarquin Aye

D. Schultheis Aye

B. Shim Aye

J. O'Reilly Aye

M. James Aye

C. Bouthot Absent

A. Stolba Absent

B. Linville-Engler Absent

M. Cowan Aye

# D. Pre-Investment Action Sheet: AlteRNA

W. Asher made a motion to Approve the pre-investment action sheet.

R. Jarquin seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

#### **Roll Call**

B. Shim

R. Jarquin Aye

A. Stolba Absent

M. Cowan Aye

J. O'Reilly Aye

Aye

D. Schultheis Aye

C. Bouthot Absent

B. Linville-Engler Absent

W. Asher Aye

L. Wittenberg Aye

M. James Aye

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#### **Pre-Investment Action Sheet: Emvolon**

- W. Asher made a motion to Approve the pre-investment action sheet.
- R. Jarquin seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

#### Roll Call

L. Wittenberg	Abstain
R. Jarquin	Aye
C. Bouthot	Absent
M. Cowan	Abstain
D. Schultheis	Aye
B. Shim	Abstain
J. O'Reilly	Abstain
W. Asher	Aye
A. Stolba	Absent
B. Linville-Engler	Absent
M. James	Abstain

## **IV. Financial Matters**

## A. Treasurer's Report

Mr. Madison presented the Treasurer's report. Discussion ensued.

# **B.** Approve Treasurer's Report

- J. O'Reilly made a motion to Approve the Treasurer's report.
- M. Cowan seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

#### **Roll Call**

B. Linville-Engler Absent L. Wittenberg Aye M. Cowan Aye W. Asher Aye R. Jarquin Aye C. Bouthot Absent M. James Aye B. Shim Aye J. O'Reilly Aye A. Stolba Absent D. Schultheis Aye

#### V. Conflicts of Interest

## A. Conflicts

Mr. Hipwood presented a list of companies under consideration for investment and asked the board to declare any conflicts of interest. none were noted.

#### VI. Executive Session

#### A. Roll Call Vote to Enter Executive Session

R. Jarquin made a motion to Enter into executive session to discuss confidential matters related to applicants of MassVentures funds.

W. Asher seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

#### **Roll Call**

J. O'Reilly	Aye
M. James	Aye
B. Shim	Aye
L. Wittenberg	Aye
M. Cowan	Aye
R. Jarquin	Aye
W. Asher	Aye
A. Stolba	Absent
D. Schultheis	Aye
B. Linville-Engler	Absent
C. Bouthot	Absent

#### **B.** Clearcut Amendment

Mr. Nijhawan presented an amendment to the previously approved investment in Clearcut. Discussion ensued.

W. Asher made a motion to Approve the amendment for Clearcut.

R. Jarquin seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

#### Roll Call

B. Shim	Aye
J. O'Reilly	Aye
D. Schultheis	Aye
M. James	Aye
C. Bouthot	Absent
B. Linville-Engler	Absent
L. Wittenberg	Aye
A. Stolba	Absent
W. Asher	Aye
R. Jarquin	Aye
M. Cowan	Aye

#### C. florrent investment dicussion

Ms. Yadav presented an opportunity to invest in florrent. Discussion ensued. Kevin Barry and Cyndy Tonucci joined the meeting and expressed their support for the investment on behalf of Commonwealth Fund IV.

## D. florrent Vote

- M. Cowan made a motion to approve investment in florrent as presented.
- L. Wittenberg seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

#### Roll Call

M. James Aye A. Stolba Absent L. Wittenberg Aye R. Jarquin Aye D. Schultheis Aye B. Linville-Engler Absent W. Asher Aye J. O'Reilly Aye M. Cowan Aye C. Bouthot Absent B. Shim Aye

## E. THRiVE Grants

J. O'Reilly left.

- L. Wittenberg made a motion to approve the THRiVE grants as presented.
- W. Asher seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

#### **Roll Call**

D. Schultheis Aye M. Cowan Aye B. Linville-Engler Absent B. Shim Aye L. Wittenberg Aye W. Asher Aye J. O'Reilly Absent A. Stolba Absent M. James Aye R. Jarquin Aye C. Bouthot Absent

#### F. Pipeline Report

## G. Portfolio Update

H.

## Roll Call Vote to Return to Open Session

- W. Asher made a motion to return to open session.
- B. Shim seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

#### Roll Call

C. Bouthot Absent R. Jarquin Aye B. Linville-Engler Absent A. Stolba Absent D. Schultheis Aye L. Wittenberg Aye W. Asher Aye J. O'Reilly Absent M. James Aye M. Cowan Aye

Mr. Hipwood anounced that votes were taken during executive session to approve an amendment to Clearcut, a follow-on investment in florrent, and THRiVE grants.

# VII. Closing Items

## A. SPICE Demo

Ms. Leslie provided a demo of the SPICE software platform. Discussion ensued.

## **B.** Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

W. Asher