



**MEP Advisory Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, September 22, 2020**  
**1 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.**  
Virtual Meeting  
Connection Info Sent Under Separate Cover

**DRAFT AGENDA**

1 p.m.–1:05 p.m. <i>5 minutes</i>	<b>Meeting Opening/Logistics</b>	Cheryl Gendron, NIST MEP
1:05 p.m.–1:25 p.m. <i>25 minutes</i>	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b> Opening Remarks Welcome from NIST Leadership Board and Audience Introductions	Matt Newman, Chair, MEP Advisory Board Walt Copan, NIST Mojdeh Bahar, NIST Carroll Thomas, NIST MEP
1:25 p.m.–2:05 p.m. <i>45 minutes</i>	<b>NIST MEP Senior Management Update</b> Board Feedback and Discussion	Carroll Thomas Rob Ivester, NIST MEP
2:05 p.m.–2:35 p.m. <i>30 minutes</i>	<b>Presentation: National and State Economic Challenges and Opportunities, Data Trends</b>	Dan Berglund, SSTI
2:35 p.m.–3:05 p.m. <i>30 minutes</i>	<b>Discussion: Exploring Future Themes – NIST MEP Competitive Award Program’s Notice of Funding Opportunity Discussion</b>	Michael Wilson, NIST MEP
3:05 p.m.–3:20 p.m. <i>15 minutes</i>	<b>Meeting Break</b>	

Meeting continues after break:

3:20 p.m.- 3:40 p.m. <i>20 minutes</i>	<b>Working Group Update: Supply Chain Development Working Group</b> Board Feedback and Discussion	Don Bockoven, MEP Advisory Board Dave Stieren, NIST MEP
3:40 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. <i>20 minutes</i>	<b>Working Group Update: MEP National Network™ Strategic Plan 2023-2028</b> Board Feedback and Discussion	Kathay Rennels, MEP Advisory Board Rob Ivester
4:00 p.m.- 4:20 p.m. <i>20 minutes</i>	<b>Working Group Update: Executive Committee Working Group</b> Board Feedback and Discussion	Mary Isbister, MEP Advisory Board Cheryl Gendron
4:20 p.m.-4:30 p.m. <i>10 minutes</i>	<b>Public Comments/Wrap Up</b>	Matt Newman Carroll Thomas

### **Meeting Open to the Public/Registration Required**

All attendees will be participating via webinar; please contact Ms. Cheryl Gendron at 301-975-2785 or [cheryl.gendron@nist.gov](mailto:cheryl.gendron@nist.gov) for detailed instructions on how to join the online meeting. All registration requests must be received by 5 p.m. EDT, Wednesday, September 16, 2020.

#### **Note two additional Virtual Events planned for Wednesday, September 23, 2020**

##### **MAB Optional: MEP National Network Update Meeting**

The MEP National Network Virtual Update Meeting will kick off at 1pm and is intended to bring the many individuals making up the Network together to learn more about current activities and changes in manufacturing across the country. A key theme will be how best to continue to position the Network to provide these services to strengthen and empower U.S. manufacturers during this unprecedented time. This is planned for the day after the board meeting.

##### **MAB Optional: Virtual Retirement Recognition Event: Carroll Thomas**

The afternoon will finish with a very special send-off for MEP Director Carroll Thomas as she retires. The virtual retirement event begins at 3:30 p.m. EDT and will feature various speakers recognizing Carroll's long career and important impact on the MEP Program. Attendees can leave personal notes for Carroll through the Q&A feature on the virtual event platform.

**Registration is Complimentary for these Two Events but Required**

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