

**DISCLOSURE BY NON-ELECTED PUBLIC EMPLOYEE
OF INCIDENTAL HOSPITALITY AT AN EVENT
SERVING A LEGITIMATE PUBLIC PURPOSE
AS REQUIRED BY 930 CMR 5.08(3)(b).**

	PUBLIC EMPLOYEE INFORMATION
Name of non-elected public employee:	Ben Linville-Engler
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Write an X to confirm each statement.	I am filing this disclosure because: ☒ My attendance at an event will serve a legitimate public purpose, i.e., it will promote the interests of the Commonwealth, a county or a municipality; and ☒ A non-public entity (but not a lobbyist) has offered to pay or waive expenses worth \$50 or more related to the event.
	EVENT ATTENDED
Describe the event that you will attend.	As the United States shifts its defense posture homeward, safeguarding our people, infrastructure, and economy has become the defining national security challenge of our time. The threats we face today – spanning cyber, space, energy, and critical supply chains – demand not only military vigilance but also the full engagement of private enterprise, through a unified effort that blends innovation, leadership, and resolve. Join us at this year's BENS Eisenhower Award Gala in New York City as we celebrate two leaders who embody that partnership between public service and private ingenuity. General Gregory M. Guillot, Commander of North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) and U.S. Northern Command (USNORTHCOM), who stands at the forefront of defending the homeland, orchestrating military readiness and response against evolving threats. And Jonathan Pelson, a business leader and author of <i>Wireless Wars</i>, who has spent his career advancing the secure, resilient communications networks that underpin both our national defense and economic strength. Together, their work exemplifies the collaboration essential to America's security and prosperity. Join us as we honor these exceptional leaders and reaffirm the enduring truth that our nation's homeland resilience is built on the combined strength of its defenders, innovators, and citizens.
Describe your participation in the event.	I will be attending the event as a guest of the host organization BENS along with some of the Massachusetts members. I will be networking with business leaders from the defense sector, as well as other sectors.
Date, time and location of event.	November 13, 2025 at 6:30 – 9:30pm Cathedral of St. John the Divine

	1047 Amsterdam Ave. New York, NY 10025
Please explain how the activity will promote the interests of the Commonwealth, a county or a municipality.	There is a strong alignment in MA and NL's tech and innovation ecosystems in areas like AI, Photonics, Microelectronics, Quantum Technologies, Robotics and Autonomous Systems, and Bioindustrial Manufacturing. Participating in the Business Roundtable and Gala is a great opportunity to identify collaboration and business development opportunities for MA and MassTech.
	EXPENSES RELATED TO INCIDENTAL HOSPITALITY
Identify the person or organization that offered to reimburse, pay or waive expenses.	Business Executives for National Security (BENS), Gen. Timothy Ray, Netherlands Innovation Network, Tazrin Hossain
Address of person or organization.	50 Milk Street, 16th Floor Boston, MA, 02109
Provide information in as much detail as possible:	<i>Itemization and explanation of amounts offered:</i>
Transportation within the Commonwealth:	<i>Air, train, bus, and taxi fare and rental car hire, etc.</i>
Meals:	<i>Breakfast, lunch, dinner, special events.</i>
Admission:	<i>Admission, tickets, etc.</i> Roundtable and Gala Ticket - \$700
Other (please list):	<i>Refreshment, entertainment, materials, etc.</i>
Total:	\$750
Employee signature:	
Date:	9/16/2025

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	APPOINTING AUTHORITY INFORMATION
Name of Appointing Authority:	Carolyn Kirk
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Employee who filed the disclosure:	Ben Linville-Engler
	DETERMINATION
To give approval, check off <u>both statements</u>.	Upon consideration of the facts disclosed by the employee above, I find that: ☒ The employee's attendance at the event will serve a legitimate public purpose i.e., it will promote the interests of the Commonwealth, a county or a municipality; AND ☒ Such public purpose outweighs any special non-work related benefit to the employee or the person paying or waiving expenses related to the event.
Reason that the employee's travel or attendance will serve a legitimate public purpose:	Ben's participation will benefit MassTech by to identifying collaboration and business development opportunities for MA and MassTech.
Appointing Authority signature:	
Date:	9/17/25

Attach additional pages if necessary.

The appointing authority should maintain the disclosure as a public record and give a copy of any signed determination to the employee.