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Year-End Highlights 2019

Pursued Member-Driven Policy Solutions

- Advocated for increased accountability, funding and detailed metrics through the Student Opportunity Act to help local communities close achievement gaps in education
- Participated as Co-Chair of the Senate Revenue Working Group Sub-Committee on Corporate Tax to take a comprehensive look at updating and modernizing the structure of the state corporate tax code
- Collaborated with partners to develop the business community’s transportation funding priorities
- Joined with business and environmental community partners supporting the Transportation Climate Initiative (TCI)
- Engaged in transportation funding and policy discussions as a member of the Senate Transportation Working Group
- Advocated successfully for the state to adopt a three-month delay in the paid family leave collections
- Joined with more than a dozen businesses supporting legislation to strengthen the Massachusetts Global Warming Solutions Act
- Voiced strong support to Senators Warren and Markey for federal infrastructure funding through the America’s Transportation Infrastructure Act
- Testified in support of career technical education legislation
- Supported delay in new broker-dealer regulations at the Secretary of State’s office and the implementation of strong, consistent federal standards

Partnered with Public Sector Leaders

Roundtable Members Connected with Transportation Secretary Stephanie Pollack

During the September board meeting with Secretary Pollack, members highlighted the importance of fixing the state’s transportation infrastructure and making the system more equitable and reliable for commuters as a critical component of the Commonwealth’s continued economic and environmental sustainability.

Roundtable Engages with Key Policy Makers

Roundtable member Bill Kennedy of Nutter, McClennen and Fish teamed up with MBR for a series of timely discussions with key policy makers: Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito, HHS Secretary Marylou Sudders, Secretary of Administration & Finance Michael Heffernan, Senate W&M Chair Michael Rodrigues and former CEO of The Partnership, Carol Fulp.

10th Annual Jobs & Workforce Summit Highlighted Roundtable Members

The Jobs Summit featured public sector leaders including Labor & Workforce Development Secretary Rosalin Acosta, Senate President Karen Spilka and House Speaker Robert DeLeo. Roundtable members Mary Anne Heino of Lantheus Medical Imaging and Jaime Paris Boisvert of Siemens led a business leaders panel on strategies to train and retain employees in a tight labor market. Roundtable member Anthony Benoit of Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology joined members National Grid and Consigli Construction on building the middle skills talent pipeline. Members Eastern Bank and Verizon were honored with Employers of the Decade awards.

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Roundtable Annual Meeting Features Discussion on Uncertain Economic Outlook in Massachusetts

Roundtable member Deloitte hosted this year's Annual Meeting featuring Dr. Michael Goodman, Economist and Executive Director of the Public Policy Center at Roundtable Member UMass Dartmouth. Dr. Goodman led a conversation with business leaders about the state's economic forecast during uncertain times. Members engaged in a detailed discussion about regional economic disparities, a growing skills gap and workforce challenges facing industries across the Commonwealth.

MBR Convenes Leaders on Impact of Caregiving in the Workplace

Roundtable Executive Committee member and Chair of the Ad Hoc Business Innovation Group Mark Butler, President, Cigna New England, convened a discussion on the impact of caregiving in the workplace with leaders from industry, government and higher education. Roundtable members participating in the discussion included UBS Financial, Dunkin’ Brands, Comcast, Partners Health Care, Beth Israel Lahey Health, MGH, BIDMC, MITRE Corporation, Blue Cross Blue Shield, MassTech Collaborative, UMass Boston, as well as business leaders from Care.com, EMD Serono, Health Leads, Senior Link, ARCHANGELS, AARP and Executive Office of Elder Affairs.

Roundtable Advances Diversity & Inclusion Policy through Collaborations with The Partnership and Conexión

MBR joined with Conexión, an organization focused on advancing latino/a professionals, for a series of discussions between Roundtable and Conexión members focused on expanding networks and attracting a diverse workforce. Events have included a tour of iRobot and meeting with iRobot CEO Colin Angle and a luncheon hosted by Eastern Bank CEO Bob Rivers.

Roundtable's New LinkedIn

MBR launched a new LinkedIn page to communicate and support the great work of member organizations across the state.

Roundtable Embarks on New #BusinessIsGood Report Highlighting Diversity & Inclusion

MBR plans to develop the next iteration of its #BusinessIsGood Report that will be released and promoted widely in 2020 both online and through social media. The report will focus on members’ successful diversity and inclusion initiatives that drive results within their organizations.