

CHRISTOPHER R. ANDERSON

Christopher R. Anderson, president of the Massachusetts High Technology Council, Inc., joined the Council in 1984. Prior to his presidency in January 2001, he held the positions of vice president and general counsel for the Council. He is responsible to the Board of Directors for the successful development and implementation of public policy programs and initiatives in Massachusetts and Washington, D.C. that help make Massachusetts the world's most attractive place to create, operate, and expand technology businesses. Mr. Anderson is directly involved in resolving conflicts and advocating positions on a broad range of state and federal public policy, legislative, and regulatory issues.

In December 2003, he became president of the Massachusetts Defense Technology Initiative, a public-private partnership that led the Commonwealth's successful efforts to preserve Hanscom Air Force Base and Natick Soldier Systems Center through the U.S. Defense Department's 2005 Base Closing process.

In January 2006, Mr. Anderson was appointed to serve as a member of the state Board of Education (BOE), the nine-member panel that oversees state K-12 education policy. From November 2006 through August 2007, he served as Chairman of the BOE, an appointment designated by former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney.

In January 2009, Mr. Anderson was named to the Hanscom Air Force Base Honorary Commander program. Mr. Anderson served as the honorary commander for Hanscom's 653rd Electronic Systems Wing until 2011.

From August 2011 through August 2021, Mr. Anderson served as the Chairman of the Board of Trustees for Lawrence Catholic Academy (LCA), a Pre-Kindergarten (Age 3) through Grade 8 Elementary School located in Lawrence, Massachusetts. He currently serves as the Vice Chair of LCA's Board of Trustees.

In 2020, to help senior executives and policymakers understand COVID and make the best decisions possible for businesses, employees, and communities in support of a safe and sustained economic recovery, Mr. Anderson harnessed the resources within the Massachusetts High Technology Council to a series of COVID Recovery & Return to the Workplace Virtual Roundtable presentations that shaped the COVID response plan by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and businesses across the state.

In 2023, Mr. Anderson and the Massachusetts High Technology Council spearheaded the launch of MassVision2050: a multi-year collaboration between private, public, and academic leaders to advance Massachusetts' global economic leadership, focusing on key sectors that are likely to drive employment and economic growth in the coming decades.

Mr. Anderson graduated from Lexington High School in Lexington, Massachusetts. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana, and a law degree from Suffolk University School of Law, Boston, Massachusetts.