



Designer Selection Board Meeting

WEDNESDAY APRIL 1, 2026, AT 8:30 a.m.

Mark Boyle, Chair

David Carlson, Vice Chair

1. Meeting Agenda

A. Meeting Called to Order and Board Introductions

Quorum: 6 members, 4 of which must be Architects/Engineers (including at least 1 Architect and 1 Engineer)

B. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting

C. Presentation

8:35 a.m. – 10:05 a.m.

Presentation by CannonDesign - Perspectives: A Strategic Framework for Providing Equity and Inclusion in the Design Firm and the Profession (AIA 1.5 Learning Unit): Kate Thuesen, Director Business and People Partnerships, and Alison Lesniewski-Laas, Associate Practice Director for Integration in the East Region will present.

D. Project Interview

10:10 a.m. – 11:35 a.m.

DSB List #26-03, 2026-02, Boston Renaissance Charter Public School, 1424 Hyde Park Ave Renovation, ECC: \$2,500,000, Schematic Design Fee: \$75,000, Final Design Fee: To Be Negotiated

<u>TIME</u>	<u>FIRM</u>
10:00 a.m. – 10:35 a.m.	Vance Stein, Inc.
10:40 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	CBT Architects

CSS Architects, Inc. declined the invitation to interview.

E. Board Business

None

2. **Adjournment** 11:30 a.m. (tentative)

3. **FUTURE MEETINGS: (Subject to Change)**

WEDNESDAY, April 15, 2026

DSB List #26-05, DSBA-57, Study & Design for Small Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing Renovations, Repairs & Upgrades, UMass Lowell (UML), ECC: Varies Per Project: Not to exceed authority delegated pursuant to M.G.L. c.7C §5, for an individual project, Maximum Fee Per Contract (based

on the scope of work & services authorized, shall not exceed) \$2,000,000 (House Doctor – 5 Contracts), 14 Applicants

DSB List #26-06, M52601, LCCPS Mill 5 Stair Reconstruction, Lowell Community Charter Public School, ECC: \$1,000,000, Feasibility/Concept/Schematic Design Fee: \$30,000 - \$40,000, Final Design Fee: To Be Negotiated, 9 Applicants

WEDNESDAY, May 13, 2026

DSB List #26-09, F2026A100, Dorchester Armory Renovation, 70 Victory Road, Dorchester, Massachusetts Army National Guard (MANG/DCAMM), ECC: \$12,860,000, Fee for Study Phase: \$250,000, Schematic Design & Certifiable Study: To Be Negotiated, Fee for Final Design: To Be Negotiated, Due 04-22-26

DSB List #26-07, DSBA-58, Study & Design for General Building Renovations, Repairs & Upgrades, Salem State University, ECC: Varies Per Project: Not to exceed authority delegated pursuant to M.G.L. c.7C §5, for an individual project, Maximum Fee Per Contract (based on the scope of work & services authorized, shall not exceed) \$2,000,000 (House Doctor – 8 Contracts), Due 04-08-26

DSB List #26-08, DSBA-59, Study & Design for Mechanical, Electrical, & Plumbing Renovations, Repairs & Upgrades, Salem State University, ECC: Varies Per Project: Not to exceed authority delegated pursuant to M.G.L. c.7C §5, for an individual project, Maximum Fee Per Contract (based on the scope of work & services authorized, shall not exceed) \$2,000,000 (House Doctor – 8 Contracts), Due 04-08-26

WEDNESDAY, May 27, 2026

Potential Interview: DSB List #26-09, F2026A100, Dorchester Armory Renovation, 70 Victory Road, Dorchester, Massachusetts Army National Guard (MANG/DCAMM), ECC: \$12,860,000, Fee for Study Phase: \$250,000, Schematic Design & Certifiable Study: To Be Negotiated, Fee for Final Design: To Be Negotiated, Due 04-22-26

WEDNESDAY, June 10, 2026

DSB List #26-10, DSBA-60, Study & Design for General Building Renovations, Repairs & Upgrades, Boston, Massachusetts College of Art (MassART), ECC: Varies Per Project: Not to exceed delegated pursuant to M.G.L. c.7C, §5, for an individual project. Maximum Fee Per Contract (based on the scope of work & services authorized, shall not exceed) \$2,000,000 (House Doctor – 4 Contracts), Due 04-22-26

DSB List #26-11, DSBA-61, Study & Design for Mechanical, Electrical Plumbing & Site Infrastructure, Renovations, Repairs, & Upgrades, Boston, Massachusetts College of Art (MassART), ECC: Varies Per Project: Not to exceed delegated pursuant to M.G.L. c.7C, §5, for an individual project. Maximum Fee Per Contract (based on the scope of work & services authorized, shall not exceed) \$2,000,000 (House Doctor – 4 Contracts), Due 04-22-26

WEDNESDAY, June 24, 2026

To Be Determined

WEDNESDAY, July 8, 2026

To Be Determined

WEDNESDAY, July 22, 2026

To Be Determined

WEDNESDAY, August 5, 2026

To Be Determined

WEDNESDAY, August 19, 2026

To Be Determined

Note about Public Comment

The Designer Selection Board encourages members of the public to contact DSB staff to ask questions and discuss items of interest. While document requests and most general questions can be answered by staff, there may be times that direct Board input is requested. Because all Board deliberation is conducted at public meetings, interested parties can either request that something be placed on a posted meeting agenda, or simply ask to address the Board at the meeting.

The Massachusetts Open Meeting Law does not require that a public body allow public participation during its meetings but rather provides that "*no person shall address a meeting of a public body without permission of the chair, and all persons shall, at the request of the chair, be silent.*" G.L. c. 30A, § 20(f). The Open Meeting Law therefore gives discretion to the chair of a public body to determine who may speak or otherwise participate at a meeting and for how long. A public meeting is not the best place to dispute a prior selection or for a firm to advertise their capabilities. The focus should typically be about the designer selection process, regulations or policies, or anything that benefits the public or design community at large.

Persons wishing to speak at a scheduled meeting are asked, when possible, to submit their request to the DSB office *before* the day of the meeting. During its regularly scheduled biweekly Board meetings, subject to the discretion of the Board chair, the Board makes available a maximum 15-minute period for persons in the audience to address the Board. Participants are limited to no longer than 2 minutes each. Preference will be given to those who submit requests by 1:00 p.m. on the day preceding the regular Wednesday morning meeting. The Chair may limit the number of speakers due to time constraints and may increase or reduce the time allocated per speaker. While comments are welcomed, a response by the chair and/or Board is at their discretion.