

DESIGNER SELECTION BOARD
MINUTES OF THE 1086th MEETING, WEDNESDAY AUGUST 14, 2024, VIA ZOOM.

1. ROLL CALL:

The Designer Selection Board Meeting was called to order at 8:31 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Maureen Sakakeeny, P.E., Chair	Registered Engineer
Mark Boyle, V-Chair	Public Member
Martha Blakey Smith, AIA	Registered Architect
David Carlson, AIA	Registered Architect
Arthur Choo, AIA	Registered Architect
Sam Liao, P.E.	Registered Engineer
Severino Luna, P.E.	Registered Engineer

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Khalil Mogassabi, AIA	Registered Architect
David Capaldo	General Contractor
Vacant	Registered Engineer
Vacant	Public Member

Present for the DSB staff, Simone A. Early, Executive Director, Claire G. Hester, Program Coordinator III and Roberto Melendez, Program Coordinator II.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

A motion to approve the minutes of the 1085th meeting of the Board on July 24, 2024, was made by David Carlson, seconded by Arthur Choo. Motion was approved.

3. VISITORS:

Joe Balzano	UMass Amherst
Liza Bouton	HMFH
Katherine Klepacki	Kuhn Riddle
Danielle Mercier	EDM Studio
Amy Gusky	SAAM
Aelan Tierney	Kuhn Riddle
Caroline Deltoro	LPAA
Lauren Hickey	FAA, Inc.
Lori Cowles	HMFH
Tiffany Yu	DCAMM
Haley Chang	DCAMM
Brenna Sapienza	DCAMM
Ned Collier	ICON
Doria Nathanson	ICON
Sydney Ly	Sasaki
Seth Hoffman	Merge
Kristina Kashanek	Jones Architecture
Whit Iglehart	TSKP
Darguin Fortuna	Flow Design
Junior Rosario	Flow Design
Alexandra Baccari	DiMella Shaffer
Catherine Hunt	Ellenzweig
Andree Furtado	LPAA
Jennifer Pelletier	Nault Architects
Tom Grimble	HOK
Bethany Robertson	HOK
Lateffa Curry	S/L/A/M Collaborative
Joanne O'Rourke	MDS
Jamie Graham	Cannon Design
Nicole Owens	Amenta Emma
Kait Kingman	Habeeb
Allison Goodwin	Habeeb
Martin Lu	HDR
Alison Pascucci	HDR
Yianna Buterbaugh	MDS
Laura Roth	HGA
Aarathi Nirmalan	Cannon Design
Patty Bilotto	Van Zelm
Tamara Macuch	Habeeb
Jessica Bell	FM Architecture
Courtney Wilson	LWA

Dori Landry	Ayers Saint Gross
Katerina Bressette	Smith Group
Thomas Collins	Ellenzweig
Owen Salerno	MDS
Diana Nicklaus	SAAM
Kathleen Porter	LBPA
Rafia Rehman	Perry Dean Rogers
Aaron Shenette	Gensler
Kristie Norris	HGA
Serena Wong	RFS Engineering
Nancy Banks	B2Q
Diana Cioffari-MacPhee	Matz Collaborative
Ellen Thompson	Ellen Thompson
Tiffany Kajer Wright	LLB Architects
Alan Fried	HDR
Andrew Patterson	BIA Studio
Ashley Loprete	RFS Engineering
Steve Van Dyke	Nault Architects
Richard Jones	Jones Architects
Ashley Solomon	Dietz Architects
BIA Studio Admin	BIA Studios
Lila Hughes	HGA
Kristin Tedford	SAAM
Miles McDonald	Salas O'Brien
Erik Bakken	HGA
Brooke Helgersen	Analogue Studio
Jennifer Wells	DiMella Shaffer
Lisa Hennessey	Tria
Elise Cloutier	West Work
Peter Caruso	LPAA
Jim Moore	HGA
Tracy Marquis	Marquis Architecture
Paola Munoz	FM Architecture
Hannah Hazelton	Rowse Architects
Ainsleigh Winget	Isgenuity
William Pevear	William Pevear Architects
Arleen Guyan	C.A. Crowley Engineering
Darryl Filippi	Bergmeyer
Ai Kurokawa	Isgenuity
Xin Ge	Isgenuity
Monique Twitty	IMEG
Brian Amaral	Analogue Studio
Sean Brennan	LPAA
Haydee Casellas	West Work

4. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. DSB List #24-10, DSBA-21, Study & Design for Architectural Renovations and Modernizations, UMass Amherst ECC: Varies Per Project: Not to exceed authority delegated pursuant to M.G.L. c.7C, for an individual project. Maximum Fee Per Contract (based on the scope of work and services authorized, shall not exceed) \$1,500,000, (House Doctor) 61 Applicants

Joe Balzano from UMass Amherst was present to explain the architectural house doctor project and answer questions from the Board.

Review of the sixty-one (61) applications resulted in determination that five (5) of the applicants had failed to meet the following requirements and could not be considered for this project:

- BL Companies New England, Inc. – Scott Johnson from BL Companies (Environmental Consultant) had no resume and no project experience for the environmental consultant. A motion to disqualify BLCompanies New England, Inc. was made by Mark Boyle, seconded by Severino Luna. Motion was approved.
- Design Build Boston – Kevin Hastings (Hastings/Code Consultant) had no resume and no project experience for Hastings as Code Consultant. Mark Kalin (Kalin Associates/Specifications Consultant) had no resume and no project experience for Kalin Associates as Specifications Consultant. No Section #5. A motion to disqualify Design Build Boston was made by David Carlson, seconded by Mark Boyle. Motion was approved.

- Solomon Cordwell Buenz – Did not meet the ownership requirement. The firm did not have a majority of stock ownership registered in Massachusetts (only 38.35% are registered in Massachusetts) The firm did not meet the majority of registered directors in Massachusetts (only 5 out of 40 are registered in Massachusetts). A motion to disqualify Solomon Cordwell Buenz was made by Mark Boyle, seconded by David Carlson. Motion was approved.
- S/L/A/M Collaborative – Ross Spiegel (S/L/A/M - Specification Consultant) had no resume and no project experience as S/L/A/M Specification Consultant. A motion to disqualify S/L/A/M Collaborative was made by Mark Boyle, seconded by David Carlson. Motion was approved.
- Tria – Did not meet the ownership requirement. The CEO/President, Sherwood Butler's Massachusetts architectural registration was expired. A motion to disqualify Tria was made by David Carlson, seconded by Mark Boyle. Motion was approved.

The following fifty-six (56) firms met the project requirements in the advertisement:

1. Amenta Emma Architects
2. Analogue Studio
3. Beacon Architectural Associates
4. Bergmeyer Associates
5. BIA Studio
6. Cannon Design
7. Caolo and Bieniek Associates, Inc.
8. CI Design
9. Coldham & Hartman Architects, LLC
10. DCVL Design
11. DesignLab Architects
12. Dietz and Company Architects
13. DiMella Shaffer Associates, Inc.
14. EDM Studio, Inc.
15. Ellenzweig
16. Fennick McCredie Architecture
17. Flow Design Architects
18. Gensler
19. Habeeb
20. HDR Architecture, PC
21. Hellmuth, Obata, Kassabaum, PC
22. HGA Architects & Engineers, LLC
23. HKT Architecture, Inc.
24. HMFH Architects
25. ICON Architecture
26. Isgenuity, LLC
27. JCJ Architecture, PC
28. Johnson Roberts Associates
29. Jones Architecture, Inc.
30. KMW Architecture, Kallmann, McKinnell & Wood Architects, Inc.
31. Kuhn Riddle Architects
32. Lamoureux Pagano Associates/Architects
33. Lavalee Brensinger Architects
34. Leers Weinzapfel Associates
35. Liro Corp.
36. LLB Architects
37. Marquis Architecture
38. Matz Collaborative Architects, Inc.
39. MDS/Miller Dyer Spears
40. Merge Architects, Inc.
41. Moody Nolan
42. Mount Vernon Group Architects, Inc.
43. Nault Architects, Inc.
44. NBBJ
45. Oudens Ello Architecture
46. Perry Dean Rogers Partners & Architects
47. Pfeufer Richardson Architects, PC
48. SAAM Architecture
49. Sasaki Architects, PC
50. Schwartz/Silver Architects
51. Shepley Bulfinch Richardson & Abbott, Inc.
52. Socotec AE Consulting, LLC
53. TSKPxIKD, LLC
54. Utile, Inc.
55. West Work

56. William Pevear Architects, Inc.

B. Public Comments

- a) Is the board willing to share what some of the winning submission characteristics were? In general, below are some of the characteristics the Board looks for when reviewing applications:
- Project experience/similar experience to the project being advertised
 - Number of personnel in the firm
 - Public Notice evaluation criteria listed
 - Section #5 Information
 - Location of firm to the project
 - Diversity and equity statement focus statement
 - Agency comments
- b) Would the DSB still consider references that have been entered into the Designer Selection Network system and selected for a proposal submission, even if the reference contact is no longer at that institution?
- Yes, the Board will look at those references as long as they are within a recent timeframe – typically within 5 years.
- c) Are evaluations and references weighted the same?
- Yes, they are weighted the same, however evaluations and references which refer to similar project types are preferred.

C. Project Voting and Ranking

The following firms displayed considerable skills and similar experiences with school projects. In accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 7C, Section 49 the Board voted to select the following six (6) unranked finalists for the UMass Amherst Architectural House Doctor project:

Ellenzweig
Jones Architecture, Inc.
Kuhn Riddle Architects
Leers Weinzapfel Associates
Nault Architects, Inc.
Perry Dean Rogers Partners & Architects

A tiebreaker vote was held between HMFH Architects and Perry Dean Rogers Partners & Architects for the 6th place. HMFH Architects received 3 points and Perry Dean Rogers Partners & Architects received 4 points.

Motion was made by David Carlson to select the six (6) unranked finalists listed above for the UMass Architectural House Doctor project, seconded by Mark Boyle. Motion was approved.

The immediate service authorized are draft study, certifiable building study, schematic plans and outline specifications, design development plans and specifications, construction plans and specifications, and administration of the construction contract.

D. Board Business

Mark Boyle thanked Maureen, DSB staff and agency for a great job with processing 61 applications for the UMass Amherst House Doctor project.

5. MOTION TO ADJOURN: The Board adjourned at 9:59 a.m.

A motion to adjourn the meeting of August 14, 2024, by David Carlson, seconded by Arthur Choo. Motion was approved.

6. NEXT MEETING:

WEDNESDAY, August 28, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. via ZOOM

Submitted by: Claire G. Hester
Designer Selection Board Coordinator