

DESIGNER SELECTION BOARD
MINUTES OF THE 1107th MEETING, WEDNESDAY JULY 9, 2025, VIA ZOOM.

1. ROLL CALL:

The Designer Selection Board Meeting was called to order at 8:34 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mark Boyle, Chair	Public Member
David Carlson, V-Chair	Registered Architect
Arthur Choo	Registered Architect
Devin Hurson	Registered Engineer
Sam Liao	Registered Engineer
Lyris Liautaud	Registered Engineer
Khalil Mogassabi	Registered Architect
Severino Luna	Registered Engineer
Lindsay Richard	Public Member

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Michael Chavez	Registered Architect
David Capaldo	General Contractor

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 1106th meeting of the Board on Wednesday June 25, 2025 was made by David Carlson, seconded by Arthur Choo. Lindsay Richard abstained. Motion was approved.

3. REGISTERED VISITORS:

Joe Balzano	UMass Amherst
Maria Morrissey	UMass Lowell
Gary Nolan	UMass Lowell
Gail Rosenberg	DCAMM
Sarah Felton	DCAMM
Raul Silva	DCR
Robin Pfetsch	DCR
Matthew Burnett	BVH/Salas O'Brien
Kate Beckman	SGH
Valeria Gonzalez	F-T
Abdullah Khaliqi	F-T
Sally Ferrell	ICON
Matthew Tremblay	WSP
Barbara Klimaszewski	BVH/Salas O'Brien
Brennan Sapienza	DCAMM
Amanda Holmen	SAAM
Kristina Kashanek	Jones Arch
Richard Jones	Jones Arch
Alina Comorschi	F&O
Stephen Prusaczyk	BVH/Salas O'Brien
Lara Neubauer	Dream Collaborative
Todd Columbus	Liro-Hill
Kimberly Smith	Gale Associates
Ryan Rademacher	JLG Arch
Caroline Fitzgerald	RMF
Allison Dickinson	EDM
Nathan Roy	LeMessurier
Cathy Vittorio	F&O
Jeromy Richardson	EDM
Morgan Davis	Gale Associates
Pamela Merrill	RFS
Emily Roberts	Arup
Finnegan Hobart	DCAMM
Ashley Loprete	RFS
Rafik Armanios	LeMessurier
Mary Fitzpatrick	IMEG
Beth Musacchio	ARC
John Peterson	Studio Troika
Jenny Burton	DCAMM
Ganesh Ramachandran	DCAMM
Joel Pettigrew	ARC

Robert Elfer	Studio Troika
Ariana Surabian	F-T
Maria Loitz	BVH/Salas O'Brien

4. NEW BUSINESS:

A. DSB List #25-13, DSBA-40, Structural Engineering Study & Design Services, UMass Amherst, Amherst & Newton, ECC: Varies Per Project: Not to exceed authority delegated pursuant to M.G.L. c7C §5, for an individual project. Maximum Fee Per Contract (based on the scope of work & services authorized, shall not exceed) \$1,500,000, 13 Applicants

Representing UMass Amherst was Joe Balzano. He was present to explain the Structural Engineering Study & Design Services, UMass Amherst House Doctor project and answered questions from the Board.

a. Review

Review of the thirteen (13) applications resulted in determination that three (3) of the applicants had an incomplete application and could not be considered for this project:

- DM Engineers, PLLC had an incomplete application and did not meet the Massachusetts Ownership Requirements.
- Engineering Design Management PC had no references and one (1) evaluation – no fewer than 3 references and/or evaluations must be submitted with the application.
- LeMessurier Consultants, Inc. had no references and no evaluations.

A motion was made by David Carlson to disqualify the above-mentioned firms for the Structural Engineering Study & Design Services, UMass Amherst House Doctor project, seconded by Lindsay Richard. A recusal by Sam Liao. Motion was approved.

The following ten (10) applications met the project requirements of the advertisement:

ARUP USA, Inc.
 BVH Integrated Services, Inc. (A Salas O'Brien Company)
 Fuss & O'Neill, Inc.
 Gale Associates, Inc.
 Gannett Fleming Engineers & Architects, PC
 IMEG
 Simpson Gumpertz & Heger
 Tighe & Bond Designer Services, Inc.
 Waldron
 WSP, USA

b. Public Comments

None

c. Project Voting and Ranking

The following firms displayed considerable skills and similar experiences. In accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 7C, Section 49, the Board voted to select the following three (3) unranked finalists for the Structural Engineering Study & Design Services, UMass Amherst House Doctor project:

Fuss & O'Neill, Inc.
 Gale Associates, Inc.
 Simpson Gumpertz & Heger

Motion was made by Devin Hurson to select the unranked firms above for the Structural Engineering Study & Design Services, UMass Amherst House Doctor project, seconded by Lyris Liautaud. A recusal by Sam Liao. Motion was approved.

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

B. DSB List #25-14, DSBA-41, Study & Design for Exterior Building Envelope Renovations, Repairs & Upgrades, UMass Lowell House Doctor project, ECC: Varies Per Project: Not to exceed authority delegated pursuant to M.G.L. c7C §5, for an individual project. Maximum Fee Per Contract (based on the scope of work & services authorized, shall not exceed) \$2,000,000, 9 Applicants

The representatives of UMass Lowell were Maria Morrissey and Gary Nolan. They were present to explain the Study & Design for Exterior Building Envelope Renovations, Repairs & Upgrades, UMass Lowell House Doctor project and answered questions from the Board.

d. Review

Review of the nine (9) applications resulted in determination that two (2) of the applicants had an incomplete application and could not be considered for this project:

- DM Engineers, PLLC had an incomplete application and did not meet the Massachusetts Ownership Requirements.
- LeMessurier Consultants, Inc. had no references and no evaluations.

A motion was made by David Carlson to disqualify the above-mentioned firms for the Study & Design for Exterior Building Envelope Renovations, Repairs & Upgrades, UMass Lowell House Doctor project, seconded by Devin Hurson. A recusal by Sam Liao. Motion was approved.

The following seven (7) applications met the project requirements of the advertisement:

ARUP USA, Inc.
BES RI LLC
Gale Associates, Inc.
Hill-Liro Corporation
Simpson Gumpertz & Heger
Socotec AE Consulting, LLC
WSP USA

e. Public Comments

None

f. Project Voting and Ranking

The following firms displayed considerable skills and similar experiences. In accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 7C, Section 49, the Board voted to select the following five (5) unranked finalists for the Study & Design for Exterior Building Envelope Renovations, Repairs & Upgrades, UMass Lowell House Doctor project:

ARUP, USA, Inc.
Gale Associates, Inc.
Hill-Liro Corporation
Simpson Gumpertz & Heger
WSP USA

Motion was made by David Carlson to select the unranked firms above for the Study & Design for Exterior Building Envelope Renovations, Repairs & Upgrades, UMass Lowell House Doctor project, seconded by Lyriss Liautaud. A recusal by Sam Liao. Motion was approved.

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

C. DSB List #25-16, DCRRINK MC1, DCR Emmons Horrigan O'Neill Memorial Rink Renovations, Charlestown, DCR/DCAMM, ECC: \$12,500,000, Fee for Schematic Design & Certifiable Study: \$300,000, Fee for Final Design: To Be Negotiated, 7 Applicants

The representatives of DCAMM were Gail Rosenberg and Sarah Felton and representatives of DCR were Robin Pfetsch and Raul Silva. They were present to explain the DCR Emmons Horrigan O'Neill Memorial Rink Renovations, Charlestown project and answered questions from the Board.

g. Review

The following seven (7) applications met the project requirements of the advertisement:

ARC/Architectural Resources Cambridge
Bargmann Hendrie + Archetype
Emerald Design Build
ICON Architecture
Jones Architecture, Inc.
KR Architecture & Interiors
Studio Troika

h. Public Comments

None

i. **Project Voting and Ranking**

The following firms displayed considerable skills and similar experiences. In accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 7C, Section 49, the Board voted to select the following three (3) unranked finalists for the DCR Emmons Horrigan O'Neill Memorial Rink Renovations, Charlestown project to be interviewed on July 23, 2025:

ARC Architectural Resources Cambridge
Bargmann Hendrie + Archetype
Jones Architecture, Inc.

Motion was made by David Carlson to select the unranked firms above for the DCR Emmons Horrigan O'Neill Memorial Rink Renovations, Charlestown project to be interviewed, seconded by Sam Liao. Motion was approved.

The immediate service authorized are a certifiable study and schematic plans and outline specifications. It is intended that the design development and specifications, construction plans and specifications, and administration of construction contract be required of the selected Designer's team following notification of the Board in accordance with M.G.L. c. 7C.

5. **BOARD BUSINESS**

- Upcoming Presentations
- New Board Member Announcement

6. **MOTION TO ADJOURN:** The Board adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

A motion to adjourn the meeting of July 9, 2025, by Sam Liao, seconded by Lyriss Liautaud. Motion was approved.

7. **NEXT MEETING:**

WEDNESDAY, July 23, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. via ZOOM

Submitted by:

Claire H. Hester

Designer Selection Board Coordinator