

**DESIGNER SELECTION BOARD**  
**MINUTES OF THE 1102<sup>nd</sup> MEETING, WEDNESDAY MAY 7, 2025, VIA ZOOM.**

**1. ROLL CALL:**

The Designer Selection Board Meeting was called to order at 8:32 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

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 1102<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Board on Wednesday April 23, 2025, was made by Severino Luna, seconded by David Carlson. Devin Hurson, Lyris Liautaud and Lindsay Richard abstained. Motion was approved.

**3. REGISTERED VISITORS:**

Joe Balzano	UMass Amherst
Brenna Sapienza	DCAMM
Doreen Bennett	RGB
Malvin Wibowo	Studio Enee
Kait Kingman	Habeeb Architects
Hilary Williams	ARUP
Joanna Morlot	Habeeb Architects
Danielle Mercier	CES Engineering
Chris Johns	Thoughtcraft Architects
Jen Pelletier	Nault Architects
Madison Pixley	Tighe & Bond
Kim Sousa	I Make Your Marketing
Paul Santos	Goody Clancy
Elisabeth Mansfield	Goody Clancy
David Choi	ECC Corp.
Arleen Guyan	C.A. Crowley Engineering
Ashley Solomon	Dietz Architects
Sela Bailey	BIA Studio
Aarathi Nirmalan	CannonDesign
David Spillane	Goody Clancy
Miles McDonald	Salas O'Brien
Ellen Thompson	Isgenuity
Pamela Merrill	RFS Engineering
Theodora Dimov	Amenta Emma
Monique Twitty	IMEG
Jessica Montagna	Tighe & Bond
Ashley Loprete	RFS Engineering
David Fite	Studio Meander
Julia Chartier	RFS Engineering
Paul Santos	Paul Santos
Isabel Bowen	Goody Clancy
Tom Iskra	Salas O'Brien
Diana Cioffari	Matz Collaborative
Ami Meachum	IMEG
Jennifer Wells	DiMella Shaffer
Thomas Collins	Ellenzweig
Jennifer Hunt	Matz Collaborative
Kate Beckman	SGH
Rebecca Maloney	RFS Engineering
Alexandra Baccari	DiMella Shaffer

Allison Goodwin	Habeeb Architects
Tamara Macuch	Habeeb Architects
Matthew Tremblay	WSP
Richard Alcorn	Pioneer Valley Chinese Immersion Charter School
Mike Rooney	Mike Rooney
Jennifer Gould	Westfield State University

#### 4. **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### **A. Presentation to the Board**

Simone presented an overview of the Designer Application Dashboard in the DSN and location of project requirements documentation to the Board.

##### **B. DSB List #25-08, DSBA-37, Rapid Response for Study & Design of Architectural Repairs & Renovations, 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) \$2,000,000, 17 Applicants**

Joe Balzano from UMass Amherst was present to explain the Rapid Response for Study & Design of Architectural Repairs & Renovations, UMass Amherst (Amherst & Newton) House Doctor project and answered questions from the Board.

##### **a. Review**

Review of the seventeen (17) 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:

- Emerald Design Build had no evaluations and one (1) reference. No fewer than three (3) evaluations and/or references must be submitted. Motion to disqualify Emerald Design Build by David Carlson, seconded by Arthur Choo. Motion was approved to disqualify.
- Linea 5, Inc. had no evaluations and no references. Motion to disqualify Linea 5, Inc. by David Carlson, seconded by Sam Liao. Motion was approved to disqualify.
- Mount Vernon Group Architects Inc. had no references and no evaluations. Motion to disqualify Mount Vernon Group Architects, Inc. by David Carlson, seconded by Lindsay Richard. Motion was approved to disqualify.
- Studio Enee had no references and no evaluations. Motion to disqualify Studio Enee by David Carlson, seconded by Sam Liao. Motion was approved to disqualify.
- VIVO Architecture, Inc. had no references and no evaluations. Motion to disqualify VIVO Architecture, Inc. by David Carlson, seconded by David Capaldo. Motion was approved to disqualify.

The following twelve (12) applications met the project requirements in the advertisement:

Amenta Emma Architects  
 BL Companies New England, Inc.  
 BWA Architecture, Inc.  
 Coldham & Hartman Architects, LLC  
 Dietz & Company Architects, Inc.  
 Kuhn Riddle Architects  
 Matz Collaborative Architects, Inc.  
 MDS/Miller Dyer Spears  
 Meander Studio, Inc.  
 Nault Architects, Inc.  
 Thoughtcraft Architects

##### **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 four (4) unranked finalists for the Study & Design of Architectural Repairs & Renovations, UMass Amherst (Amherst & Newton) House Doctor project:

Dietz & Company Architects, Inc.  
Kuhn Riddle Architects  
Nault Architects, Inc.  
West Work

Motion was made by David Carlson to select the unranked firms above for the Study & Design of Architectural Repairs & Renovations, UMass Amherst (Amherst & Newton) House Doctor project, seconded by Severino Luna. 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.

**5. BOARD BUSINESS**

- Notification of Continued Services for Quincy Justice Center – Schwartz/Silver Architects. This is for informational purposes only. No action by the Board.
- Notification of Continued Services for DYS Taunton – Southeast Regional Youth Service Center – Studio G Architects. This is for informational purposes only. No action by the Board.
- Severino Luna requested to add a link for the references and evaluations to the application section of the DSN. The link will be added to the application section.

**6. MOTION TO ADJOURN: The Board adjourned at 10:09 a.m.**

A motion to adjourn the meeting of May 7, 2025, by David Carlson, seconded by Arthur Choo. Motion was approved.

**7. NEXT MEETING:**

**WEDNESDAY, May 21, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. via ZOOM**

Submitted by:



Designer Selection Board Coordinator