

DESIGNER SELECTION BOARD

MINUTES OF THE 1010TH MEETING, WEDNESDAY MARCH 3, 2021 AT 8:30 A.M, VIA ZOOM.

1. ROLL CALL:

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Alan Ricks, AIA, Chair	Registered Architect
Elise F. Woodward, AIA, Vice-Chair	Registered Architect
Martha Blakey Smith, AIA	Registered Architect
Jessica Tsymbal, AIA, LEED AP	Registered Architect
Ilyas Bhatti, P.E.	Registered Engineer
Daniel M. Carson, P.E.	Registered Engineer
David A. Chappell, P.E.	Registered Engineer
Rebecca Sherer, P.E.	Registered Engineer
Kenneth Wexler	General Contractor

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Present for the DSB staff, Bill Perkins, Executive Director, Claire G. Hester, Program Coordinator III and Roberto Melendez, Program Coordinator I.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

A motion to approve the minutes of the 1009th February 17, 2021 meeting was made by Kenneth Wexler seconded by Ilyas Bhatti. Motion was approved.

3. VISITORS:

Liz Minnis	DCAMM
Emmanuel Andrade	DCAMM
Elayne Campos	DCAMM
Jennifer Gaffney	DOC
Andie Moss	Moss Group
Douglas Knapp	Vanderweil
Clair Colburn	FAA
Jeff Garriga	FAA
David Bostwick	HDR
Susan Wisler	ARC Engineers
Dr. Robin Timme	Falcon Inc.
April Pottorff	CGL Companies
Simone Brogini	Kleinfelder
Harmony Goorley	Falcon Inc.
Harold Levkowicz	HDR
Marayca Lopez	Marayca Lopez – Women’s Justice Specialist
Jeff Goodale	HOK
Gerry Guerrero	HDR
Kyle Pelletier	DOC
Kara Penniston	HDR
Robert Fisch	CGL Companies
Pamela Shadley	Shadley Associates
Chad Reilly	HDR
Sean Sanger	Copley Wolff
Stephanie White	HDR
Betsy Lawson	CDW Consultants
John Garcia	Linea 5
Cindy Lucy	Cindy Lucy
J. Williams	J. Williams
Ashley Tarbet	Ashley Tarbet
Rachel Roth	Rachel Roth
Susan Cook	NV5
Mike Brenchley	HDR
Konstantina Perlepe	Konstantine Perlepe
Jara Sturdivant-Wilson	Jara Sturdivant-Wilson
Leila Ray	HOK
Jay Gold	Jay Gold
Elijah Patterson	Black and Pink MA Org.
Laurene Demoy	Studio G Architects
Jennifer Shelby	ARC Engineers
Crystale Wozniak	Kleinfelder
Lauren Hickey	FAA

Nancy Johnson	Nancy Johnson
Arleen Guyan	Crowley Engineering
David Weimer	David Weimer
Ash Trull	Ash Trull
Jordan Mazurek	The Council
Carley Oliveto	CES Engineering
Sara Ruggiero	STV, Inc.
Alan Fried	RCN
Norma Wassel	Norma Wassel
Katy Naples-Mitchell	Katy Naples-Mitchell
Miles McDonald	BVH
Beth Whalley	Beth Whalley
Jeff Goodmonson	ARC Engineers
Stephanie Beals	TSKP
Andrea James	The Council
Diane Bruining	CGL Companies
John Lavoie	John Lavoie
Robin Greenleaf	ARC Engineers
Stefanie Grossano	Stefanie Grossano
Mark Galvin	CDM Smith
Joneisha James	The Council
Zorica Pantic	Zorica Pantic
Sean Sanger	Copley Wolff
Betsey Chace	Betsey Chace
Sashi James (she/her)	The Council
Frank Greene	STV
Andrea Brue	RCN
Allison Rutz	FAA
Mallory Hanora	Justice as Healing
Marisa Sullivan	Studio G Architects
Balram Chamaria	B Plus A

4. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Interview: DSB List #21-01, DOC2106, Study and Design of a Correctional Center for Women, Statewide (DCAMM), Fee for Study: \$550,000 – Schematic Design/Certifiable Study and Final Design is To Be Negotiated

A bid protest was received and given to the AGO for comment; at this time no hearing has been scheduled. Alan made a few of his own comments regarding this project which have not been reviewed by other members of the Board. The conditions in the Massachusetts prisons are currently unacceptable. The public engagement by all stakeholders including incarcerated women is critically important and should continue throughout this process. There is reasonable cause to believe based on the totality of the conditions, practices and incidents discovered at some of these prisons that the conditions in the Massachusetts Department of Correction prisons violate the 8th Amendment to the US Constitution. The 8th Amendment protects against cruel and unusual punishment. In the November 2020 US attorneys report, it speaks specifically to failures to provide adequate mental health care and supervision which is exasperated by prolonging restricted housing conditions such as solitary confinement.

The Commonwealth is committed to reform as exhibited by the Criminal Justice Reform Bill passed in 2018. It is intended to help the state remove away from incarcerated as punishment and to reduce racial disparities. The state is looking for a firm that focuses on rehabilitation, women’s mental and physical health, women’s vocational interest and trauma informed perspective. The state wants conditions that are normalized rather than confrontational, that are non-threatening and approachable rather than alienating.

The mission of the DSB is to ensure the Commonwealth receives the highest quality of design services for all public building projects. The DSB is here today to select a firm to evaluate the conditions of several existing facilities and provide conceptual solutions on how the state might address these challenges. Any conclusion of this study that recommends renovations or construction must return to the DSB for review before moving forward. The strategic plan, advertised concurrently, will outline how DOC can best utilize its resources to serve the Commonwealth’s incarcerated women, their families, the staff and the public by examining multi-faceted issues and opportunities. The strategic plan will develop goals, strategies and desired outcomes for achieving more effective and response to custody, care and programming for those under DOC supervisor to prepare them for safe and successful re-entry into the community.

Rebecca, Ilyas, Elise endorsed Alans thoughts regarding this project.

On Wednesday February 17, 2021, the Designer Selection Board conducted a preliminary review of the original five (5) submissions for the study and design of a Correctional Center for Women. Today, the Board interviewed the following firms for this project:

Finegold Alexander Architects, Inc.
HDR Architecture, P.C.
Kleinfelder Northeast, Inc.

B. Public Comments

The following requested to speak to the Board in advance and were given 2 minutes each to address their comments in opposition to building a new Correctional Facility for Women before the vote was taken by the Board:

1. Mallory Honara – Executive Director of Families for Justice of Healings and member of National Council for Incarcerated and formerly Incarcerated Women and Girls
2. Joneisha (Shashi) James, Assistant to Executive Director, National Council for Incarcerated and Formerly Incarcerated Women and Girls
3. Norma Wassel – National Association of Social Works, Massachusetts Chapter
4. Jordan Mazurek, The Council

C. Project Voting and Ranking

All three finalists displayed considerable skills and similar experiences with this type of project. In accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 7C, Section 49 the Board voted to select the firms below ranked in the following order:

HDR Architecture, P.C.
99 High Street, Suite 2300
Boston, MA
(20 points)

Kleinfelder Northeast, Inc.
550 West C Street, Suite 1200
San Diego, CA
(17 points, with a tie breaker of 5 points)

Finegold Alexander Architects, Inc.
77 North Washington Street, 7th Floor
Boston, MA
(17 points, with a tie breaker of 4 points)

The immediate services to be authorized include existing conditions documentation, study development and prioritization of alternates, schematic design documents, and a certifiable building study report. It is intended that the continued services will be required of the selected Designer’s team following completion of the certified study and that DCAMM/DOC will return to the Board for approval of the continued services for design.

Motion was made by Kenneth Wexler to select the ranked firms mentioned above for the Women’s Correctional Center project, seconded by Ilyas Bhatti. Motion was approved.

5. MOTION TO ADJOURN: The Board adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

On a motion to adjourn the meeting of March 3, 2021 by Kenneth Wexler, seconded by Jessica Tsymbal. Motion was approved.

6. NEXT MEETING:

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. via ZOOM

Submitted by: Claire G. Hester

Approved by: A. Richer