

Designer Selection Board (DSB) - Minutes of the 1124th Meeting, April 15, 2026, 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
Jim DiMarzio	General Contractor
Devin Hurson	Registered Engineer
Lyris Liautaud	Registered Engineer
Altaf Mulla	Registered Architect
Lindsay Richard	Public Member

Members Absent:

Arthur Choo	Registered Architect
Sam Liao	Registered Engineer
Severino Luna	Registered Engineer

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 1123rd meeting of the Board on Wednesday April 1, 2026, was made by David Carlson, seconded by Jim DiMarzio. Lyris Liautaud abstained. Motion was approved.

3. Registered Visitors:

Greg Walsh	PCA 360 (Lowell Community Charter Public School)
Maria Morrissey	U/Mass Lowell
Hector Valdes	U/Mass Lowell
Caroline Fitzgerald	RMF
Liza Bouton	HMFH
Lori Cowles	HMFH
Iris Davis	CSS Architects
Brenna Blye	Studio 26 Associates
Anybe Levy	Studio 26 Associates
Lara Neubauer	Dream Collaborative
Valeria Gonzalez	F-T
Anthony Nganga	Studio 26 Associates
Katherine Moran	Vance Stein
Ron Jean	Delta Wye
Michele Phelan	96 PT
Thomas Iskra	BVH
Monique Twitty	IMEG
Nancy Banks	B2Q Associates
Cathy Vittorio	F&O
Miles McDonald	Salas O'Brien
Pamela Merrill	RFS
Samantha Robinson	B2Q
Diana Cioffari	Matz Collaborative
Brenna Sapienza	DCAMM
Joseph G.	Delta Wye
Jennifer Pollio	Jennifer Pollio
Ami Meachum	IMEG
Alina Comorschi	F&O
Michael O'Driscoll	Matz Collaborative
Ashley Rao	LWA Architects
Saleema Adel	Matz Collaborative
Robert Gignac	Lowell Community Charter Public School
Nick Leonardos	Lowell Community Charter Public School

4. **New Business:**

Project Review(s)

- A. DSB List #26-05, DSBA-57, Study & Design for Small Mechanical, Electrical, & Plumbing Renovations, Repairs and Upgrades at U/Mass Lowell, Estimated Construction Cost: Varies Per Project: Not to exceed authority delegated pursuant to M.G.L. ch.7C §5, for an individual project. Maximum Fee Per Contract (based on the scope of the work and services authorized, shall not exceed) \$2,000,000, (5 House Doctor Contracts), 14 Applicants**

Hector Valdes from U/Mass Lowell was present to explain the project and answered questions from the Board.

a. Review

The following fourteen (14) applications met the project requirements of the Public Notice Advertisement:

Affiliated Engineers, Inc.
AI Engineers
B2Q Associates, Inc.
Bard, Rao + Athanas Consulting Engineers
BVH Integrated Services (A Salas O'Brien Company)
Delta Wye Critical Solutions, LLC
Fitzemeyer & Tocci Associates, Inc.
Fuss & O'Neill, Inc.
Hallam-ICS
IMEG
R.W. Sullivan Engineering
RMF Engineering, Inc.
Syska & Hennessy – New England, Inc.
VAV International, Inc.

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 five (5) unranked finalists for the U/Mass Lowell Mechanical House Doctor project:

Affiliated Engineers, Inc.
B2Q Associates, Inc.
Bard, Rao + Athanas Consulting Engineers
Fitzemeyer & Tocci Associates, Inc.
Fuss & O'Neill, Inc.

Motion was made by David Carlson to select the five (5) unranked finalists listed above for the U/Mass Lowell Mechanical House Doctor project, seconded by Lyris Liautaud. Motion was approved.

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

Greg Walsh from PCA360 was present to explain the project and answered questions from the Board.

d. Review

The following nine (9) applications met the project requirements of the Public Notice Advertisement:

CSS Architects, Inc.
Derby Square Architects, Inc.
Emerald Design Build
HKT Architects, Inc.
HMFH Architects
Matz Collaborative Architects, Inc.
Studio 26 Design Collaborative, LLC
Utile, Inc.
Vance Stein, Inc.

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 three (3) ranked finalists for the Lowell Community Charter Public School Mill 5 Stair Reconstruction project:

HMFH Architects (19 points)
Matz Collaborative Architects, Inc. (10 points)
CSS Architects, Inc. (9 points)

Motion was made by David Carlson to select the three (3) ranked finalists listed above for the Lowell Community Charter Public School Mill 5 Stair Reconstruction project, seconded by Devin Hurson. Motion was approved.

5. **Board Business**

- Updates to Meeting Hub
- Discussion about election for Chair and Vice-Chair – nominations and voting at the May 13th meeting. Self-nominations are welcome.

6. **Motion To Adjourn: The Board adjourned at 10:06 a.m.**

A motion to adjourn the meeting of April 15, 2026, by Jim DiMarzio, seconded by Lyris Liautaud. Motion was approved.

7. **Next Meeting:**

Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. via ZOOM

Submitted by:



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Designer Selection Board Coordinator