

Designer Selection Board (DSB) - Minutes of the 1125th Meeting May 13, 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
Arthur Choo	Registered Architect
Devin Hurson	Registered Engineer
Sam Liao	Registered Engineer
Lyris Liautaud	Registered Engineer
Severino Luna	Registered Engineer
Altaf Mulla	Registered Architect

Members Absent:

Jim DiMarzio	General Contractor
Lindsay Richard	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 1124th meeting of the Board on Wednesday April 15, 2026, was made by David Carlson, seconded by Altaf Mulla. Severino Luna abstained. Motion was approved.

3. Registered Visitors:

Karen Merrill	STCC
Debra Avery	STCC
Peter Smith	STCC
Christine DePalma	Salem State University
Paulo Baganha	MAARNG
Rob Ricchi	DCAMM
Sarah Felton	DCAMM
Angela Dwyer	FM Architecture
Erica Burns	CES Engineering
Christine Verbitzki	FM Architecture
Jo Oltman	CBT Architects
Kate Murphy	Goody Clancy
Brenna Sapienza	DCAMM
Doreen Bennett	RGB
Caroline Fitzgerald	RMF
Diana Ostberg	SAAM
Lateffa Curry	DM Engineers
Allison Goodwin	Habeeb Architects
Kari Scullin	Perkins Will
Alexandra Baccari	Goody Clancy
Isabel Bowen	Goody Clancy
Lauren Martin	SMMA
Tracey O'Connor	SMMA
Aarathi Nirmalan	CannonDesign
Brian Burns	Ashley McGraw
Susanne Angarano	Ashley McGraw
Julie Foley	GRL Architects
Kristina Kashanek	Jones Architects
Diane Horton	BWA Boston
Ahmed Idris	BWA Boston
David Tanner	BWA Boston
Samantha Robinson	B2Q Associates
Carol Burns	Taylor Burns
Joy Cohen	Gensler
Christine Metzler	MPDL Studio
Monica Carroll	CBT Architects
Rudy Caron	SAAM

Iris Davis	CSS Architects
Ashley Solomon	Dietz Architects
Patrice Cormier	CambridgeSeven
Hailey Mulvey	Perkins Will
Valeria Gonzalez	F-T
Ann Keane	Civitects
Michael Keane	Civitects
Katie Gething	DHK, Inc.
Wayne Gething	DHK, Inc.
Felice Silverman	STA Design
Joel Pettigrew	ARC USA
Jennifer Wells	DiMella Shaffer
Susan Morgan	CannonDesign
Lara Neubauer	Dream Collaborative
Diana Cioffari	Matz Collaborative
Richard Polvino	SLAM Collaborative
Jennifer Shiminsky	Bergmeyer
Kyle Larabee	PRA Architects
Caryn Bennett	STA Design
Alina Comorschi	F&D
Pamela Merrill	RFS Engineering
Amanda Holmen	SAAM
Kenna Therrien	Gienapp Architects
Miles McDonald	Salas O'Brien
Joanna Norlot	Habeeb Architects
Ashley Loprete	RFS Engineering
Kim Sousa	Kim Sousa
Ned Collier	ICON
Monique Twitty	IMEG
Shannon Strobhar	Vivo Architects
Michael O'Driscoll	Matz Collaborative
Liza Bouton	HMFH
Sally Ferrell	ICON
Thomas Iskra	Salas O'Brien
Karina Mallaeva	TSKP
Anybe Levy	Studio 26 Associates
Daniel Figueredo	Vivo Architects
McKenzie Wallace	SLAM Collaborative
Paul Santos	Goody Clancy
Stephanie Beals	TSKP
Thomas Collins	Ellenzweig
Neil Martin	SLAM Collaborative
Emily Fortin	AEI Engineers
Joseph Mello	Habeeb Architects
Rebecca Paladino	Habeeb Architects
Beth Musacchio	ARC USA
Liza Gabriel	Habeeb Architects
Jessica Bell	FM Architecture
Tyler Magnano	Vivo Architects
Arleen Guyan	C.A. Crowley Engineering
Steven Wagner	DCAMM
Katherine Moran	Vance Stein
Michael Pardek	SMMA
Hannah Hazelton	Rowse Architects
Ashley Rivera	Socotec
Ted Rowse	Rowse Architects
Abe Brahmachari	SMMA
Zack Blais	SMMA
Luigi Marccone	Salem State University
Ashley Rao	LWA Architects
Helena Arnold	AEI Engineers
Sharmila Bail	Shekar Engineering
Kevin Provencher	Habeeb Architects
Monica Hanley	RGB
Caryn Bennett	Caryn Bennett

4. **New Business:**

Time Extension Request

A. DSB List #19-38, Study & Design for MEP & Land/Site Renovations, Repairs & Upgrades at Springfield Technical Community College to IMEG

Debra Avery, Karen Merrill and Peter Smith from Springfield Technical Community College were present to request the time extension to IMEG for the Study & Design for MEP & Land/Site Renovations, Repairs & Upgrades House Doctor project at Springfield Technical Community College.

Motion to approve the time extension of Springfield Technical Community College House Doctor contract for IMEG to a new end date of October 1, 2026, by Devin Hurson, seconded by David Carlson. Motion was approved.

Project Review(s)

B. DSB List #26-07, DSBA-58, Study & Design for General Building Renovations, Repairs and Upgrades at Salem State University, 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, (8 House Doctor Contracts), 45 Applicants

Christine DePalma from Salem State University was present to explain the project and answered questions from the Board.

a. Review

Review of the forty-five (45) applications resulted in determination that two (2) of the applicants had an incomplete application and could not be considered for this project:

- Christopher Williams Architects, LLC (CWA) – The firm did not meet the Massachusetts ownership requirements for applying to a public project through the Designer Selection Board at the time of application. The CEO is not a Massachusetts registered architect, and the Disclosure Statement did not list the Board of Directors or stock ownership information needed to verify ownership.
- Gorman Richardson Lewis Architects (GRLA) – The firm did not include the sub-consultants project experience in the application for C.A. Crowley Engineering, ART Engineering, Engineers Design Group, CDW Consultants and Ground.

Motion to disqualify Christopher Williams Architects, LLC and Gorman Richardson Lewis Architects by Altaf Mulla, seconded by Arthur Choo. Motion was approved.

The following forty-three (43) applications met the project requirements of the Public Notice Advertisement:

ARC/Architectural Resources Cambridge
Ashley McGraw Architects, DPC
Bergmeyer Associates
BWA Architecture, Inc.
Cambridge Seven
Cannon Design
CBT Architects
Civitects, PC
CSS Architects, Inc.
DCVL Design
Derby Square Architects, Inc.
DHK Architects
Dietz & Company Architects, Inc.
DiMella Shaffer Associates, Inc.
DREAM Collaborative
Ellenzweig
Fennick McCredie Architecture
Gensler
Gienapp Architects
Goody Clancy Architecture, LLC
Habeb & Associates Architects
ICON Architecture, Inc.
Jones Architecture, Inc.
Linea 5, Inc.
Liro-Hill Corp.
Matz Collaborative Architects, Inc.

MDS – Miller Dyer Spears
Monica Ponce DeLeon Studio, Inc.
Mount Vernon Group Architects, Inc.
Perkins & Will
Pfeufer Richardson Architects, PC
Socotec AE Consulting LLC
STA Design, Inc.
Studio 26 Design Collaborative, LLC
Taylor & Burns, Inc.
Terva Design Solutions
The S/L/A/M Collaborative, Inc.
Thoughtcraft Architects
TSKP x IKD, LLC
Utile, Inc.
Vance Stein, Inc.
Vivo Architecture, Inc.
West Work

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 eight (8) unranked finalists for the Salem State University House Doctor project:

Cannon Design
DiMella Shaffer Associates, Inc.
Ellenzweig
Fennick McCredie Architecture
Gienapp Architects
Linea 5, Inc.
Matz Collaborative Architects, Inc.
West Work

Motion was made by Lyris Liataud to select the eight (8) unranked finalists listed above for the Salem State University House Doctor project, seconded by Severino Luna. Sam Liao and Altaf Mulla abstained. Motion was approved.

C. DSB List #26-09, F2026A100, Dorchester Armory Renovation, 70 Victory Road, Dorchester, Division of Capital Asset Management & Maintenance (DCAMM) and Massachusetts Army National Guard (MAANG), ECC: \$12,860,000, Fee for Study Phase: \$250,000, Schematic Design & Certifiable Study: To Be Negotiated, Final Design Fee: To Be Negotiated, 8 Applicants

Rob Ricchi and Sarah Felton from DCAMM and Paulo Baganha from MAANG were present to explain the project and answered questions from the Board.

d. Review

The following eight (8) applications met the project requirements of the Public Notice Advertisement:

CSS Architects, Inc.
DHK Architects
Habeb & Associates Architects
ICON Architecture
RGB Architects
Rowse Architects, Inc.
Saam Architecture
SMMA

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) unranked finalists for the Dorchester Armory Renovation project to be interviewed on May 27, 2026:

CSS Architects, Inc.
DHK Architects
Saam Architecture

Motion was made by Severino Luna to select the three (3) unranked finalists listed above to be interviewed for the Dorchester Armory Renovation project, seconded by David Carlson. Motion was approved.

5. Board Business

- Simone Early presented the Governor's Citation along with messages from the members and staff for Mark Boyle on the occasion of his retirement from the Board.
- Mark Boyle resigned as Chair.
- Chair and Vice Chair Election
- Motion to nominate David Carlson to Chair by Sam Liao, seconded by Severino Luna. Motion was approved to elect David Carlson to Chair.
- Motion to nominate Michael Chavez to Vice Chair by David Carlson, seconded by Sam Liao. Motion was approved to elect Michael Chavez to Vice Chair.

6. Motion To Adjourn: The Board adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

A motion to adjourn the meeting of May 13, 2026, by Severino Luna, seconded by Sam Liao. Motion was approved.

7. Next Meeting:

Wednesday, May 27, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. via ZOOM

Submitted by: _____

Claire G. Hester

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Designer Selection Board Coordinator