

**Designer Selection Board (DSB) - Minutes of the 1126<sup>th</sup> Meeting May 27, 2026, Via ZOOM.**

**1. Roll Call:**

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

**Members Present:**

David Carlson, Chair	Registered Architect
Michael Chavez, Vice Chair	Registered Architect
Arthur Choo	Registered Architect
Jim DiMarzio	General Contractor
Katy Lacy	Public Member
Sam Liao	Registered Engineer
Lyris Liautaud	Registered Engineer
Severino Luna	Registered Engineer
Altaf Mulla	Registered Architect
Lindsay Richard	Public Member

**Members Absent:**

Devin Hurson	Registered Engineer
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Present for the DSB staff, Simone A. Early, Executive Director, Claire G. Hester, Program Coordinator III and Roberto Melendez, Program Coordinator II.

The Board welcomed its newest Public Member, Katy Lacy. Katy provided a brief introduction to herself.

**2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:**

A motion to approve the minutes of the 1125<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board on Wednesday May 13, 2026, was made by Sam Liao, seconded by Lyris Liautaud. Lindsay Richard abstained. Motion was approved.

**3. Registered Visitors:**

Rob Ricchi	DCAMM
Paulo Baganha	MAANG
Fernando Domenech	DHK, Inc.
Wayne Gething	DHK, Inc.
Katie Gething	DHK, Inc.
Sarah Mark	DHK, Inc.
Conrad Hertz	DHK, Inc.
Diana Nicklaus	Saam Architecture
Diana Ostberg	Saam Architecture
Morgan Abbate	Saam Architecture
Tom Iskra	Salas O'Brien
Brent Vollenweider	Thornton Tomasetti
Joseph DeMelis	Dharam Consulting
Kaja Martin-Savasta	CSS Architects, Inc.
Chris Clocher	CSS Architects, Inc.
John Tomaz	CSS Architects, Inc.
Balram Chamaria	B+A
Claudia Ponce de Leon	Samiotes
David Walsh	Hammer Walsh
Clive Tysoe	Ellana
Ron Melucci	EPM
Emily Straley	CDW Consultants
Angela Dwyer	FM Architecture
Kyra Coley	RMF
Iris Davis	CSS Architecture
Valeria Gonzalez	F-T
Abdullah Khaliqi	F-T
Amanda Holmen	Saam Architecture
Nancy Banks	B2Q
Caroline Fitzgerald	RMF
Conrad Hertz	RMF
Brenna Sapienza	DCAMM
Jennifer Pollio	B2Q
Gail Rosenberg	DCAMM
Betsy Lawson	CDW Consultants

Cecilia Larson	RMF
Allison Goodwin	Habeeb
Joanna Morlot	Habeeb

**4. New Business:**

**Project Interview**

**A. 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**

Rob Ricchi from DCAMM and Paulo Baganha from MAANG were present during the interview process.

**a. Review**

The following three (3) unranked finalists interviewed for the Dorchester Armory Renovation:

8:40 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.	DHK Architects
9:20 a.m. - 9:55 a.m.	SAAM Architecture
10:00 a.m. - 10:35 a.m.	CSS Architects, 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 three (3) ranked finalists for the Dorchester Armory Renovation project:

Saam Architecture – First Ranked (30 points)  
CSS Architects, Inc. – Second Ranked (20 points)  
DHK Architects – Third Ranked (10 points)

Motion was made by Lyris Liautaud to select the three (3) ranked finalists listed above for the Dorchester Armory Renovation project, seconded by Severino Luna. Motion was approved.

**5. Board Business**

None

**6. Motion To Adjourn: The Board adjourned at 11:01 a.m.**

A motion to adjourn the meeting of May 27, 2026, by Severino Luna, seconded by Jim DiMarzio. Motion was approved.

**7. Next Meeting:**

Wednesday, June 10, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. via ZOOM

Submitted by: *Claire G. Hester*  
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