

Designer Selection Board (DSB) - Minutes of the 1127th Meeting June 10, 2026, Via ZOOM.

1. Roll Call:

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

Members Present:

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| David Carlson, Chair | Registered Architect |
| Michael Chavez, Vice Chair | Registered Architect |
| Arthur Choo | Registered Architect |
| Jim DiMarzio | General Contractor |
| Devin Hurson | Registered Engineer |
| Katherine Lacy | Public Member |
| Sam Liao | Registered Engineer |
| Lyris Liautaud | Registered Engineer |
| Severino Luna | Registered Engineer |
| Altaf Mulla | Registered Architect |

Members Absent:

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| Lindsay Richard | Public Member |
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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.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

A motion to approve the minutes of the 1126th meeting of the Board on Wednesday May 27, 2026, was made by Jim DiMarzio, seconded by Michael Chavez. Devin Hurson abstained. Motion was approved.

3. Registered Visitors:

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| Luciana Burdi | Massport |
| Alexandra Scarfo | Massport |
| Patricia DeAngelis | Massport |
| Christine DePalma | Salem State University |
| Samantha Robinson | B2Q Associates |
| Erica Burns | CES Engineering |
| Ashley Solomon | Dietz Architects |
| Valeria Gonzalez | F-T |
| Caroline Fitzgerald | RMF |
| Julia Chartier | Salas O'Brien |
| Nancy Banks | B2Q Associates |
| Monique Twitty | IMEG |
| Pamela Merrill | RFS Engineering |
| Brenna Sapienza | DCAMM |
| Arleen Guyan | C.A. Crowley Engineering |
| Jennifer Pollio | B2Q Associates |
| Miles McDonald | Salas O'Brien |
| Doug Kumph | Petersen Engineering |
| Ariel Levine | DCAMM |
| Kyra Coley | RMF |
| Jack Haagensen | DCAMM |
| Mike Sears | NV5 |
| Basak Alkan | HDR, Inc. |
| Pete Prifti | Studio Meander |
| Angela Dwyer | FM Architecture |
| Abdullah Khaliqi | F-T |
| Christine Metzler | MPDL Studio |
| Laura Roth | HGA |

4. **New Business:**

Exemption Review

A. Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport)

The Board reviewed the application for the renewal of the two-year exemption of the Massachusetts Port Authority from the jurisdiction of the Designer Selection Board. In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 7C, Provision 46, the Board voted to grant the Massachusetts Port Authority a two-year exemption expiring on July 8, 2028.

Motion to approve the two-year exemption for Massachusetts Port Authority by Jim DiMarzio, seconded by Lyris Liautaud. Motion was approved.

Project Review(s)

B. DSB List #26-08, DSBA-59, Study & Design for Mechanical, Electrical, & Plumbing Renovations, Repairs & Upgrades, Salem State University, ECC: Varies Per Project: Not to exceed authority delegated pursuant to M.G.L. c.7C §5, for an individual project, Maximum Fee Per Contract (based on the scope of work & services authorized, shall not exceed) \$2,000,000 (House Doctor – 8 Contracts), 17 Applications

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

a. Review

Review of the seventeen (17) applications resulted in determination that four (4) of the applicants had an incomplete application and could not be considered for this project:

- Delta Wye Critical Solutions, LLC – The firm did not provide a resume or project experience for Nitsch Engineering.
- DM Engineers PLLC – At the time of application, the firm did not meet the Massachusetts ownership requirements for applying for a public project through the Designer Selection Board. Only one of the two Partners was registered in Massachusetts, which did not constitute a majority.
- Syska & Hennessy – New England, Inc. – At the time of application, the firm did not meet the Massachusetts ownership requirements for applying for a public project through the Designer Selection Board. Only two of the four Directors were registered in Massachusetts, which did not constitute a majority. The firm also failed to meet the requirement that a majority of stock ownership be held by Massachusetts-registered professionals.
- Utile – Utile is an architecture firm with no Massachusetts-registered engineers. The Public Notice advertisement required a mechanical engineer as Prime.

Motion to disqualify Delta Wye Critical Solutions, LLC, DM Engineers PLLC, Syska & Hennessy – New England, Inc. and Utile by Lyris Liautaud, seconded by Sam Liao. With one recusal by Arthur Choo. Motion was approved.

The following thirteen (13) applications met the project requirements of the Public Notice Advertisement:

Affiliated Engineers, Inc.
AI Engineers
B2Q Associates, Inc.
Bard Rao Athanas Consulting Engineers
BLW Engineers
Consulting Engineering Services, LLC
Fitzemeyer & Tocci Associates, Inc.
IMEG
NV5 Planning Design, Inc.
R.W. Sullivan Engineering
Rist-Frost-Shumway Engineering, Inc. (A Salas O'Brien Company)
RMF Engineering, 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

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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:

B2Q Associates, Inc.
Bard Rao Athanas Consulting Engineers
Consulting Engineering Services, LLC
Fitzemeyer & Tocci Associates, Inc.
IMEG
R.W. Sullivan Engineering
Rist-Frost-Shumway Engineering, Inc. (A Salas O'Brien Company)
RMF Engineering, Inc.

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 Devin Hurson. With one recusal by Arhtur Choo. Motion was approved.

5. Board Business

- Public Notice Template Revisions: Workforce Goals in updated Public Notice Template
- Notification of Team Change for Dietz - DSB List #19-37 and #22-08 for Springfield Technical Community College

6. Motion To Adjourn: The Board adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

A motion to adjourn the meeting of June 10, 2026 by Sam Liao, seconded by Michael Chavez. Motion was approved.

7. Next Meeting:

Wednesday, June 24, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. via ZOOM

Submitted by: *Claire G. Hester*
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