

Designer Selection Board (DSB) - Minutes of the 1128th Meeting June 24, 2026, Via ZOOM.

1. **Roll Call:**

The Designer Selection Board Meeting was called to order at 8:32 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
Lyris Liautaud	Registered Engineer
Severino Luna	Registered Engineer
Altaf Mulla	Registered Architect
Lindsay Richard	Public Member

Members Absent:

Devin Hurson	Registered Engineer
Sam Liao	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 1127th meeting of the Board on Wednesday June 10, 2026, was made by Michael Chavez, seconded by Jim DiMarzio. Lindsay Richard abstained. Motion was approved.

3. **Registered Visitors:**

Howard Larosee	MassArt
Jim Kane	MassArt
Susanne Angarano	Ashley McGraw
Jo Oltman	CBT Architects
Laurene Demoy	Studio G Architects
Erica Burns	CES Engineers
Patrice Cormier	Cambridge Seven
Aleja Calderon	Sasaki
Seth Hoffman	Merge Architects
Caroline Fitzgerald	RMF
Hilary Williams	Arup
Thomas Iskra	Salas O'Brien
Derek Goodroe	Ashley McGraw
William Oakes	Galante Architecture
Lauren Bennett	Studio G Architects
Lauren Hickey	FAA
Laura Markiewicz	Perkins Will
Kristina Kashanek	Jones Architecture
Karina Mallaeva	TSKP
Owen Salerno	MDS
Ian Levine	MDS
Sarah Pumphrey	Studio Luz
Valeria Gonzalez	F-T
Maria Loitz	Salas O'Brien
David Rabkin	David Rabkin
Felice Silverman	STA Design
James Carr	James Carr Architects
Amanda Barnard	Habeeb Architects
Ashley Rao	LWA Architects
Jim Moore	HGA
Alexandra Dorn	William Pevear
Diana Cioffari	Matz Collaborative
Douglas Roberts	JCJ
Barbara Hubbard	JCJ
Ashley Solomon	Dietz Architects

Monique Twitty	IMEG
Amanda Holmen	Saam
Pamela Merrill	RFS Engineering
Kari Scullin	Perkins Will
Laura Roth	HGA
Nancy Banks	B2Q Associates
Adrian Goldental	Merge Architects
Brendan Bergantino	Analogue Studio
Darryl Filippi	Bergmeyer
Joanna Morlot	Habeeb Architects
Allison Goodwin	Habeeb Architects
Mark Schatz	Schwartz Silver
Brenna Sapienza	DCAMM
Ned Collier	ICON Architects
Samantha Robinson	B2Q Associates
Kyle Larabee	PRA Architects
Alina F&O	FandD
Joseph Mello	Habeeb Architects
Marc Perras	Marc Perras
Elizabeth Lewis	Habeeb Architects
Michelle Apigian	ICON Architects
Christine Metzler	MPDL Studio
Michael O'Driscoll	Matz Collaborative
Stephanie Beals	TSKP
Rebecca Paladino	Habeeb Architects
Saleema Adel	Saleema Adel
Scott Bancroft	Habeeb Architects
Kevin Provencher	Habeeb Architects
Liza Gabriel	Habeeb Architects
Jennifer Pollio	B2Q Associates
Hansy Better Barraza	Studio Luz
Ami Meachum	IMEG
Robert Perry	MassArt
Elizabeth Whittaker	Merge Architects

4. **New Business:**

Project Review(s)

A. DSB List #26-10, DSBA-60, Study & Design for General Building Renovations, Repairs & Upgrades, Massachusetts College of Art and Design (MassArt), Boston, 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 – 4 Contracts), 44 Applications

Howard Larosee and Jim Kane from Massachusetts College of Art and Design were present to explain the project and answered questions from the Board.

a. Review

The Board Policy for Errors and Omissions is as follows: the Staff will inform the Board of any missing information or incomplete applications. The Board will review these applications at the regular DSB meeting and will then take a vote as to whether to leave the application for consideration or disqualify it. The applicants will not be notified of errors or omissions until after the DSB meeting.

Review of the forty-four (44) applications resulted in determination that four (4) of the applicants had an incomplete application and could not be considered for this project:

- Ebbrell Architecture & Design – Incomplete Application – The firm did not include the project experience for Kalin Associates in the application.
- James Carr Architecture + Design, LLC – Incomplete Application – The firm did not provide three (3) references and/or evaluations submitted for review as required by the Public Notice advertisement.
- Machado & Silvetti Associates, LLC – Incomplete Application – The firm did not provide the project experience for Buro Happold Consulting Engineers, RSE Associates, Inc., Samiotes Consulting, Inc., Ground Inc., Lain Associates, PMC, LLC, Code Red Consultants, Pamela Perini & Thornton Tomasetti, Inc. in the application.

- Perkins & Will – Incomplete Application – The firm did not provide an environmental consultant as requested in the Public Notice advertisement.

Motion to disqualify Ebbrell Architecture & Design, James Carr Architecture + Design, LLC, Machado & Silvetti Associates, LLC and Perkins & Will by Lyriss Liautaud, seconded by Katy Lacy. There were two recusals by Michael Chavez and Altaf Mulla. Motion was approved.

The following forty (40) applications met the project requirements of the Public Notice Advertisement:

Analogue Studio
Ashley McGraw Architects, DPC
Bergmeyer Associates
Cambridge Seven
CBT Architects
Design Lab Architects
DHK Architects
Dietz & Company Architects, Inc.
DREAM Collaborative
Finegold Alexander Architects
Gensler
Habeb & Associates Architects
ICON Architecture
JCJ Architecture, PC
Jones Architecture, Inc.
Kennedy & Violich Architecture
KMW Architecture (Kallmann McKinnell & Wood Architects, Inc.)
Matz Collaborative Architects, Inc.
MDS/Miller Dyer Spears
Merge Architects, Inc.
Monica Ponce DeLeon Studio, Inc.
Moody Nolan
Mount Vernon Group Architects, Inc.
Overunder
Pfeuffer Richardson Architects, PC
SAAM Architecture
Sasaki Architects, PC
Schwartz/Silver Architects
STA Design, Inc.
Studio G Architects
Studio Luz Architects Ltd.
Studio NDP
Taylor & Burns, Inc.
Terva Design Solutions
The Galante Architecture Studio
TSKPxIKD, LLC
Utile, Inc.
Vance Stein, Inc.
West Work
William Pevear 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 four (4) unranked finalists for the Massachusetts College of Art and Design House Doctor project:

Tiebreaker Vote Results: KMW Architecture (Kallmann McKinnell & Wood Architects, Inc.) received 5 points, MDS/Miller Dyer Spears received 5 points, Merge Architects, Inc. received 0 points, Monica Ponce DeLeon Studio, Inc. received 4 points and Utile, Inc. received 4 points. Studio Luz Architects Ltd received 10 points and Finegold Alexander Architects received 8 points in the first vote and were not a part of the tiebreaker vote.

Finegold Alexander Architects
KMW Architecture (Kallmann McKinnell & Wood Architects, Inc.)

MDS/Miller Dyer Spears
Studio Luz Architects Ltd.

Motion was made by Lyris Liautaud to select the four (4) unranked finalists listed above for the Massachusetts College of Art and Design House Doctor project, seconded by Jim DiMarzio. There were two recusals by Michael Chavez and Altaf Mulla. Motion was approved.

B. DSB List #26-11, DSBA-61, Study & Design for Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing & Site Infrastructure Renovations, Repairs & Upgrades, Massachusetts College of Art and Design (MassArt), Boston, 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 – 4 Contracts), 13 Applications

Howard Larosee and Jim Kane from Massachusetts College of Art and Design were present to explain the project and answered questions from the Board.

d. Review

The Board Policy for Errors and Omissions is as follows: the Staff will inform the Board of any missing information or incomplete applications. The Board will review these applications at the regular DSB meeting and will then take a vote as to whether to leave the application for consideration or disqualify it. The applicants will not be notified of errors or omissions until after the DSB meeting.

Review of the thirteen (13) applications resulted in determination that one (1) of the applicants did not meet the requirements of M.G.L. c.7C, §44 and could not be considered for this project:

- 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.

Motion to disqualify Syska & Hennessy – New England, Inc. by Lyris Liautaud, seconded by Jim DiMarzio. Motion was approved.

The following twelve (12) applications met the project requirements of the Public Notice Advertisement:

Arup USA, Inc.
B2Q Associates, Inc.
BLW Engineers, Inc.
C.A. Crowley Engineering, Inc.
Delta Wye Critical Solutions, LLC
DM Engineers, PLLC
Fitzmeyer & Tocci Associates, Inc.
GGD Consulting Engineers, Inc.
GM2 Associates, Inc.
IMEG
Rist-Frost-Shumway Engineering (A Salas O'Brien Company)
VAV International, 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 four (4) unranked finalists for the Massachusetts College of Art and Design House Doctor project:

Arup USA, Inc.
C.A. Crowley Engineering, Inc.
Fitzmeyer & Tocci Associates, Inc.
VAV International, Inc.

Motion was made by Severino Luna to select the four (4) unranked finalists listed above for the Massachusetts College of Art and Design House Doctor project, seconded by Lyris Liautaud. Motion was approved.

5. **Board Business**

None

6. **Motion To Adjourn:** The Board adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

A motion to adjourn the meeting of June 24, 2026 by Severino Luna, seconded by Lyriss Liautaud. Motion was approved.

7. **Next Meeting:**

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

Submitted by:



Claire G. Hester
Designer Selection Board Coordinator