

Designer Selection Board (DSB) - Minutes of the 1130th Meeting July 22, 2026, Via ZOOM.

1. **Roll Call:**

The Designer Selection Board Meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m.

Members Present:

David Carlson, Chair	Registered Architect
Michael Chavez, Vice Chair	Registered Architect
Arthur Choo	Registered Architect
Katy Lacy	Public Member
Severino Luna	Registered Engineer
Altaf Mulla	Registered Architect
Lindsay Richard	Public Member

Members Absent:

Jim DiMarzio	General Contractor
Devin Hurson	Registered Engineer
Sam Liao	Registered Engineer
Lyris Liautaud	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 1129th meeting of the Board on Wednesday July 8, 2026, was made by Katy Lacy, seconded by Michael Chavez. Arthur Choo abstained. Motion was approved.

3. **Registered Visitors:**

Hector Valdes	UMass Lowell
Maria Morrissey	UMass Lowell
Aishwarya Baghe	UMass Lowell
Sarah Felton	DCAMM
Allen Metcalfe	DCAMM
Kevin Lee	Moody Nolan
Angela Dwyer	FM Architecture
Andre Vega	Moody Nolan
Sara Boyer	Moody Nolan
Jen Perry	Stantec
Adrienne Couasnon	Moody Nolan
Brenna Blye	Studio 26 Associates
Ian Levine	MDS
Amanda Barnard	Habeeb
Martin Lu	HDR
Anne Whitsel	HDR
Jeremy Dearborn	HDR
Olivia Pawlik	JCJ
Amy Winter	DCAMM
Caryn Bennett	STA Design
Amy Webb	CannonDesign
Erica Burns	CES Engineers
Michael O'Driscoll	Matz Collaborative
Tami Hayes	Moody Nolan
Kristina Kashanek	Jones Architects
Owen Salerno	MDS
Kelsey Holmes	MDS
Eleanor Fucetola	MDS
Megan Harton	DiMella Shaffer
Jenn Robertson	Sasaki
Sophie Nahrman	Studio Luz
Rafia Rehman	Perry Dean
Lara Neubauer	Dream Collaborative
Felice Silverman	STA Design
Joel Pettigrew	ARC USA

Jennifer Wells	DiMella Shaffer
Ashley Rao	LWA Architects
Lauren Martin	SMMA
Diana Cioffari	Matz Collaborative
Alex Rabe	Zero Energy
Sidney Marcey	Sasaki
Delaney Facchetti	Stantec
Joseph Mello	Habeeb
Kaitlin McCarthy	Build Ionic
Miles McDonald	Salas O'Brien
Joanna Morlot	Habeeb
Alina Comorschi	F&O
Monique Twitty	IMEG
Barbara Hubbard	JCJ
Caroline Fitzgerald	RMF
Sally Ferrell	ICON
Jennifer Shiminsky	Bergmeyer
Brenna Sapienza	DCAMM
Douglas Roberts	JCJ
Darryl Filippi	Bergmeyer
Steven Wychorski	Matz Collaborative
Saleema Adel	Saleema Adel
Allison Goodwin	Habeeb
Jason Forney	Bruner Cott
Dianne Sinz	Stantec
Pete Prifti	Bergmeyer
Alison Pascucci	HDR
Justin Trudell	Bar Stool Sports
Aleja Calderon	Sasaki
Mark Schatz	Schwartz Silver
Ned Collier	ICON
Kimberly Smith	GA, Inc.
Nancy Banks	B2Q
Jessica Bell	FM Architecture
Dave Kadish	Stantec
Joshua Ssebuwufu	Studio Luz

4. **New Business:**

Project Review(s)

A. DSB List #26-14, DSBA-64, Study & Design for General Building Renovations, Repairs & Upgrades, UMass Lowell, 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 – 5 Contracts), 38 Applications

Hector Valdes, Maria Morrissey and Aishwarya Baghe, from University of Massachusetts Lowell 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 thirty-eight (38) applications resulted in determination that three (3) of the applicants had an incomplete application and could not be considered for this project:

- Arrowstreet – Incomplete Application – The firm did not include resumes for Dave Gorden, Peer Consultants and Mark Kalin, Kalin Associates as requested in the Public Notice advertisement.
- Ebbrell Architecture & Design – Incomplete Application – The firm did not provide three (3) references and/or evaluations submitted for review as required by the Public Notice advertisement.
- West Work – Incomplete Application – The firm did not include the project experience for Devil Dog Fire Protection as requested in the Public Notice advertisement.

Motion to disqualify Arrowstreet, Ebbrell Architecture & Design and West Work for the University of Massachusetts Lowell House Doctor project by Michael Chavez, seconded by Arthur Choo. Motion was approved.

The following thirty-five (35) applications met the project requirements of the Public Notice advertisement:

Ashley McGraw Architects, DPC
Bergmeyer Associates
Cambridge Seven
CannonDesign
CBT Architects
Civitects
Derby Square Architects, Inc.
DesignLab Architects
DHK Architects
DiMella Shaffer Associates, Inc.
Dream Collaborative
Fennick McCredie Architecture
Habeeb & Associates Architects
HDR Architecture, PC
JCJ Architecture, PC
Johnson Roberts Associates
Jones Architecture, Inc.
Lavallee Brensinger Architects
Matz Collaborative Architects, Inc.
Merge Architects, Inc.
Moody Nolan
Mount Vernon Group Architects, Inc.
Oudens Ello Architecture
Overunder
Perry Dean Rogers Partners & Architects
Schwartz/Silver Architects
STA Design, Inc.
Stantec Architecture & Engineering, PC
Studio 26 Design Collaborative, LLC
Studio Luz Architects Ltd.
The S/L/A/M Collaborative, Inc.
Thoughtcraft Architects
Vance Stein, Inc.
William Pevear Architects, Inc.
Zero Energy Design

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 University of Massachusetts Lowell House Doctor project:

Bergmeyer Associates, DPC
CannonDesign
DiMella Shaffer Associates, Inc.
Dream Collaborative
Fennick McCredie Architecture

Motion was made by Severino Luna to select the five (5) unranked finalists listed above for the University of Massachusetts Lowell House Doctor project, seconded by Arthur Choo. With one abstention by Altaf Mulla. Motion was approved.

B. DSB List #26-17, MMA2601, MMA Clean Harbors Athletic Center Renovation and Addition, Massachusetts Maritime Academy, Bourne, (DCAMM), ECC: \$19,500,000, Fee for Draft Study: \$400,000, Fee for Schematic Design & Certifiable Study: To Be Negotiated, Fee for Final Design: To Be Negotiated, 14 Applications

Sarah Felton from DCAMM and Allen Metcalfe from Massachusetts Maritime Academy were present to explain the project and answered questions from the Board.

Review

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

ARC/Architectural Resources Cambridge
DesignLab Architects
DiMella Shaffer Associates, Inc.
Fennick McCredie Architecture
ICON Architecture
Kaestle Boos Associates, Inc.
Leers Weinzapfel Associates
Linea 5, Inc.
MDS/Miller Dyer Spears
Sasaki Architects, P.C.
SMMA
Stantec Architecture & Engineering, P.C.
The Galante Architecture Studio
Vance Stein, Inc.

d. Public Comments

None

e. 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 Massachusetts Maritime Academy project, to be interviewed on August 5, 2026:

ICON Architecture
Leers Weinzapfel Associates
Sasaki Architects, P.C.

Motion was made by Severino Luna to select the three (3) unranked finalists listed above to be interviewed for the Massachusetts Maritime Academy project, seconded by Lindsay Richard. Motion was approved.

5. Board Business

- Simone notified the Board that Severino Luna's last meeting is on August 5, 2026.
- Notification of Team Change for Smith Group, DHE-Systemwide Demographics & Enrollment Assessment - Advertised As: DSB List #24-14, DSBHD-4, Statewide Master Planning Services – No Action by the Board Required

6. Motion To Adjourn: The Board adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

A motion to adjourn the meeting of July 22, 2026 by Michael Chavez, seconded by Severino Luna. Motion was approved.

7. Next Meeting:

Wednesday, August 5, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. via ZOOM

Submitted by:



Claire G. Hester
Designer Selection Board Coordinator