

Designer Selection Board (DSB) - Minutes of the 1132nd Meeting August 19, 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
Jim DiMarzio	General Contractor
Katy Lacy	Public Member
Lyris Liautaud	Registered Engineer
Altaf Mulla	Registered Architect
Lindsay Richard	Public Member
Michael Richard	Registered Engineer

Members Absent:

Arthur Choo	Registered Architect
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 1131st meeting of the Board on Wednesday August 5, 2026, was made by Michael Chavez, seconded by Jim DiMarzio. Katy Lacy, Lindsay Richard and Michael Richard abstained. Motion was approved.

3. Registered Visitors:

Scott Campbell	DCR
Dan Clark	DCR
Jeffrey Gagner	DCR
John Audi	UMCMS
Brian Duffy	UMCMS
Brian Pasquale	UMCMS
Sunil Jagannath	Argosy Collegiate Charter School
Callie Pope	Argosy Collegiate Charter School
Kaitlin McCarthy	OPM/Build Ionic/Argosy Collegiate Charter School
Angela Dwyer	FM Architecture
Christine Verbitzki	FM Architecture
Samantha Robinson	B2Q
Matthew Tremblay	WSP
Caroline Fitzgerald	RMF
Amanda Holmen	SAAM
Daniel Hurley	WSP
Kristina Kashanek	Jones Architecture
Katie Kernizan	SAAM
Emily Fortin	AEI Engineering
Owen Salerno	MDS
Kari Scullin	Perkins & Will
Lauren Hickey	FAA Inc.
Jeffrey Keilman	Perkins & Will
Britt Bursell	Tighe & Bond
Claire Pawlecki	SAAM
Michelle O'Leary	UMCMS
David MacNeil	UMCMS
Patrick Beaudry	Doc/Build
Stephen Palumbo	SmithGroup
Ron Maniscalco	UMCMS
Jeremy Dearborn	HDR Inc.
Anne Whitsel	HDR Inc.
JR Johnson-Roehr	Kalin Associates
Erica Burns	CES Engineering
Susanne Angarano	Ashley McGraw

Felice Silverman	STA Design
Janelli Mourtada	SmithGroup
Valeria Gonzalez	F-T
Alex Rithiphong	Studio Meander
Amanda Barnard	Habeeb
Monique Twitty	IMEG
Lauren Gauthier	HDR Inc.
Smanatha O'Neil	SmithGroup
Doreen Bennett	RGB
Alina Comorschi	F&D
Brigid Wallace	RGB
Nadia Zimo	Isgenuity
Julia Chartier	Salas O'Brien
Kenna Therrien	Gienapp Architects
Lisa Hennessey	Copley-Wolff
Morgan Devlin	LLB Architects
Jay Toutant	CannonDesign
Brenna Sapienza	DCAMM
Alexandra Dorn	William Pevear
Caryn Bennett	STA Design
Steven Wychorski	Matz Collaborative
Miles McDonald	Salas O'Brien
Arleen Guyan	C.A. Crowley
Allison Goodwin	Habeeb
Jennifer Pollio	Jennifer Pollio
Marc Perras	Marc Perras
William Pevear	William Pevear
Joanna Morlot	Habeeb
Jessica Kandel	Thornton Tomasetti
Jeremy Careau	UMCMS
Mike Sears	NV5
Alexander Silva	DBVW
Diana Nicklus	SAAM
Briana Pinheiro	Build Ionic
Derek Goodroe	Ashley McGraw
Jennifer Schuler	UMCMS
Dipalee Suslad	UMCMS

4. New Business:

Extension Request Review

A. **DSB List #18-10, Quabbin Administration Building, Construction Support Services, Roof Reconstruction, Amendment 2**

Scott Campbell, Dan Clark, and Jeffrey Gagner from the Department of Conservation and Recreation were present to explain the HKT Architects service extension for the Quabbin Administration Building project.

The Board reviewed and approved the extension of fee to HKT Architects for DSB List #18-10, Quabbin Administration Building, Construction Support Services, Roof Reconstruction, Amendment Two project.

Motion was made by Jim DiMarzio to approve the extension to HKT Architects for Quabbin Administration Building, Construction Support Services, Roof Reconstruction, Amendment Two project, seconded by Lindsay Richard. Motion was approved.

Project Review(s)

B. **DSB List #26-15, DSBA-65, Study & Design for General Renovations, Repairs & Upgrades, UMass Chan Medical School (UMCMS), Worcester, ECC: Varies Per Project: Not to exceed 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) \$4,000,000 (House Doctor – 5 Contracts), 18 Applications**

John Audi, Brian Duffy and Brian Pasquale from University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School were present to explain the project and answered questions from the Board.

a. Review

The following eighteen (18) applications met the project requirements of the Public Notice advertisement:

ARC/Architectural Resources Cambridge
Ashley McGraw Architects, DPC
Ebbrell Architecture & Design
Fennick McCredie Architecture
Gensler
HDR Architecture, P.C.
Isgenuity, LLC
Jones Architecture, P.C.
Linea 5, Inc.
LLB Architects
Matz Collaborative Architects, Inc.
MDS/Miller Dyer Spears
Perkins & Will
RGB Architects
SmithGroup
Terva Design Solutions
The S/L/A/M Collaborative, Inc.
William Pevear Architects, Inc.

b. Public Comments

None

c. Project Voting and Ranking

The Board undertook a vote resulting in 3 tie breaker votes between ARC/Architectural Resources Cambridge and SmithGroup.

During the first vote, ARC/Architectural Resources Cambridge and SmithGroup each received 11 points. The Board conducted a tie-breaker vote, using a one-point system for board members to select preferred firm. Each firm received 4 points.

After discussion, a second tie-breaker vote was conducted, using a ranked voting of 2 points for the highest, and 1 point for the lowest, resulting in 12 points each.

After further discussion, a final tie-breaker vote was conducted, using a ranked voting of 2 points for the highest, and 1 point for the lowest.

The final tie breaker votes were 14 points for ARC/Architectural Resources Cambridge and 10 points for SmithGroup.

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 Chan Medical School House Doctor project:

ARC/Architectural Resources Cambridge
Fennick McCredie Architecture
Jones Architecture, P.C.
MDS/Miller Dyer Spears
Perkins & Will

Motion was made by Michael Chavez to select the five (5) unranked finalists listed above for the University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School House Doctor project, seconded by Lyris Liautaud. Motion was approved.

C. DSB List #26-16, DSBA-66, Study & Design for Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing and Site Infrastructure Renovations, Repairs & Upgrades, UMass Chan Medical School (UMCMS), Worcester, ECC: Varies Per Project: Not to exceed 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) \$4,000,000 (House Doctor – 5 Contracts), 13 Applications

John Audi, Brian Duffy and Brian Pasquale from University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School 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 four (4) of the applicants had an incomplete application and could not be considered for this project:

- Bard, Rao + Athanas Consulting Engineers – Incomplete application – The firm lists Peter Reilly as a process engineer, but his resume does not identify that role. In addition, Section 5 indicates that he would oversee process engineering work performed by Hallam-ICS; however, Hallam-ICS is listed only as a potential subconsultant, not as a committed subconsultant as required.
- Buro Happold Consulting Engineers, PC – Incomplete application - The firm did not submit a Massachusetts registered electrical engineer as required by the Public Notice Advertisement.
- IMEG - Incomplete application - The firm did not submit project experience for JS Consulting Engineers, LLC.
- Tighe & Bond Designer Services - Incomplete application - The firm did not include a specification consultant as required by the Public Notice Advertisement.

Motion to disqualify Bard, Rao + Athanas Consulting Engineers, Buro Happold Consulting Engineers, PC, IMEG, and Tighe & Bond Designer Services University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School House Doctor project by Jim DiMarzio, seconded by Lyris Liautaud. Motion was approved.

The following nine (9) applications met the project requirements of the Public Notice advertisement:

Affiliated Engineers, Inc.
CannonDesign
DM Engineers, PLLC
Fitzmeyer & Tocci Associates, Inc.
NV5 Planning & Design, Inc.
R.W. Sullivan Engineering
Rist-Frost-Shumway Engineering, Inc. (A Salas O'Brien Company)
RMF Engineering, Inc.
WSP USA

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 five (5) unranked finalists for the University of Chan Medical School House Doctor project:

There was a tie between Affiliated Engineers, Inc., R.W. Sullivan Engineering and Rist-Frost-Shumway (A Salas O'Brien Company). The Board conducted a tie-breaker vote, and the final votes were 19 points for R.W. Sullivan Engineering, 15 points for Affiliated Engineers, Inc. and 14 points for Rist-Frost-Shumway (A Salas O'Brien Company).

CannonDesign
NV5 Planning & Design, Inc.
R.W. Sullivan Engineering
RMF Engineering, Inc.
WSP USA

Motion was made by Lyris Liautaud to select the five (5) unranked finalists listed above for the University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School House Doctor project, seconded by Michael Chavez. Motion was approved.

D. DSB List #26-18, ACCS-001, Argosy Collegiate Charter Middle School Gym and Second Floor Renovations, Fall River, ECC: \$3,000,000, Schematic Design Fee: \$75,000, Final Design Fee: To Be Negotiated, 8 Applications

Sunil Jagannath and Callie Pope from Argosy Collegiate Charter School and Kaitlin McCarthy, OPM from Build Ionic were present to explain the project and answered questions from the Board.

g. Review

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

Ashley McGraw Architects, DPC
Brewster Thornton Group Architects, LLP
DBVW Architects
Johnson Roberts Associates
Meander Studio, Inc.
SAAM Architecture
STA Design, Inc.
Vance Stein, Inc.

h. Public Comments

None

i. 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 Argosy Collegiate Charter School project, to be interviewed on September 2, 2026:

Johnson Roberts Associates
SAAM Architecture
STA Design, Inc.

Motion was made by Lindsay Richard to select the three (3) unranked finalists listed above to be interviewed for the Argosy Collegiate Charter School project, seconded by Lyriss Liautaud. Motion was approved.

5. Board Business

Michael Richard, the Board's new Engineer Member, introduced himself to the Board and briefly shared his background and experience.

6. Motion To Adjourn: The Board adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

A motion to adjourn the meeting of August 19, 2026, by Jim DiMarzio, seconded by Lyriss Liautaud. Motion was approved.

7. Next Meeting:

Wednesday, September 2, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. via ZOOM

Submitted by:



Claire G. Hester
Designer Selection Board Coordinator