Designer Selection Board (DSB) - Minutes of the 1134th Meeting September 16, 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
Devin Hurson	Registered Engineer
Lyris Liautaud	Registered Engineer
Altaf Mulla	Registered Architect
Lindsay Richard	Public Member
Michael Richard	Registered Engineer

Members Absent:

Katy Lacy	Public Member
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 1133rd meeting of the Board on Wednesday September 2, 2026, was made by Jim DiMarzio, seconded by Lyris Liautaud. Motion was approved.

3. **Registered Visitors:**

Don Siriani	State Ethics Commission
Dwayne Veale	Boston Renaissance Charter Public School
Joe Naughton	Terva/Boston Renaissance Charter Public School
Jason Dion	Berkshire Community College
Dave Moran	Berkshire Community College
Dennis D'Angelo	DCAMM
Thom Barry	Kuhn Riddle Architects
Aaron Udy	FM Architecture
Katie Ferrier	FM Architecture
William Norcross	MCLA
John Landry	MVG Architects
Stephanie Horowitz	Zero Energy
William Oakes	Galante Architecture
Donald Walter	Dore and Whittier
Howard Gerber	DCAMM
Edward Ransom	DCAMM
Debra Avery	Springfield Technical Community College
Heather Backman	Board of Library Commissioners
Keith Mercy	HDR
Anne Brockelman	Perry Dean
Irene Kang	DCAMM
Daniel Campbell	Level Design Group
Jerry Wang	ThermoLync LLC
Khalil Pirani	DCAMM
Dave LaPointe	Beals and Thomas
Ray Falke	Richard Alvord Architects
Brian Laroche	PCA360
Robert Carasitti	BFA Code
Gui deAzevedo	City of Boston
Maureen Amyot	Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners
Kris Howard	DDS
Cindy Grove	Rockport Public Library
Andrew Bengtson	EOHLC
Luciana Burdi	Massport
Eleanor Antonietti	Nantucket Island Land Bank

Karl Brown	MSBA
Mike Carroll	Colliers Project Leaders
Juliet Borja	EOHLC
Marc Perras	Jones Architecture, Inc.
Douglas Roberts	JCJ Architecture
Ludmilla Pavlova-Gillham	UMass Amherst
Chris Carmichael	City of Taunton
Kevin Burns	DOC
Gerhard Mullican	Tappe Architects
Katherine Klepacki	Kuhn Riddle Architects & Designers
Chris Sharkey	Tappe Architects
Robin Greenberg	Perkins Eastman
Lisa Pecora	Perkins Eastman
Corey Inacio	Taunton Housing Authority
Gina Billings	Jones Architecture, Inc.
Robert Delagrange	Hoffmann Architects + Engineers
Kim Richards	Allied Consulting Engineering Services
Christina Marsh	Johnson Roberts Associates
Julie Leduc	AECOM
Jennifer Pelletier	Nault Architects, Inc.
Ron Witte	WW Architecture
Amanda Barnard	Habeeb
Nicole Owens	Amenta Emma Architects
Yugon Kim	TSKPxikd
JR Johnson-Roehr	Kalin Associates
Tracy Marquis	Marquis Architecture
Richard Andelman	B2Q
Bayan Alibekova	Terva Corp.
Tracey O'Connor	SMMA
Conor Hartnett	MSBA
Valeria Gonzalez	Fitzemeyer & Tocci
Alexander Silva	DBVW Architects
Haley Chaykowski-Jewett	Engineering Design Management
Derek Goodroe	Ashley McGraw Architects
Susanne Angarano	Ashley McGraw Architects
Monique Twitty	IMEG
Diana Cioffari	Matz Collaborative Architects
Ashley Solomon	Dietz & Company Architects
Jennifer Shiminsky	Bergmeyer
Brenna Sapienza	DCAMM
Miles McDonald	Salas O'Brien
Krista Manna	KR Architecture & Interiors
Alina Comorschi	Fuss & O'Neill
Allison Goodwin	Habeeb
Stephanie Beals	TSKP Studio
Tyler Magnano	Vivo Architecture
Daniel Figueredo	Vivo Architecture
Rebecca Palandino	Habeeb
Joseph Mello	Habeeb
Mike Sears	NV5
Jacob Bek	Clark Green & Bek
Matthew O'Brien	Vivo Architecture
Kevin Riordon	Dietz & Company Architects
Amy Winter	DCAMM
Joanna Morlot	Habeeb
Avalon McLaren	EOHLC
Kathryn Duff	Studio2 Sustain, Inc.
Sally Ferrell	ICON
Nick Brooks	JCJ Architecture
Brian Valentine	LLB Architects
Douglas Faria	Edvance Technology Design, Inc.-
Jonathan Levi	Jonathan Levi Architects
Laurene Demoy	Studio G Architects
Jessica Randolph	LiRo Hill Corp.
Betsy Isenstein	DCAMM

Paul Queeney	RINA North America
Orlando Pacheco	Town of Georgetown
Ashley Sturges	City of Holyoke
Chad Reilly	CHA Consulting, Inc.
Ryan Farias	SMMA
Michael Camoscio	STV
Scott Calisti	DCAMM
Jeremy Flansburg	City of Worcester
Jenny Benedict	Sawyer Free Library
Brian Wyncoop	Town of Winchester
Stephanie Salsman	Bruner/Cott Architects
Wayne Gething	DHK Architects
Ellen Whittemore	DCAMM
Andrea Ristine	Town of Acton
Peter Ostroskey	DFS
Andrew Lapp	MIL
Susanne Cunningham	City of Boston
Michelle Dugliss	HDR
Alya Staber	Jones Architecture
Silvia Colpani	Jones Architecture
Dawn Guarriello	Perkins Eastman
Michael Proscia	Jones Architecture
Jack Nagle	Arlington Housing Authority
Natalie Eringros	Johnson Roberts Associates, Inc.
Doug Quirke	Perskins Eastman Architects
Vamshidhar Thakkallapalli	Terva Corp.
Jeromy Richardson	Engineering Design Management

4. <u>New Business</u>:

Presentation

A. Massachusetts Conflict of Interest Law for the Designer Selection Board and other Selection Committees, Designers, and Public Agencies working with Design Consultants, Don Siriani, State Ethics Commission: Join us for a practical overview of Massachusetts Conflict of Interest law and its real-world application in public design work. The presentation will focus on issues relevant to board members, design consultants working with or on behalf of public agencies, and agency staff presenting to the Board or managing consultant relationships. Topics will include common conflict scenarios, disclosure obligations, participation limits, consultant roles, and best practices for maintaining public trust and compliance. **The presentation has been approved by the OIG as 1 MCPPO credit for renewal of MCPPO certification. Upload a copy of these meeting minutes showing your attendance for credit when renewing MCPPO certification.**

Project Review(s)

B. DSB List #26-19, 2026-03, Boston Renaissance Charter Public School, HVAC Upgrades, BRCPS, Hyde Park, ECC: $1,875,000, Study/Review Update Fee: $35,000, Schematic Design/Design Development Fee: $75,000, Final Design Fee: To Be Negotiated – Maximum of $115,000, 6 Applicants

Dwayne Veale, from Boston Renaissance Charter Public School and Joe Naughton from Terva were present to explain the project and answered questions from the Board.

a. Review

The following six (6) applications met the project requirements of the Public Notice advertisement:

BLW Engineers, Inc.
DM Engineers, PLLC
Fitzemeyer & Tocci Associates, Inc.
IMEG
NV5 Planning & Design, Inc.
SMMA

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 Boston Renaissance Charter Public School:

Fitzemeyer & Tocci Associates, Inc. (Ranked 1 with 18 points)
IMEG (Ranked 2 with 9 points)
NV5 Planning & Design, Inc. (Ranked 3 with 8 points, after the tiebreaker with 15 points)

A tiebreaker was held between NV5 Planning & Design, Inc. and SMMA, each with 8 points. After the tiebreaker NV5 Planning & Design, Inc. with 15 points and SMMA with 12 points.

Motion was made by Michael Chavez to select the three (3) ranked finalists listed above for the Boston Renaissance Charter Public School project, seconded by Arthur Choo. Motion was approved.

C. DSB List #26-22, DSBA-69, Study & Design for General Building Renovations, Repairs and Upgrades, Berkshire Community College, Pittsfield, 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 the work and services authorized, shall not exceed) $2,000,000, 18 Applicants

Jason Dion and Dave Moran from Berkshire Community College 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 eighteen (18) applications resulted in determination that one (1) of the applicants had an incomplete application and could not be considered for this project:

- Clark Green and Bek, Inc. - Incomplete Application – The firm did not provide a mechanical engineer, a fire protection engineer and an electrical engineer as requested in the Public Notice advertisement.

Motion to disqualify Clark Green and Bek, Inc. for the Berkshire Community College House Doctor project by Jim DiMarzio, seconded by Devin Hurson. Motion was approved.

The following seventeen (17) applications met the project requirements of the Public Notice advertisement:

Amenta Emma Architects
Ashley McGraw Architects, DPC
DBVW Architects
DHK Architects
Dietz & Company Architects, Inc.
EDM Studio, Inc.
Fish Design & Architecture, LLC
Habeeb & Associates Architects
Hoffmann Architects, Inc.
Kuhn Riddle Architects
Linea 5, Inc.
Matz Collaborative Architects, Inc.
Nault Architects, Inc.
Saam Architecture
TSKPxIKD, LLC
Vivo Architecture, Inc.
WW Architecture, LLC

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 Berkshire Community College House Doctor project:

Amenta Emma Architects
Dietz & Company Architects, Inc.
Habeeb & Associates Architects
Kuhn Riddle Architects
Nault Architects, Inc.

Motion was made by Lyris Liautaud to select the five (5) unranked finalists listed above for the Berkshire Community College House Doctor project, seconded by Jim DiMarzio. There was one recusal by Michael Richard. Motion was approved.

5. Board Business

None

6. Motion To Adjourn: The Board adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

A motion to adjourn the meeting of September 16, 2026, by Lyris Liautaud, seconded by Michael Chavez. Motion was approved.

7. Next Meeting:

Wednesday, October 7, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. via ZOOM

Submitted by: Claire G. Hester

Claire G. Hester
Designer Selection Board Coordinator