

**DESIGNER SELECTION BOARD**  
**MINUTES OF THE 1095<sup>th</sup> MEETING, WEDNESDAY JANUARY 15, 2025, VIA ZOOM.**

**1. ROLL CALL:**

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mark Boyle, Chair	Public Member
David Carlson, V-Chair	Registered Architect
Michael Chavez	Registered Architect
Arthur Choo	Registered Architect
Khalil Mogassabi	Registered Architect
Devin Hurson	Registered Engineer
Sam Liao	Registered Engineer
Lyris Liautaud	Registered Engineer
Severino Luna	Registered Engineer
David Capaldo	General Contractor

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Vacant Public Member

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 1094<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board on December 18, 2024, was made by David Carlson, seconded by Severino Luna. Motion was approved.

**3. VISITORS:**

Carl Erickson	UMass Boston
Shaun Curry	UMass Boston
Mike Kearns	UMass Boston
Jennifer Phat	Suffolk County Sheriff's Department
Jay Toutant	Cannon Design
Matthew Tremblay	WSP
Chrystian Ogakwu	Klopfer Martin
Kyra Coley	RMF
Marissa Desmond	SCB
Kristen Gorman	SCB
Valeria Gonzalez	F-T
Emily Roberts	ARUP
James Nadeau	ARUP
Malvin Wibowo	Studio Enee
Renee Laplante	SMRT
Aarathi Nirmalan	Cannon Design
Jacque Hughes	BER Engineering
David Knight	BER Engineering
Nancy Banks	B2Q Associates
Evan Plante	BER Engineering
Thomas Collins	Ellenzweig
Kristina Kashanek	Jones Architecture
Paula Alberetazzi	BR+A
Tiffany Yu	DCAMM
Tommy Sinclair	HDR
Abdullah Khaliqi	F-T
Pamela Merrill	RFS Engineering
Ellen Thompson	Isgenuity
Miles McDonald	Salas O'Brien
Mike Sears	NV5
Michele Davis	DCAMM
Samantha Robinson	B2Q Associates
Ai Kurokawa	Isgenuity
Brenna Sapienza	DCAMM
Julia Chartier	RFS Engineering
Theodora Dimov	Amenta Emma
Monique Twitty	IMEG
Lara Neubauer	DREAM Collaborative
Rebecca Maloney	RFS Engineering
Rob Cunningham	Hill-Liro Corp.

4. **NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. DSB List #24-22, DSBA-28, Study & Design of Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing & Fire Protection Upgrades & Repairs at UMass 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 Project (based on the scope of the work and services authorized, shall not exceed) \$2,000,000, House Doctor, 17 Applicants**

Representing UMass Boston were Shaun Curry, Carl Erickson and Mike Kearns. They were present to explain the project and answer questions from the Board.

Review of the seventeen (17) applications resulted in determination that two of the applicants had failed to meet the following requirements and could not be considered for this project:

- DM Engineers, PLLC did not meet the Massachusetts ownership requirements. Motion to disqualify DM Engineers, PLLC by David Capaldo, seconded by Severino Luna. Motion was approved.
- WSP, USA did not meet the Massachusetts ownership requirements. Motion to disqualify WSP, USA by David Capaldo, seconded by Severino Luna. Motion was approved.

The following fifteen (15) applications met the project requirements in the advertisement:

Affiliated Engineers, Inc.  
ARUP USA, Inc.  
B2Q Associates, Inc.  
BR+A (Bard, Rao + Athanas Consulting Engineers)  
Building Engineering Resources, Inc.  
BVH Integrated Services, Inc. (a Salas O'Brien Company)  
Cannon Design  
Fitzmeyer & Tocci Associates, Inc.  
Fuss & O'Neill, Inc.  
IMEG  
NV5 Planning & Design, Inc.  
R.W. Sullivan Engineering  
Rist-Frost-Shumway Engineering, PC  
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 General Laws, Chapter 7C, Section 49 the Board voted to select the following four (4) unranked finalists for the Study & Design of Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing & Fire Protection Upgrades & Repairs at UMass Boston House Doctor project:

B2Q Associates, Inc.  
BR+A (Bard, Rao + Athanas Consulting Engineers)  
NV5 Planning & Design, Inc.  
Rist-Frost-Shumway Engineering, PC

There was a tie breaker for IMEG, NV5 Planning & Design, Inc. and Rist-Frost-Shumway.

Motion was made by Severino Luna to select the four (4) unranked finalists listed above for the Study & Design of Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing & Fire Protection Upgrades & Repairs at UMass Boston House Doctor project, seconded by David Capaldo. Arthur Choo and Sam Liao recused themselves. Motion was approved.

The immediate services authorized are a draft study, certifiable building study, schematic plans and outline specifications, design development plans and specifications, construction plans and specifications and administration and construction contract.

- D. DSB List #24-23, DSBA-29, Study & Design for General Building Renovations, Repairs and Upgrades, Suffolk County Sheriff's Department, 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 Project (based on the scope of the work and services authorized, shall not exceed) \$1,000,000, House Doctor, 4 Applicants**

Jennifer Phat from Suffolk County Sheriff's Department was present to explain the project and answer questions from the Board.

The following four (4) applications met the project requirements in the advertisement:

D21 Architects, LLC  
HDR Architecture, PC  
Hill-Liro Corporation  
SMRT Architects & Engineers

**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 Study & Design for General Building Renovations, Repairs and Upgrades, Suffolk County Sheriff's Department, Boston House Doctor project:

D21 Architects, LLC  
HDR Architecture, PC  
Hill-Liro Corporation  
SMRT Architects & Engineers

Motion was made by David Capaldo to select the four (4) unranked finalists listed above for the Study & Design for General Building Renovations, Repairs and Upgrades, Suffolk County Sheriff's Department, Boston House Doctor project, seconded by David Carlson. Motion was approved.

The immediate services authorized are a draft study, certifiable building study, schematic plans and outline specifications, design development plans and specifications, construction plans and specifications and administration and construction contract.

**G. Board Business**

The Board welcomed the new engineer member, Lyris Liautaud.

**5. MOTION TO ADJOURN: The Board adjourned at 10:34 a.m.**

A motion to adjourn the meeting of January 15, 2025, by David Carlson, seconded by Severino Luna. Motion was approved.

**6. NEXT MEETING:**

**WEDNESDAY, January 29, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. via ZOOM**

Submitted by:

*Claire H. Hester*

Designer Selection Board Coordinator