

DESIGNER SELECTION BOARD

MINUTES OF THE 983rd MEETING, WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 20, 2019 AT 8:30 A.M., 21ST FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM ONE, MCCORMACK BUILDING, ONE ASHBURTON PLACE, BOSTON, MA 02108.

1. ROLL CALL:

The Designer Selection Board Meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Charles Redmon, FAIA, Chairman	Registered Architect
Rebecca Sherer, P.E., Vice-Chairwoman	Registered Engineer
Alan Ricks, AIA	Registered Architect
Martha Blakey Smith, AIA	Registered Architect
Jessica Tsymbal, AIA, LEED AP	Registered Architect
Gregory E. Brown, P.E.	Registered Engineer
Daniel M. Carson, P.E.	Registered Engineer
David A. Chappell, P.E.	Registered Engineer
Virginia Greiman	Public Member
Janice M. Bergeron	Public Member

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Kenneth Wexler General Contractor

Present for the DSB staff, Bill Perkins, Executive Director, Claire G. Hester, Program Coordinator III and Roberto Melendez, Program Coordinator I.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the 982nd November 6, 2019 meeting were approved.

On a motion to approve the minutes of the 982nd November 6, 2019 meeting by Martha Blakey Smith, seconded by Gregory Brown. Motion was approved unanimously.

3. VISITORS:

Jennifer Belanger	Bayside Engineering
Bill Capone	Bayside Engineering
Edmond Libsch	MassDOT
Chris Nordberg	STV
Ben Lassel	STV
Emma Rocha	CBI Consulting
Tricia Young	TLE Consulting Group

4. NEW BUSINESS:

A. DSB List #19-33, MDOT2019-HWY, Study & Design for General Architectural Renovations, Repairs and Upgrades, MassDOT, Statewide, Fee: \$500,000 (House Doctor), 8 Applicants

Edmond Libsch from MassDOT was present to explain the project and to answer the Board's questions. In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 7C, §49, the following finalist was selected for this House Doctor project:

Helene Karl Architects, Inc.

A motion was made by Gregory Brown to select Helene Karl Architects, Inc. for the MassDOT House Doctor, seconded by Janice Bergeron. Motion was approved unanimously.

B. DSB List #19-34, MDOT2019-HWY, Study & Design for General Structural Renovations, Repairs and Upgrades, MassDOT, Statewide, Fee: \$500,000 (House Doctor), 5 Applicants

Edmond Libsch from MassDOT was present to explain the project and to answer the Board's questions. In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 7C, §49, the following finalist was selected for this House Doctor project:

Simpson Gumpertz & Heger, Inc.

A motion was made by Martha Blakey Smith to select Simpson Gumpertz & Heger, Inc. for the MassDOT House Doctor, seconded by Gregory Brown. David Chappell abstained. Motion was approved.

C. Board Business

- Interior Designer Discussion - A motion was made by Martha Blakey Smith to modify the language in the DSB advertisements when an interior designer is required as a consultant that under the project experience section, an interior designer is required to show certain interior designer experience required in the description of the project, seconded by Gregory Brown. Motion was approved unanimously.
- Autocene (Formverse) Discussion – Bill Perkins updated the Board on the status of Autocene (Formverse). Bill stated that the DSB is trying to get more firms to register on the system. Claire Hester and Roberto Melendez have uploaded 6 years of public notices and provided a summary of each project to Autocene. Bill said that the our biggest challenge is getting firms feedback from firms and members. The DSB is trying to focus on getting more firms and public agencies to register. DCAMM cannot do the evaluations until firms start registering. Regarding the application form: Jessica Tsymbal and some of the Board would like to see the resumes for one person per page (not 2 as we have now). Jessica will share her comments on the application and Claire will upload onto the Boardbook; everyone can review it and make comments. The Board requested to have 2 architectural firms fill out an application to test the system (an old advertisement that have been submitted in the past). Charles Redmon and Jessica Tsymbal requested that it be 2 architectural firms to perform the test. Rebecca Sherer recommended Cannon Design and Jones Architecture. The Board will continue to discuss at future meetings and set a date for a roll out of online application. Charles Redmon wants BSA to be notified of the online application system.

To be discussed at upcoming meetings:

Format review at next meeting (12-04-19)
Reaching out to Jones and Cannon for an application test on Autocene (Formverse) and provide comments at the following meeting (12-18-19)
Roll out to the Board Autocene (Formverse)
Reach out to Eric White at BSA
Show and tell with members and BSA

- Farewell to Chuck Redmon

5. **MOTION TO ADJOURN: The Board adjourned at 11:15 a.m.**

On a motion to adjourn by Janice Bergeron, seconded by Gregory Brown. Motion was approved unanimously.

6. **NEXT MEETING:**

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2019, at 8:40 a.m.

Submitted by: Claire G. Hester

Approved by: Rebecca J. Sherer