

**MINUTES OF THE
MASSACHUSETTS CONVENTION CENTER
DESIGNER SELECTION PANEL MEETING**

**Thomas M. Menino Convention & Exhibition Center
415 Summer Street, Boston, MA 02210
Meeting Room 102 A/B
December 17, 2025
12:45 p.m.**

The Authority's Designer Selection Panel convened a meeting at 12:46 a.m. at the Thomas M. Menino Convention & Exhibition Center, (MCEC) 415 Summer Street, Boston, MA 02210, Meeting Room 102 A/B.

Members present were: William Christopher, Fayssal Hussein, David Lee and Erin Anderson (as MCCA CEO's designee)

Staff members in attendance were: John Donahue, Sorraia Tavares, Brendan Flynn and Jeannemarie Joyce

Others in attendance included: Edward DiSalvio, Jr., Principal-in-Charge; Brian Novelline, Project Manager & Lead Structural Engineer; Sara Connolly, Assistant Project Manager & Lead Architect; David Walsh, Hammer + Walsh Landscape Architecture; and Thomas Wickham, MEP/HVAC/Fire Protection.

I. Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 12:46 a.m. and a quorum was established by a call of the roll.

Roll Call

David Lee	Present
William Christopher	Present
Fayssal Hussein	Present
Erin Anderson	Present

II. Design Firm Interview- Gannett Fleming

Gannett Fleming presented a comprehensive overview of its team, highlighting extensive expertise across multiple disciplines including architecture, structural engineering, roofing, environmental services, MEP/HVAC, fire protection, acoustics, vertical transportation, cost estimating, civil engineering, geotechnical, landscape architecture, and building code consulting.

The firm emphasized its commitment to diversity and inclusion, supported by employee resource groups such as Communities of Color, Connected Women, Future Generations, LGBTQ+, and

Military Veterans. These groups foster growth, mentorship, and community support within the organization.

The project organization features a clear hierarchy with the Principal-in-Charge overseeing the project, supported by the Project Manager and Assistant Project Manager who handle daily operations. Specialized teams cover all technical and consulting areas, with subconsultants including Acentech (acoustics), CDW (environmental and waterproofing), RDH (building science), Ellana (fire protection), Bryant (accessibility), Hammer + Walsh (landscape architecture), and JS Consulting Engineers (building code consulting).

Gannett Fleming's expertise spans repairs, renovations, assessments, and new construction across Massachusetts and other states. Gannett Fleming offers advanced technologies such as drone-based high-resolution imaging and lidar scanning, materials testing, in-house LEED and sustainability professionals, 3D scanning tools, and expertise in vertical transportation systems including elevators and escalators.

The firm demonstrated familiarity with Massachusetts projects and agencies, including the MBTA, City of Boston, and other local entities, with the capacity to mobilize local resources efficiently. Gannett Fleming has a proven track record in entertainment and convention center projects, such as those for NJSEA, NJTA, Live Nation venues, Phoenix Convention Center, and Miami Beach, handling structural inspections, renovations, and improvements for large-scale venues.

III. Q & A With Design Firm Post Interview

The firm emphasized its extensive Massachusetts project portfolio, long-standing relationships with state agencies, and ability to rapidly mobilize resources positioning it well to deliver high-quality consulting engineering and architectural services for the MCCA.

IV. Old Business

There was no old business.

V. New Business

There was no new business.

VI. Adjournment

Upon a motion duly made and seconded the panel voted to adjourn the meeting by a roll-call vote.

Roll Call

Erin Anderson	Yes
David Lee	Yes
William Christopher	Yes
Fayssal Hussein	Yes

The meeting concluded at 1:52 p.m.

