

**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 18, 2025
9:30 a.m.**

The Authority's Designer Selection Panel convened a meeting at 9:21 a.m. at the Thomas M. Menino Convention & Exhibition Center, 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: Juan Frano Violich, Ben Widger, Stephanie Lafontaine, Stacy Weaver and Emily Scarfe

I. Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m. and a quorum was established by a call of the roll.

Roll Call

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

II. Design Firm Interview- KVA

KVA presented a comprehensive overview of its design services, leadership, experience, and commitment to diversity. The firm offers consulting engineering and architectural services led by experienced professionals, supported by specialists in various engineering disciplines.

KVA has 30 years of experience and has earned 16 national/international awards in the last four years. It completed \$200 million in construction as Prime Architect in the same period, with a significant focus (40%) on adaptive reuse projects. The firm holds 12 certifications such as

LEED, Fitwell, and Living Building Challenge and is certified as Minority Business Enterprise (MBE).

The firm emphasized an integrated design and construction approach that fosters collaboration across disciplines to enhance project success and efficiency.

KVA has completed notable projects including the Springfield Convention Center Car Park, Hayden Library Renovation, and Carpenter Center House Doctor, demonstrating expertise in both public and private sector projects.

KVA has partnered with the following firms: RMF Engineering - specializing in MEP, fire alarm, energy efficiency, and occupied facilities; RSE Associates - focusing on structural repairs, analysis, and upgrades for public sector projects, with a diverse workforce comprising 44% minorities and 40% women; and CDW - specializing in landscape architecture and environmental engineering services.

KVA highlighted its commitment to maintaining a discrimination-free workplace and actively promotes diversity. The firm has set participation goals of at least 6.6% MBE (KVA & RSE), 15% WBE (KMDG, CDW, JS Consulting), and 3% Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Business Enterprise (SDVOBE) for Mabbett & Associates. Inclusive hiring, promotion, and evaluation practices are emphasized.

III. Q & A With Design Firm Post Interview

The KVA team emphasized its experience and solid organization structure stating that client needs are met through diligent oversight and proactive management. They indicated that the Springfield Convention Center Carpark project reinforced the importance of coordinating with utilities early in the project.

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

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

The meeting concluded at 10:30 a.m.