

Saint Paul Children's Collaborative Board Meeting
May 14, 2025

8:00am – 10:00am
Virtual Only Via Zoom

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT	Iyannah Burns, Emmanuel Donaby, Tonya Long, Nicolee Mensing, Camila Mercado Michelli, Rebecca Noecker, Erica Prosser, Erica Valliant, Daisy Vang, Zang Vang-Lee
BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT	Darlene Fry, Rena Moran, Jackie Turner, Mai Chong Xiong
STAFF & GUESTS PRESENT	Nicole MartinRogers, Laurie Davis (Advance Consulting – Collaborative Coordinators) Hannah Corbett, Ramsey County non-voting staff rep Kasia Yang (Youth on Boards member, visiting) (absent) Andrew Lowe, Ramsey County (fiscal agent) (absent) Dana Abrams, Saint Paul Public Schools (non-voting rep)
Meeting called to order by Mensing at 8:05 am.	
Children's Fire Mercado Michelli lit the Children's Fire honoring her niece, Daniela. Daniela is an artistic eight-year-old, she loves writing, directing and acting skits. She is fluent in Spanish and English, she's Virgo, obsessed with Hello Kitty, she's a great traveler. She loves the love story of her tio y tia. She brings much magic to their lives. Children uplift all our lives. Cada nino es una joya unica.	

Consent Agenda

Motion by Donaby to approve the minutes from the April 9 board meeting and accept the information contained in the April update from Advance Consulting, as well as the finance report for April 2025. Second by Noecker. Motion approved.

Learn, Grow, Thrive Grants

The board packet included the draft of the 2026-27 RFP, which the board reviewed and approved in March. This was the last chance to make changes before it is published this week. Advance Consulting talked about being clear about applicants needing to be focused on our eight Youth Outcome Plan goal areas, and understanding that this funding is not at all guaranteed in the future.

The RFP will be released on the SPCC website and via an email to our Community of Care list after today's meeting. There will be a Community of Care meeting during the second half of the June 11 board meeting (9-10), and board members are encouraged to attend. That meeting will include sharing of the recent Youth Outcomes Plan update and info on the RFP. The June meeting will be only virtual due to that presentation.

SPCC Administration

The Administrative Support Subcommittee (Mensing, Long, Vang, Prosser, and Moran) is still empaneled and will be responsible for working with Ramsey County to publish the new RFP for admin support of the collaborative, hopefully in June. The results of the Collaborative Evaluation may impact the content of the RFP, so they are currently awaiting those results, which will be discussed at a meeting scheduled for May 21. Advance Consulting cannot participate in any work related to that RFP. The period for the contract will be 2026-2030. It will be important to keep the RFP process on schedule, to allow for transition of admin support contractors.

The annual renewal of SPCC's insurance policy is coming up with League of Minnesota Cities. The board was asked whether they'd like to waive the statutory limits on liability. The board has NOT voted to do so for the past three years we've had this insurance. Members who waive the statutory limits are waiving the protection of the statutory limits, up to the amount of coverage the member has. A claimant could recover up to the Trust's standard limit of \$2 million, rather than the statutory limit of \$500,000 per claimant. Because the waiver increases the exposure, the premium is 3.5% higher for coverage under the waiver option. Noecker pointed out that we'd be increasing our potential liability and would pay more for that coverage.

Motion by Noecker not to waive the statutory limits for liability for the coming year. Second by Prosser. Motion approved.

In response to the Mayor's veto of our requested increase in \$15,000 for SPCC administrative support from the City (which was similar to requests to the other partners), the board suggested sending a letter to Mayor Carter reminding him of the impact of the SPCC and that we need the City's support to operate the Collaborative. Prosser will help to ensure the base contribution is paid. We may need to send a new invoice with the original (2024) amount. There was discussion about the SPCC wanting to be clear about why the increase was vetoed, and discussion about how we could get more clarity about what's going on. Valliant pointed out that as a person who is constantly having to explain budget cuts, it is appropriate to understand why the increase was opposed. There was a motion that was then amended to add language about requesting a meeting.

Motion by Long to ask Mayor Carter for a meeting to discuss why the administrative increase was vetoed. Second by Vang. Motion approved.

Prosser said she will resend the letter with a note saying that the SPCC board is awaiting a response. It may also make sense to request a meeting with the Mayor. It would be important for someone from each of the JPA partners to be in attendance.

The July board meeting will be a picnic so there was discussion about the details of that event. It will be held on July 9 (the regular SPCC board meeting date) from 11-1.

Board member updates

CM Noecker shared that on June 25, Advance Consulting will be presenting to the City Council's Policy/Org Committee at 10am at City Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 8:58am.

Roll call votes for May 14, 2025, Saint Paul Children's Collaborative Meeting

	Motion 1 – Consent Agenda	Motion 2 - Insurance	Motion 3 – City contribution
Burns	(not yet present)	YES	YES
Donaby	YES	YES	YES
Fry (absent)			
Long	YES	YES	YES
Mensing	YES	YES	YES
Mercado Michelli	YES	YES	YES
Moran (absent)			
Noecker	YES	YES	YES
Prosser	YES	YES	ABSTAIN
Turner (absent)			
Valliant	(not yet present)	YES	YES
Vang	YES	YES	YES
Vang-Lee (alt – voting)	YES	YES	YES
Xiong (absent)			