

Saint Paul Children's Collaborative Board Meeting
June 11, 2025

8 am – 9 am
Virtual Only Via Zoom

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT	Emmanuel Donaby, Darlene Fry, Tonya Long, Nicolee Mensing, Rebecca Noecker, Jackie Turner, Daisy Vang, Zang Vang-Lee, Mai Chong Xiong
BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT	Iyannah Burns, Camila Mercado Michelli, Rena Moran, Erica Prosser, Erica Valliant
STAFF & GUESTS PRESENT	Nicole MartinRogers, Laurie Davis (Advance Consulting – Collaborative Coordinators) Hannah Corbett, Ramsey County non-voting staff rep Andrew Lowe, Ramsey County (fiscal agent) (absent) Dana Abrams, Saint Paul Public Schools (non-voting rep)
Meeting called to order by Mensing at 8:03 am.	
Children's Fire Noecker lit the Children's Fire with observations about her 20 year college reunion, before which she read all her diary entries from that time in her life. She also had the chance to spend time with children/young people in her life that she doesn't always see. She talked about how children can help you think about the world and its challenges. There are three questions from that perspective: Do I understand what I'm doing? Can we explain what we're doing to a child, which gives us clarity. Is it the right thing to do? Could you explain your decision to your children afterward and justify it? Are we really doing anything at all? Focus on results/achieving progress.	

Consent Agenda

Motion by Fry to approve the minutes from the May 14 and May 29th meetings and accept the information in the May update from Advance Consulting and the May 2025 finance report. Second by Noecker Motion approved.

SPCC Administration

As discussed at the May 29 meeting, a subcommittee was formed including Long, Donaby, and Vang (Vang was not able to attend), staffed by Advance Consulting and Andrew Lowe as fiscal agent. They made a proposed revision to the SPCC's existing reserve policy, which was sent out to the board in advance of this meeting.

Motion by Donaby to accept the subcommittee's proposed changes from the subcommittee to the SPCC Reserve Policy, as amended during the meeting. Second by Long. Motion failed.

Nocker pointed out that the proposed amendment seems a little out of nowhere, and maybe we need to clarify that the funds can be used for emergency funding for outside organizations. Xiong asked about the definition of emergency. The board went back and forth about changing the proposed amendment. Fry pointed out that the board has to have discretion to review and decide on situations as they arise.

Motion by Long to accept the changes to the reserve policy as they were proposed by the subcommittee. Second by Fry. Motion approved.

According to staff from Ramsey County, the report from ACET Consulting on the tri-collaborative evaluation is not yet available, and they are not yet sure when it will be available. There was a workshop held on May 21 that SPCC representatives attended. The findings shared there did not materially change the requirements for administering the collaborative, but we do not know what the full report will contain, nor do we know when we'll see it.

The SPCC Administrative Support Subcommittee includes Mensing, Long, Daisy Vang, Prosser, and Moran. Xiong encouraged the board to move forward with the RFP and not wait for the evaluation results.

Motion by Xiong to move forward with the RFP administrative support of the SPCC. Second by Long. Motion approved.

Mensing has been working with the County on the RFP and shared the draft with the subcommittee. She will take the lead on working with the County to get the RFP published.

There was discussion about what to do regarding the administrative support contribution from the City of Saint Paul for SPCC for 2025 which has still not been received. Prosser was going to try to get more information after our last meeting, but we've not received any new information or any contribution. Noecker emailed Prosser but hasn't heard back yet. Noecker will continue to try to get more information from the City. Turner asked about the city's actions – the City Council passed budget that included the higher amount. The veto message seemed to eliminate the increase, but not the base amount.

Motion by Turner to invoice the City for \$20,000 and if there is new information, invoice for the additional \$15,000. Second by Noecker. Motion approved.

The fiscal agent prepared a budget amendment to reflect the new grant to Breakthrough (made on May 29) and adjusting the City's contribution to the Joint Powers Agreement minimum amount required, which is \$20,000.

Motion by Fry to adopt the revised budget that includes the City's contribution for \$20,000 and the \$50,000 Breakthrough emergency grant. Second by Noecker. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 am.

Roll call votes for June 11, 2025, Saint Paul Children's Collaborative Board Meeting

	Motion 1 – Consent Agenda	Motion 2 – Reserve Policy with change	Motion 3 – Reserve Policy	Motion 4 – Admin Support RFP	Motion 5 – City contribution	Motion 6 – budget amendment
Burns (ABSENT)						
Donaby	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Fry	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES
Long	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES
Mensing	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES
Mercado Michelli (ABSENT)						
Moran (ABSENT)						
Noecker	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Prosser (ABSENT)						
Turner	Not yet present	ABSTAIN	ABSTAIN	YES	YES	YES
Valliant (ABSENT)						
Vang	Yes	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES
Vang-Lee	Not yet present	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES
Xiong	Yes	NO	ABSTAIN	YES	YES	YES