

## Saint Paul Children's Collaborative Board Meeting

July 9, 2025

8 am – 9 am

Virtual Only Via Zoom

<b>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	Emmanuel Donaby, Darlene Fry, Tonya Long, Nicolee Mensing, Camila Mercado Michelli, Rena Moran (joined at 8:55), Rebecca Noecker, Jackie Turner, Daisy Vang
<b>BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT</b>	Iyannah Burns, Erica Prosser, Zang Vang-Lee, Erica Valliant, Mai Chong Xiong
<b>STAFF &amp; GUESTS PRESENT</b>	Nicole MartinRogers (absent) Laurie Davis (Advance Consulting – Collaborative Coordinators) Hannah Corbett, Ramsey County non-voting staff rep Andrew Lowe, Ramsey County (fiscal agent) (absent) (absent) Dana Abrams, Saint Paul Public Schools (non-voting rep)
<b>Meeting called to order by Mensing at 8:03 am.</b>	
<b>Children's Fire</b> Prosser was unable to attend, so there was no Children's Fire lighting at today's meeting.	
<b>Consent Agenda</b>  <b>Motion by Turner to approve the minutes from the June 11 meeting and accept the information in the June update from Advance Consulting and the June 2025 finance report. Second by Long. Motion approved.</b>	
<b>SPCC Administration</b> The SPCC Administrative Support Subcommittee includes Mensing, Long, Daisy Vang, Prosser, and Moran. Last month, the board moved to go forward with the RFP and not wait for the evaluation results. Last week, Advance Consulting notified the board that they are not applying to staff the RFP for the next five year period. Mensing confirmed with Ramsey County that Advance Consulting is now able to help support the board in the RFP process if necessary/possible. Mensing continues to work with the county to get the RFP published. Turner pointed out that the board needs to attend to the larger issues that are making the SPCC's work challenging, and the skills that are needed to support this work. She suggested it would be helpful to have Advance Consulting provide support to the new admin support	

consultant for some period. The board talked about taking more responsibility for the strategic direction of the board. Noecker shared a quote “an open road is a barrier,” and that this “road closed” situation requires us to explore new roads/directions. There was some discussion about how to publicize the RFP once it is released, through LinkedIn, through networks and community orgs, through this board’s connections. Noecker talked about including strategic planning as part of the RFP.

Noecker shared about the presentation by SPCC to the Saint Paul City Council about the Youth Outcome Plan. The information about the SPCC’s mission and the data was very well received, and it was a good reminder that SPCC is the only source of that kind of comprehensive data on young people in Saint Paul.

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. Advance Consulting will send the JPA and the invoice to Prosser and Noecker so they can follow up with the City Attorney.

### **Board Update**

There will be a School District operating levy increase request for 2026, which will be on the ballot in November of this year. There will be more info coming soon about that proposal. They have been working the Ramsey County and City of Saint Paul to coordinate. This is even more critical given reduced resources coming from the federal government. The district did a survey of taxpayers, and they did see great support for the schools and they believe the voters will be supportive of the levy.

Camila gave a personal update – she is expecting a baby in December!!! She plans to continue on the board, but will have a paternity leave for some period.

Long shared that the Legislative Auditor is looking at the Office of Ombudsperson for Families (African American, Asian/Pacific Islander and Spanish speaking families for child protection). They have never been audited before. Tonya had a birthday yesterday and recently passed the one year anniversary of her daughter’s death.

Daisy thanked Nicole and Laurie for helping bring her onto the board. This summer she’s interning for a City Councilperson in Minneapolis, talking to residents about a potential property tax levy. She especially trying to engage young people.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:00 am.**

**Roll call votes for July 9, 2025, Saint Paul Children's Collaborative Board Meeting**

	Motion 1 – Consent Agenda
Burns	
Donaby	YES
Fry	YES
Long	YES
Mensing	YES
Mercado Michelli	YES
Moran	
Noecker	YES
Prosser (absent)	
Turner	YES
Valliant	
Vang	
Vang-Lee (absent)	
Xiong (absent)	