

Saint Paul Children's Collaborative Board Annual Meeting

December 10, 2025

8 am – 10 am

Hybrid Via Zoom and In-Person at CAP/RW

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT	Emmanuel Donaby, Darlene Fry, Tonya Long, Nicolee Mensing, Rena Moran (joined for last 10 minutes), Rebecca Noecker, Jackie Turner, Daisy Vang, Erica Valliant, Zang Vang-Lee, Mai Chong Xiong
BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT	Lyannah Burns, Camila Mercado Michelli, Erica Prosser
STAFF & GUESTS PRESENT	Nicole Martin Rogers and Laurie Davis (Advance Consulting – Collaborative Coordinator) Shehla Mushtaq, Sophie Reese, and Scott Cole (Collectivity – incoming collaborative coordinators) Sonia Gass, CAPRW 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 8:08 am.	
Children's Fire Advance Consulting (Nicole and Laurie) lit the Children's Fire with a look back on their time with SPCC, and the impact SPCC has had on young people, board members and community.	

Consent Agenda

Motion by Turner to approve the minutes from the November 12 meeting and accept the information in the November update from Advance Consulting and the November 2025 finance report. Second by Long. Motion approved.

SPCC Administration

Mensing introduced the new administrative support consultants from Collectivity, including Scott Cole, Shehla Mushtaq, and Sophie Reese, and board members and others introduced themselves. Mensing talked about getting started on figuring out strategy for SPCC. Things that have been discussed – return to in-person meetings, meeting time/schedule, meetings with individual board members. There will be a transfer of information, data and knowledge of SPCC from Advance Consulting to Collectivity. Turner asked about how Collectivity will handle staff for the SPCC. Collectivity signed the contract last night, so they are officially onboard.

At the September meeting, Mensing and Fry were appointed as the nominating subcommittee for 2026 officers and board members. They submitted a slate (included in the board packet) for 2026. After the Board saw that slate in November, Advance Consulting met with Melissa Olando-Mendoza, who is interested in and willing to serve as Community Representative Alternate.

Motion by Turner to accept the resignation of Camila Mercado-Michelli as community representative. Second by Long. Motion approved.

Motion by Long to make Zang Vang-Lee Community Representative and Melissa Olando-Mendoza as Community Representative Alternate. Second by Noecker. Motion approved.

Motion by Long to appoint Daisy Vang to a second term as youth representative. Second by Turner. Motion approved.

Motion by Donaby to nominate Tonya Long to a second term as Community Representative. Second by Turner. Motion approved.

Motion by Donaby to appoint Tonya Long as Chair, Daisy Vang as Vice Chair, Mai Chong Xiong as Secretary, and Erica Valliant as Treasurer for 2026 (one year term). Second by Mensing. Motion approved.

At the November meeting, MartinRogers walked through the draft 2026 budget prepared by fiscal agent Andrew Lowe for SPCC. Noecker asked about the available unrestricted fund and if the \$218K will show up on the available unrestricted fund line since we're not planning to spend it. Answers were provided by Lowe in the board packet, along with the 2026 budget.

Motion by Mensing to approve the 2026 SPCC budget as presented. Second by Donaby. Motion approved.

Noecker shared that the City Council voted to include the full City contribution for 2026 in the City's budget.

The updated draft of the new conflict of interest policy was included in the board packet, based on additional feedback by Saint Paul Public Schools' legal counsel.

Motion by Turner to approve the updated Conflict of Interest policy. Second by Xiong. Motion approved.

Special RFP Focused on Young People Safe/Free from Abuse and Neglect

The review team reviewed all six proposals at their November meeting, asked some follow-up questions and recommended \$168,000 grant to FamilyWise (details in board packet).

Motion by Turner to grant \$168,000 to FamilyWise for the period from January 1, 2026, to December 31, 2027, as recommended by the review team. Second by Donaby. Motion approved.

Long and Vang shared background on the special safe/free from abuse and neglect RFP applicants and process.

Board Member Updates

The MN African American Family Preservation and Child Welfare Disproportionality Act was in a pilot phase with Hennepin and Ramsey counties – a Hennepin County judge ruled that the phase-in is unconstitutional under the equal protection clause. This is something to pay attention to, in terms of our goal of keeping young people safe/free from abuse and neglect. Moran said that Ramsey County will proceed with implementation.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 am.

Roll call votes for October electronic action and December 10, 2025, Saint Paul Children's Collaborative Board Meeting

	Motion 1 – Consent Agenda	Motion 2 – Cami Resignation	Motion 3 – Vang-Lee and Olando-Mendoza	Motion 4 – Vang	Motion 5 – Long	Motion 6 – Officers	Motion 7 – Special RFP
Burns (absent)							
Donaby	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Fry (absent)							
Long	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Mensing	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Mercado Michelli (absent)							
Moran (absent for votes)							
Noecker	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Prosser (absent)							
Turner	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Valliant	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Vang	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Vang-Lee	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Xiong	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES