

**Valley Collaborative Board of Directors
Annual Stakeholders' Meeting
General Session Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2026
10:06 a.m. – 11:05 a.m.
11 Executive Park, N. Billerica, MA**

Board Members Present: Dr. Jay Lang, Dr. Denise Pigeon, Dr. Michael Flanagan, Dr. Kerry Clery, Dr. Christopher Chew, Ms. Brenda Theriault-Regan

Board Members Absent: Mr. Steven Stone, Dr. Geoff Bruno, Mr. Brad Morgan

Collaborative Representatives Present: Dr. Chris Scott, Executive Director; Ms. Heidi Kriger, Treasurer; Mr. James George, Business Manager/Accountant; Members of the Collaborative Senior Leadership Team

Also Present: Thomas Lent, Barrow Lent LLP

Call to Order: Dr. Jay Lang, Chairman, convened the Collaborative Board Meeting at 10:06 a.m. Dr. Lang conducted roll call attendance of all Board Members.

Dr. Lang and Dr. Chris Scott welcomed all in attendance and introduced all participants and presenters at the Annual Shareholders' Meeting.

Acknowledgements of the Students, Individuals and Staff of the Month

Dr. Scott and Members of the Collaborative Leadership team introduced and acknowledged the students, individuals and staff of the month and the student presentations.

Approval of Minutes

Dr. Jay Lang requested the Board to review the meeting minutes made available for review and asked for a motion relating to the minutes.

On a motion made by Dr. Michael Flanagan, and seconded by Dr. Denise Pigeon,, a quorum of voters being present, it was voted:

VOTED: To approve the General Session Meeting Minutes for the Board of Directors dated December 4, 2025.

The vote was 4-0-2. Yes: Dr. Denise Pigeon, Dr. Michael Flanagan, Dr. Jay Lang, Dr. Christopher Chew. Ms. Brenda Theriault-Regan and Dr. Kerry Clery abstained.

Fiscal Year 2027 Budget

Dr. Scott reviewed with the Board the proposed budget for fiscal year 2027, which had been reviewed and discussed previously by the Board at its prior meeting. She again reviewed with the Board the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Presentation Memo, a copy of which was contained within the Board materials and which had been updated since the December 4, 2025 meeting. The Board discussed the proposed tuition and fee-for-services increase, the cost-of-living adjustment, and enrollment. Dr. Lang asked for motions relating to the items related to proposed budget and tuitions, which would be voted upon by roll call vote.

On a motion made by Dr. Michael Flanagan, and seconded by D. Kerry Clery, a quorum being present, it was voted by roll call vote:

VOTED: That the Board of Directors approves the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget, including an Operating Expense Budget for the Collaborative in the amount of \$28,957,372 as presented and recommended by the Executive Director; and requests that the Treasurer certify and transmit the budget for Fiscal Year 2027 to each member district by no later than February 1, 2026.

The roll call vote was 6-0. Yes: Dr. Jay Lang, Dr. Denise Pigeon, Dr. Michael Flanagan, Dr. Kerry Clery, Dr. Christopher Chew, Ms. Brenda Theriault-Regan.

On a motion made by Dr. Michael Flanagan, and seconded by Dr. Denise Pigeon, a quorum being present, it was voted by roll call vote:

VOTED: That the Board of Directors accepts and approves the tuition rates and fees-for-services for member districts for Fiscal Year 2027 as presented; and requests that the Treasurer certify and transmit the tuition rates and fees-for-services for Fiscal Year 2027 to each member district by no later than February 1, 2026.

The roll call vote was 6-0. Yes: Dr. Jay Lang, Dr. Denise Pigeon, Dr. Michael Flanagan, Dr. Kerry Clery, Dr. Christopher Chew, Ms. Brenda Theriault-Regan.

On a motion made by Ms. Brenda Theriault-Regan, and seconded by Dr. Kerry Clery, a quorum being present, it was voted by roll call vote:

VOTED: That the Board of Directors accepts and approves the assessment of surcharges on tuition rates and fees-for-services on non-member districts based on each student enrolled from a non-member district for Fiscal Year 2027 as presented and recommended by the Executive Director; and authorizes the Executive Director to publish the non-

member district tuition rates and fees-for services for Fiscal Year 2026.

The roll vote was 6-0. Yes: Dr. Jay Lang, Dr. Denise Pigeon, Dr. Michael Flanagan, Dr. Kerry Clery, Dr. Christopher Chew, Ms. Brenda Theriault-Regan.

Financial Update

Executive Director's Report and Fiscal Year 2026 Update

Dr. Scott reviewed the revenues, expenses, budget and enrollment for the School Year 2025-2026. Dr. Scott referred the Board to her Fiscal Year 2026 Budget memorandum within the Board materials which outlined the current revenue and expenses at the Collaborative and enrollment, operating expenses and vehicle/transportation expenses.

Treasurer's Report

Ms. Heidi Kriger, the Collaborative Treasurer, provided the Board with her report which covered the months through November 2025. Ms. Kriger provided a verbal summary of her report, including available balances, transfers, withdrawals, interest income and ending balances. She also reviewed the OPEB Trust financial information and balances and PARS statements. A written summary report was contained within the Board materials. There was no further discussion.

On a motion made by Dr. Michael Flanagan, and seconded by Dr. Christopher Chew, a quorum of voters being present, it was voted:

VOTED: That the Board of Directors accepts the report of the Collaborative Treasurer, as presented at this meeting, and requests that a copy of the report be filed and maintained at the Collaborative.

The vote was 6-0. Yes: Dr. Jay Lang, Dr. Denise Pigeon, Dr. Michael Flanagan, Dr. Kerry Clery, Dr. Christopher Chew, Ms. Brenda Theriault-Regan.

Academic Calendars

Dr. Scott reviewed the proposed 2026-2027 Academic, Day Employee and Adult Services Calendars, with proposed Board Meeting dates.

On a motion made by Dr. Kerry Clery, and seconded by Dr. Christopher Chew, a quorum being present, it was voted:

VOTED: That the Board of Directors approves the academic, day employee and adult service calendars and the Board meeting dates for the 2026-

2027 School Year as presented, and authorizes the Executive Director to post such dates on the Collaborative website.

The vote was 6-0. Yes: Dr. Jay Lang, Dr. Denise Pigeon, Dr. Michael Flanagan, Dr. Kerry Clery, Dr. Christopher Chew, Ms. Brenda Theriault-Regan.

Non-Member District Request for Signatory Confirmation Update

Dr. Scott indicated that a non-member district requested confirmation that Dr. Scott remained authorized to execute and deliver contracts on behalf of the Collaborative and the Board of Directors.

On a motion made by Ms. Brenda Theriault-Regan, and seconded by Dr. Denise Pigeon, a quorum being present, it was voted:

VOTED: That the Board of Directors affirms that Dr. Chris A. Scott, as Executive Director of Valley Collaborative, is authorized and empowered to execute contracts on behalf of Valley Collaborative.

The vote was 6-0. Yes: Dr. Jay Lang, Dr. Denise Pigeon, Dr. Michael Flanagan, Dr. Kerry Clery, Dr. Christopher Chew, Ms. Brenda Theriault-Regan.

Final Fiscal Year 2025 Audit and Reports

Dr. Scott review the final Fiscal Year 2025 Audit completed by the Collaborative's independent auditors and the Annual Report, indicating that copies would be provided to member districts and their respective School Committees.

Valley Collaborative Program Updates

Dr. Scott introduced separately Heather Mackay, Nick LeClair, Nicole Noska and Matthew Gentile, each of whom provided the Board with an update regarding their respective schools and/or programs. The Collaborative's School Nurse, Jessica Marcotte, also provided an update. There was no further discussion.

Quarterly Reports on Collaborative Business – Fiscal Year 2026 Second Quarter / Valley Collaborative Winter Newsletter

Dr. Scott presented her memo on quarterly reports and newsletters directed to both Board members and member district school committees.

Communications

Dr. Scott directed the Board to the communications contained within the Board materials, which she reviewed with the Board. There was no further discussion.

On a motion made by Dr. Michael Flanagan and seconded by Ms. Brenda Theriault-Regan, a quorum of voters being present, it was voted:

VOTED: To adjourn the Board meeting.

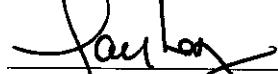
The vote was 6-0. Yes: Dr. Jay Lang, Dr. Denise Pigeon, Dr. Michael Flanagan, Dr. Kerry Clery, Dr. Christopher Chew, Ms. Brenda Theriault-Regan.

Dr. Jay Lang adjourned the Collaborative Board Meeting at 11:05 a.m.

LIST OF DOCUMENTS USED, DISTRIBUTED AND REVIEWED AT THIS MEETING:

- School Year 2025-2026 Electronic Board Binder for Board Meeting, January 8, 2026

Respectfully Submitted,



Dr. Jay Lang, Chairman

Dated: 6-11-2026