

## MEETING MINUTES

<b>Meeting:</b>	BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING		
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	October 15, 2024	<b>Time:</b>	9:00 AM
<b>Minutes Prepared By:</b>	Rachel Ouellette	<b>Location:</b>	Surrey HQ Office / Microsoft Teams

## ATTENDEES

### Participating Board of Directors:

President Walter Mineault  
 Vice-President Melanie Allard  
 Minister Allan Lavallee  
 Minister Carmen Carriere  
 Minister Danielle Bergevin  
 Minister Dean Gladue  
 Minister Debra Fisher  
 Minister Patrick Harriott  
 Minister Paulette Flamond  
 Minister Raynie Gervais  
 Minister Susie Hooper

### Participating Staff:

Colette Trudeau, Chief Executive Officer  
 John Bieker, Chief Governance Officer  
 Marc Riddell, Director of Communications  
 Kayla Brow, Manager of Executive Operations  
 Barinder Lalli, Board Operations Manager  
 Rachel Ouellette, Board Secretariat Coordinator

*Note: The agenda was varied by unanimous consent throughout the meeting. The minutes are recorded in the order listed on the agenda. Items added to the agenda at the meeting are at the end of these minutes.*

## 1. Welcome

President Mineault called the meeting to order at 9:06 AM and welcomed everyone. President Mineault provided an opening prayer.

### 1.1. Traditional Territory Acknowledgement

Colette Trudeau, Chief Executive Officer acknowledged our work takes place on the traditional and ancestral lands of the Semiahmoo, Katzie, Kwikwetlem, Kwantlen, Qayqayt and Tsawwassen First Nations. MNBC respectfully acknowledge their stewardship of this land since time immemorial. MNBC recognizes the 39 Métis Chartered Communities we serve across British Columbia.

Minister Gladue acknowledged the Two Rivers Métis Society and the traditional territory of the Tk'emlups te Secwepemc of which he was calling from.

### 1.2. Adoption of Meeting Agenda

#### MOTION:

**MOVED:** Minister Flamond

**SECONDED:** Minister Gervais

#### RESOLVED:

THAT the agenda of the October 15, 2024, Board of Directors meeting be approved as presented with the addition of the following items:

- Adjustment of Portfolios
- Louis Riel Day Funding for Waceyá Métis Society

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### 1.3. Adoption of Meeting Minutes

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Minister Lavallee

**SECONDED:** Minister Hooper

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the minutes of the September 22, 2024 Board of Directors meeting be approved as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 2. Update on Action Items

The Board reviewed the Action Item List, updates were noted as follows:

- **20240212-01/20240422-01 Gender Diversity Training** - A reminder will be sent to those who have not completed their training. Additionally, new Board Members will receive an email with information about the “Introduction to Gender Diversity – Expanded” course, along with a link to complete it. (In-Progress);
- **20240422-02 Senate Annual Report to Board of Directors** - The Chief Governance Officer is working with the Senate and the Senate Liaison to establish a regular procedure for obtaining these updates over the next couple of months. (In-Progress);
- **20240523-01 16-Acre Will of Land to MNBC** - Minister Fisher is looking to schedule a time to meet with Citizens and view the property. Notes were made that this item may be on hold until the early Spring of 2025. (In-Progress).

## 3. President Update

Recent updates include ongoing discussions with Presidents from various Métis Nations to address current political situations. The importance of obtaining all relevant information from past agreements was emphasized to avoid assumptions and support informed decision-making.

Additionally, Truth and Reconciliation Day featured engagement with local First Nations, particularly Treaty 8. Efforts are underway to strengthen connections with First Nations groups, including discussions about the Resources Act. The positive relationships MNBC has established with certain communities were acknowledged, along with the need for educational initiatives to enhance understanding of MNBC and Métis culture.

## 4. Adjustment of Ministerial Portfolios

It was discussed that Minister Harriott will be taking over the Minister of Justice portfolio, with Minister Gladue serving as the Associate Minister of Justice. Additionally, Vice-President Allard will now be handling the Minister of Digital Government portfolio, as well as Associate Minister of Elders portfolio.

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Minister Fisher

**SECONDED:** Minister Hooper

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors appoints the following Ministries:

- Melanie Allard – Minister of Digital Government and Associate Minister of Elders
- Patrick Harriott – Minister of Justice
- Dean Gladue – Associate Minister of Justice

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 5. Chief Governance Officer Update

The Chief Governance Officer provided an overview of the Mandate Letters and the purpose behind their drafting. Emphasizing the importance of input from all Board members and Ministers, it was agreed that their contributions are crucial in defining the goals and direction of their portfolios. A consensus emerged on the need to review the process.

It was noted that the letters should undergo a thorough examination before finalization, with a separate Board meeting scheduled for February to facilitate this. The discussion also highlighted the potential for the Mandate Letters to inform the creation of a new strategic plan. The Board agreed to take the necessary time to ensure the mandates accurately reflect their vision, with plans to revisit the letters after the initial drafts are prepared. The Senior Leadership Team will oversee the process, and the mandate letters will be temporarily set aside from upcoming Ministry meetings for further process development.

## 6. Process for Reactive Media Statement/News Releases (APPROVAL)

Discussion ensued on the media response process. It was emphasized that timely replies to media inquiries are crucial, particularly due to tight deadlines. The preferred approach is to have statements approved by the CEO/President before release, with an alternative plan to involve the Board if necessary for high level decisions. The effectiveness of statements in preventing misinterpretation was noted, alongside a mention of an upcoming media training session during the Board Retreat.

It was acknowledged that the frequency of statements is increasing, highlighting the need for a rapid response system. Important matters requiring Board consensus will still be brought to the Board's attention. The importance of keeping the Board informed before any public statements were agreed upon, with processes established for approval if the President is unavailable.

It was confirmed that all approved statements would be emailed to the Board prior to public release. A communication channel for the board via Teams was proposed to enhance timely coordination.

**ACTION ITEM (20241015-01):** Chief Governance Office to set up a communications channel for the Board on Microsoft Teams.

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Minister Gladue

**SECONDED:** Minister Carriere

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors allow approval for reactive media statements/news releases to be made by the MNBC President and MNBC CEO.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 7. Break

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**Recessed for break at 10:43 AM – reconvened at 11:03 AM**

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## 8. MFCBC Resolution (APPROVAL)

*Vice-President Allard declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting at 11:04 AM.*

Background on the resolution indicated that the appointment of two Board members to the Métis Financial Corporation of British Columbia (MFCBC) was previously designated by the MNBC Board, as outlined in the governing articles. It was recommended that one current board member and one MNBC citizen, who has prior involvement, continue in their roles.

Board members for MFCBC serve a four-year term, as approved by the MNBC Board of Directors. A suggestion was made to limit representation to one board member to minimize potential conflicts during meetings. Additionally, there was a request for transparency regarding stipends associated with these positions. The success of the MFCBC was emphasized. Support for retaining both Minister Flamond and Louis De Jaeger in their respective roles was noted.

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Minister Harriott

**SECONDED:** Minister Fisher

**RESOLVED:**

THAT only one of the five board positions of the Company will be appointed going forward upon recommendation of the board of directors of MNBC and it is confirmed that Paulette Flamond holds this position.

The position of Louis de Jaeger as a director of the Company will continue but in his capacity as a citizen of MNBC.

**CARRIED with one abstention**

*Vice-President Allard rejoined the meeting at 11:14 AM.*

## 9. Board Appointments to Electoral Act Committee and MNGA Governance Committee (APPROVAL)

It was noted that in the previous term, Minister Harriott served on both the Electoral Act and MNGA Governance Committee. Further discussions on both committees included the potential for monetary compensation for committee members and the need for regular updates on committee agendas. There was also a suggestion to consider annual or biennial terms for committee positions.

An emphasis was placed on the ongoing nation-building efforts, the importance of local leadership, and the value of governance training for communities. There were suggestions for more strategic meetings to align governance goals with Regional Directors' needs. It was acknowledged on the significance of Governance training within communities and the Board noted Minister Harriott's ongoing efforts on both these committees.

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Minister Hooper

**SECONDED:** Minister Fisher

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors appoints Patrick Harriott to the Electoral Act Committee.

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors appoints Patrick Harriott to the MNGA Governance Committee.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10. Presidential Task Force on Economic Development TOR and Membership (APPROVAL)**

Updates to the Presidential Task Force on Economic Development Terms of Reference (TOR) were discussed, with clarifications provided regarding voting and non-voting members of the committee. The committee will prioritize the overall economic development of the Nation, its communities, and its citizens. Ministers Gervais and Lavallee have been noted to be the two Board members who sit on this committee.

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Minister Flamond

**SECONDED:** Minister Hooper

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors, on the recommendation of the Governance and Policy Committee, approves the Terms of Reference for the Presidential Task Force on Economic Development, as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Minister Harriott

**SECONDED:** Minister Gladue

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors appoint Raynie Gervais and Allan Lavallee to the Presidential Task Force on Economic Development.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**11. Approval of Strategic Relations and Initiatives TOR (APPROVAL)**

It was discussed that, with the approval of the Presidential Task Force Terms of Reference (TOR), the Economic Development section in the Strategic Relations and Initiatives TOR can be removed, as it will now be included within the Presidential Task Force TOR.

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Minister Flamond

**SECONDED:** Minister Fisher

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors, on the recommendation of the Governance and Policy Committee, approves the Terms of Reference for the Strategic Relations and Initiatives Committee.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 12. Special MNGA Resolutions (INFORMATION)

An overview was provided on how resolutions are presented with Board endorsement. Dates for the upcoming election to be presented to the MNGA were noted, along with the rationale for their selection. Additionally, it was discussed that the 2SLGBTQQA+ Advisory Committee will convene to review the criteria for candidates running for the upcoming 2SLGBTQQA+ election.

## 13. Lunch Break

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**Recessed for lunch break at 12:15 PM – reconvened at 12:50 PM**

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## 14. Louis Riel Day Funding for Waceya Métis Society

An overview was provided regarding a funding request from the Waceya Métis Society for Louis Riel Day, aimed at bringing communities together. The event will be open to all of Region 2, with items from the community garden to be distributed to encourage interaction. There was discussion regarding whether to cover a portion of the costs rather than the entire amount requested, with suggestions for the Board to match some expenses. Each Chartered Community already receives \$1,500, so any additional funding would come from the Board's Discretionary Fund. Overall, there was consensus on supporting the event, with ongoing discussions about the funding amount.

Concerns were raised about how entrance fees might impact attendance, with proposals for a nominal charge for prizes while maintaining accessibility. It was recommended that clear post-event reporting be conducted to assess its success and inform future decisions. The Board agreed to approve \$7,500 in funding for the event, with Waceya Métis Society needing to provide post-event reporting.

### **MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Minister Fisher

**SECONDED:** Minister Gervais

### **RESOLVED:**

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approves funding the Waceya Métis Society for \$7,500 for their Region 2 Louis Riel Day event; and

THAT the Waceya Métis Society is required to provide post-event reporting on this event.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 15. Committee Meeting Minutes (INFORMATION)

The following Committee Minutes were circulated to the Board of Directors for information:

- Executive Committee - 2024.07.03, 2024.7.17, 2024.07.24, 2024.07.31, 2024.08.14, 2024.08.21, 2024.08.28, and 2024.09.04
- Awards and Recognition Committee - 2024.07.15

16. Correspondence

The following documents were distributed for information:

- Letter to Minister Rankin – October 4, 2024
- Letter from Honourable Jenna Sudds – October 4, 2024

17. Record of Decisions

A Record of Decisions from both the Board of Directors and the Regional Governance Council (RGC) meetings was distributed to the Board for their information.

18. Meeting Moves In-Camera

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Minister Harriott

**SECONDED:** Minister Gladue

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the meeting move in-camera.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting moved in-camera at 1:21 PM.

The meeting moved out of in-camera at 5:21 PM.

19. Adjournment

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Minister Harriott

**SECONDED:** Minister Bergevin

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the meeting adjourn.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 5:21 PM.

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**Approval Sheet**

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Approved by:  President

Approved by:  Secretary

Date: November 12, 2024