MÉTIS NATION
BRITISH COLUMBIA

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting:	BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING		
Date of Meeting:	June 24, 2025	**Time:**	9:00 AM
Minutes Prepared By:	Rachel Ouellette	**Location:**	Microsoft Teams

ATTENDEES

Participating Board of Directors:	**Participating Staff:**
President Walter Mineault	Colette Trudeau, Chief Executive Officer
Vice-President Melanie Allard	Marc Riddell, Executive Director, Communications and Community Engagement
Minister Carmen Carriere	Chris Tupy, Executive Director of Housing Strategy & Operational Integration
Minister Danielle Bergevin	Dillon McLellan, Senior Manager, Housing and Homelessness Support Programs
Minister Dean Gladue	Barinder Lalli, Board Operations Manager
Minister Debra Fisher	Kayla Brow, Manager of Executive Operations
Minister Louis De Jaeger	Rachel Ouellette, Board Secretariat Coordinator
Minister Patrick Harriott	
Minister Paulette Flamond	
Minister Raynie Gervais	
Minister Susie Hooper	
Regrets:	
Minister Allan Lavallee	
Anisa White, Director of Governance and Corporate Secretary	

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. Minister Gervais provided an opening prayer.

1.1. Traditional Territory Acknowledgement

President Mineault acknowledged the Kelly Lake Métis Society and the traditional territory of the Dunne-za of which he was calling from.

Vice President Allard acknowledged the Two Rivers Métis Society and the traditional territory of the Tk'emlups te Secwepemc of which she was calling from.

Region 1 - Minister Harriott acknowledged the Métis Nation of Greater Victoria and traditional territory of the Tsartlip and W̱SÁNEĆ peoples of which he was calling from.

Region 3 – Minister Gladue acknowledged the Two Rivers Métis Society and the traditional territory of the Tk'emlups te Secwepemc of which he was calling from.

Region 4 - Minister Fisher acknowledged the Columbia Valley Métis Association and traditional shared territory of the Ktunaxa and Secwepemc Nations of which she was calling from.

Region 5 - Minister Gervais acknowledged the traditional territory of the Lheidli T'enneh which he was calling from.

Region 6 - Minister Hooper acknowledged the traditional territories of the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council and Kwanlin Dün First Nation from where she was calling from.

Region 7 - Minister Flamond acknowledged the Fort St John Métis Society and the traditional territory of the Beaver of which she was calling from.

BC Women Chair – Minister Carriere acknowledged the Vancouver Sea to Sky Métis Association and the traditional territory of the Tsawwassen and Musqueam First Nations from where she was calling from.

BC Youth Chair - Minister Bergevin acknowledged the North Fraser Métis Association and the traditional territorial land of Kwikwetlem First Nation of which she was calling from.

BC 2SLGBTQQIA+ Chair – Minister De Jaeger acknowledged the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the Syilx/Okanagan people of which he was calling from.

Staff at HQ - Our work takes place on the traditional and ancestral lands of the Semiahmoo, Katzie, Kwikwetlem, Kwantlen, Qayqayt and Tsawwassen First Nations. We respectfully acknowledge their stewardship of this land since time immemorial. MNBC recognizes the 39 Métis Chartered Communities we serve across British Columbia.

2. MNBC and Board of Director Values

The Chief Executive Officer acknowledged the following MNBC Values and Board of Director Specific Values:

MNBC Organizational Values:

- kwayes'kwât'sowin – Integrity
- kisîwât'sowin – Kindness
- ahtisihcikêwin – Innovation
- manâcihitowin – Respect
- atoskâtowin – Teamwork
- tâpahtiyim'sowin – Humility
- sîpihkisôwin – Resilience

MNBC Board of Director-Specific Values:

- Collaboration
- Transparency
- Trust
- Kindness

3. Meeting Moves In-Camera

MOTION:
MOVED: Minister Gervais
SECONDED: Minister Fisher
RESOLVED:
THAT the meeting move in-camera.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
The meeting moved in-camera at 9:10 AM.
The meeting moved out of in-camera at 5:13 PM.

4. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda of the June 24, 2025, Board of Directors meeting was approved by consensus, with the addition of:

- Elders Rent Supplement Program
- Policy E-0 – Board Self-Assessment

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Adoption of Meeting Minutes

MOTION:
MOVED: Vice-President Allard
SECONDED: Minister Gladue
RESOLVED:
THAT the minutes of the following Board of Directors meetings be approved as presented:

- April 28, 2025
- May 7, 2025
- May 23, 2025
- May 28 and 29, 2025
- June 5, 2025

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Update on Action Items

It was noted that all ongoing action items are currently in progress. A more detailed review of these items has been deferred to the next Board of Directors Meeting on July 28, 2025.

7. Elders Rent Supplement Program (APPROVAL)

Chris Tupy, Executive Director of Housing Strategy & Operational Integration, and Dillon McLellan, Senior Manager, Housing and Homelessness Support Programs, joined the meeting at 5:16 PM. Rachel Ouellette, Board Secretariat Coordinator, left the meeting at 5:27 PM.

Discussion ensued noting that the Rent Supplement Program is scheduled to conclude on March 31, 2026, due to funding limitations. The conversation focused on exploring alternative ways to continue supporting Elders and the potential development of a new program to meet the ongoing needs of Elders in communities.

The Board was provided an overview of current Elders on the program, and anticipated costs for initiating a new program to support them. It was suggested that a maximum expenditure of $250,000 be set for any new program.

MOTION:
MOVED: Minister Gervais
SECONDED: Minister Flamond
RESOLVED:
THAT the MNBC Board of Directors direct staff to develop a Rent Supplement Program for Elders, with a planned launch date of April 1, 2026;

AND FURTHER THAT the guidelines and budget, which includes a maximum expenditure of $250,000 per year, for the program be submitted to the MNBC Board of Directors for approval at, or prior to, the September 2025 Board meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Chris Tupy, Executive Director of Housing Strategy & Operational Integration, and Dillon McLellan, Senior Manager, Housing and Homelessness Support Programs, left the meeting at 5:52 PM.

8. Policy E-0 – Board Self-Assessment (APPROVAL)

Minister Flamond introduced the resolution, noting that it enforces an existing policy. During further discussion, it was directed that a shortlist of proposals should be assessed by the People and Culture committee for selection.

MOTION:
MOVED: Minister Flamond
SECONDED: Minister Carriere
WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of Metis Nation BC recognizes the importance of continuous governance improvement and accountability;

AND WHEREAS, Policy E-0 outlines the process for conducting periodic self-assessments to evaluate the Board's performance and effectiveness in governance, strategic direction, resource management, committee functioning, compliance, and Board/CEO relationships;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Board of Directors hereby adopts Policy E-0, which mandates conducting two self-assessments during each term, utilizing internal and/or external facilitation as deemed appropriate;

FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Board affirms the objectives of these assessments—to enhance governance capabilities, clarify roles and responsibilities, and improve overall Board performance;

FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, upon completion and approval of each assessment, a summarized report will be prepared and made public, in accordance with Policy E-0;

FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Board may engage external facilitators to assist in the assessment process to ensure objectivity and thoroughness;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Board directs the CEO of MNBC to implement the necessary procedures to support this policy and facilitate the assessment process accordingly.

CARRIED UNAMIMOUSLY

9. Committee Meeting Minutes (INFORMATION)

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

- 2025-03-20EAC Minutes
- 2025-04-29 GAP Minutes
- 2025-05-27 PTFED Minutes
- 2025-05-14 Executive Minutes
- 2025-05-21 Executive Minutes
- 2025-06-04 Executive Minutes
- 2025-06-11 Executive Minutes

10. Record of Decisions (INFORMATION)

The Board of Directors Record of Decisions was distributed to the Board for information.

Minister Fisher left the meeting at 6:30 PM.

11. Adjournment

MOTION:
MOVED: Minister Harriott
SECONDED: Vice-President Allard
RESOLVED:
THAT the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 6:33 PM. Vice-President Allard provided a closing prayer.

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Approval Sheet

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Approved by: Melanie Allard Acting President

Approved by: M Fisher Secretary

Date: October 20, 2025

APPROVED