MÉTIS NATION BRITISH COLUMBIA

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting:	BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING		
Date of Meeting:	September 17, 2025	**Time:**	8:30 AM
Minutes Prepared By:	Rachel Ouellette	**Location:**	Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel, and Microsoft Teams

ATTENDEES

Participating Board of Directors:	**Participating Staff:**
Acting President Melanie Allard	Colette Trudeau, Chief Executive Officer
Acting Vice-President Patrick Harriott	Marc Riddell, Executive Director, Communications and Community Engagement
Minister Allan Lavallee	Carly Teillet, Executive Legal Counsel
Minister Carmen Carriere	Anisa White, Director of Governance and Corporate Secretary
Minister Danielle Bergevin	Barinder Lalli, Board Operations Manager
Minister Dean Gladue	Kayla Brow, Manager of Executive Operations
Minister Debra Fisher	Rachel Ouellette, Board Secretariat Coordinator
Minister Louis De Jaeger	
Minister Paulette Flamond	
Minister Raynie Gervais	
Minister Susie Hooper	

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

Acting President Allard called the meeting to order at 8:38 AM and welcomed everyone. Minister Fisher provided an opening prayer.

1.1. Traditional Territory Acknowledgement

Board and Staff at Vancouver Sheraton Airport Hotel - 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 Values

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

MNBC Organizational Values:

1. kwayes'kwât'sowin – Integrity
2. kisîwât'sowin – Kindness
3. ahtisihcikêwin – Innovation
4. manâcihitowin – Respect
5. atoskâtowin – Teamwork
6. tâpahtiyim'sowin – Humility
7. sîpihkisôwin – Resilience

MNBC Board of Director-Specific Values:

1. Collaboration
2. Transparency
3. Trust
4. Kindness

3. Meeting Moves In-Camera

MOTION:
MOVED: Minister Gladue
SECONDED: Minister Hooper
RESOLVED:
THAT the meeting move in-camera.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting moved in-camera at 8:41 AM.
The meeting moved out of in-camera at 4:46 PM

4. Adoption of Meeting Agenda

The agenda for the September 17, 2025, Board of Directors meeting was approved by consensus, with the addition of "Funding for PGMCA (Approval).

5. 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 October 20, 2025.

6. Funding for PGMCA (APPROVAL)

It was discussed that following the August 18th Board of Directors meeting where it was resolved "*THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approve $1,581.31, through the Board Discretionary Funds, to reimburse the Prince George Métis Community Association for expenses accrued for their community office space*", some receipts had been missed and were not submitted at that time. To account for these outstanding receipts, the Board was asked to consider approving these missed receipts.

MOTION:
MOVED: Minister Hooper
SECONDED: Minister Harriott
RESOLVED:
THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approve $649.44, through the Board Discretionary Funds, to reimburse the Prince George Métis Community Association for expenses accrued for their community office space.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Ministry Name Change (APPROVAL)

An overview was presented to the Board explaining the rationale behind the Ministry's name change from "Ministry of Poverty Reduction and Unhoused" to "Ministry of Poverty Reduction."

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MOTION:
MOVED: Minister Harriott
SECONDED: Minister Lavallee
RESOLVED:
THAT the MNBC Board of Director approve changing the name of the "Ministry of Poverty Reduction and Unhoused" to the "Ministry of Poverty Reduction".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. ISC Capacity-Building Funding (APPROVAL)

Background regarding the ISC Capacity-Building Funding was discussed.

MOTION:
MOVED: Minister Fisher
SECONDED: Minister Lavallee
RESOLVED:
THAT the MNBC Board of Directors affirms MNBC's authority to act on behalf of the Métis in BC, who are an Indigenous group, community, or people whose rights are recognized and affirmed under section 35 of the Constitution Act 1982, and approves the submission to the Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) for child and family services capacity-building funding.

CARRIED UNAMIMOUSLY

9. Chartered Community Funding Requests

Due to time constraints, consideration of this item was deferred to Day 2 of the Board of Directors meeting.

10. Adjournment

MOTION:
MOVED: Minister Fisher
SECONDED: Minister Gervais
RESOLVED:
THAT the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
The meeting adjourned at 4:54 PM

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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