

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting:	SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING		
Date of Meeting:	January 6, 2026	Time:	9:30 AM
Minutes Prepared By:	Barinder Lalli	Location:	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 Louis De Jaeger
 Minister Debra Fisher
 Minister Paulette Flamond
 Minister Raynie Gervais
 Minister Susie Hooper

Participating Staff:

Anna Maione, Acting Chief Executive Officer
 Marc Riddell, Executive Director, Communications and Community Engagement
 Barinder Lalli, Board Operations Manager

Regrets:

Minister Patrick Harriott

Guests:

Gwendoline Allison, Barton Thane Law

Note: The agenda was varied by unanimous consent throughout the meeting. The minutes are recorded in the order they were discussed.

1. Meeting called to Order

President Mineault called the meeting to order at 9:33 AM. Minister Lavallee provided an opening prayer.

2. Adoption of Meeting Agenda

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister Gervais

SECONDED: Minister Flamond

RESOLVED:

THAT the agenda of the January 6, 2026 Special Board of Directors meeting be approved with the following items:

- Legal Counsel Discussion (In-Camera);
- MNGA Discussion;
- Senate Resolution;
- Executive Committee Minutes;
- Audit Motion;
- Signing Authority; and
- In-Person Board of Directors meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Meeting Moves In-Camera

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister Flamond

SECONDED: Minister Gladue

RESOLVED:

THAT the meeting move in-camera.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting moved in-camera at 9:39 AM. All participating staff departed the meeting at this time.

The meeting moved out of in-camera at 2:30 PM. Gwendoline Allison departed the meeting and all participating staff rejoined the meeting at this time.

4. MNGA (DISCUSSION)

Discussion ensued on the importance of holding an in-person MNGA sooner than June in order to share information directly with Chartered Community Presidents and to further facilitate the need for an in-camera session, if needed. It was requested that staff look into whether a venue could be secured for an in-person MNGA in March. It was noted that MNGA approval would be required in order to approve the change of dates and for hosting it in-person. It was suggested that a townhall be arranged in order to discuss the shift with the Chartered Community Presidents.

5. Signing Authority (APPROVAL)

It was noted that with the President's reinstatement and changes to the Executive Committee, an updated signing authority would be required.

MOTION:

MOVED: Vice-President Allard

SECONDED: Minister Gervais

RESOLVED:

- A) THAT Walter Mineault, Louis De Jaeger, and Anna Maione is added as signing authority for the Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia.
- B) THAT Patrick Harriott is removed as signing authority for the Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia effective January 31, 2026.
- C) THAT the MNBC Board of Directors hereby endorse the following signing authorities for the Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia:
 - 1. For payments via cheque, electronic fund transfer, or any other format, two of the following persons: Walter Mineault, Louis De Jaeger, Melanie Allard, Colette Trudeau, and Anna Maione.
 - 2. For any agreements that bind the Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia, either of the following persons: Walter Mineault, Colette Trudeau, or Anna Maione.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. **Executive Committee Minutes (DISCUSSION)**

The Board requested that the Executive Committee minutes for the previous six months be shared with the Executive Committee.

7. **Senate Resolution (DISCUSSION)**

It was requested that this topic be included on the next Board of Directors meeting. Discussion ensued on the importance of the Senate and ensuring their work was honoured. Further discussion centered on ensuring that the resolutions were put forward in a good way, and that legal review should be sought. Concerns regarding the previous Senate Hearing were also raised.

8. **Interim Minister of Justice Appointment (APPROVAL)**

MOTION:

MOVED: President Mineault

SECONDED: Minister Carriere

RESOLVED:

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors appoint Dean Gladue as the Interim Minister of Justice.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. **Closing Prayer**

Minister Gervais provided a closing prayer.

10. **Adjournment**

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister Lavallee

SECONDED: Minister Carriere

RESOLVED:

THAT the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 4:03 PM.

Approval Sheet

Approved by:  President

Approved by:  Secretary

Date: January 23, 2026