

## MEETING MINUTES

<b>Meeting:</b>	BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING		
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	January 23, 2026	<b>Time:</b>	9:00 AM
<b>Minutes Prepared By:</b>	Lisa Alexis	<b>Location:</b>	Microsoft Teams

## ATTENDEES

### Participating Board of Directors:

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

### Participating Staff (for all or a portion of the meeting):

Anna Maione, Acting Chief Executive Officer  
 Marc Riddell, Executive Director, Communications and Community Engagement  
 Colleen Hodgson, Acting Chief Operating Officer  
 Lisa Alexis, Finance Special Project Manager and Executive Support  
 Barinder Lalli, Board Operations Manager  
 Sharlene Wedel, Executive Director, Education, Early Learning | K-12  
 Sasha Hobbs, Chief Strategy Officer  
 Katie Trace, Executive Director, STEPS  
 Anca McHollister, Director of Programs and Operations, STEPS  
 Mariel Del Valle, Director, Events  
 Tanya Davoren, Executive Director, Health, Mental Health and Harm Reduction  
 Chantelle Colthorp, Senior Manager, Early Learning and Child Care

### Regrets:

Minister Dean Gladue

*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 and Meeting Reconvenes

The meeting reconvened at 9:03 AM.

### 2. Adopt Amended Agenda (APPROVAL)

It was advised that the LOU BN has been removed from the agenda at the request of staff.

#### MOTION:

**MOVED:** Minister Carriere

**SECONDED:** Minister De Jaeger

#### RESOLVED:

THAT the agenda be amended to include an in-camera session following the regular meeting.

#### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### 3. College Business Plan (APPROVAL)

The Executive Director, STEPS, and the Director of Programs and Operations, STEPS, provided an overview of the College Business Plan.

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Minister Flamond

**SECONDED:** Minister Gervais

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approve the “Métis Nation British Columbia Post-Secondary College Business Plan” as presented at the January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026, Board meeting, and direct STEPS staff to commence implementation including making the appropriate applications to the BC Registries of Societies and the Private Training Institutions Regulatory Unit (PTIRU); and

THAT, subject to approval of the previous motion, the MNBC Board of Directors approve in-kind funding for the MNBC Post-Secondary College, to be added to the STEPS budget for use by the College starting in 2026/27 fiscal.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**4. Books and Supplies (APPROVAL)**

The Executive Director, STEPS, and the Director of Programs and Operations, STEPS, provided an overview of the Books and Supplies Briefing Note.

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Minister Flamond

**SECONDED:** Vice-President Allard

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approve an update to the STEPS Standards of Practice (SOP), effective in the 2026–27 fiscal year, to issue funding for books and supplies through a lump sum payment of up to \$250 per semester, or to a maximum of \$500 per funding contract, based on documented book and supply needs.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**5. Wage Subsidy and Paid Practicums (INFORMATION)**

The Executive Director, STEPS, and the Director of Programs and Operations, STEPS, provided an overview of the Wage Subsidy and Paid Practicums Information Briefing Note.

In response to a query, it was advised that there is no limit to the number of times it can be applied for. The Chief Strategy Officer and the STEPS team will work closely with Communications regarding accreditation and next steps.

**6. Break**

The meeting recessed at 10:19 AM and reconvened at 10:36 AM.

**7. MNGA Procedural Questions Email (DISCUSSION)**

Discussion ensued regarding Vice-President Bird’s email regarding the manner in which the MNGA had shifted from a virtual to an in-person meeting. In response to this, the Manager of Governance advised that only the MNGA can change the date/manner in which an MNGA is held. In response to a query, it was advised that the Board is able to call a special MNGA.

Discussion continued, and it was recommended that a special MNGA be called in order for the MNGA to vote on whether they agree to change the February 28 - March 1 MNGA to an in-person meeting.

**ACTION ITEM (20260123-01):** Governance staff to review how legislation can be amended to provide the Board with flexibility in emergency situations related to calling an MNGA.

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** President Mineault

**SECONDED:** Minister Carriere

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors direct that a Special Métis Nation Governing Assembly be called on Monday, January 26 at 6 PM.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*The Director of Events joined the meeting.*

**8. 2026 In-Person MNGA Location (APPROVAL)**

The Director of Events provided an overview of the contract.

Discussion ensued, and it was noted that the contract should be approved, pending MNGA approval, in order to meet the hotel deadline.

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Minister Harriott

**SECONDED:** Minister Gervais

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approve the venue contract, in the amount of \$94,575.00, for the 2026 MNBC In-Person MNGA to be held at the Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel, pending approval from the MNGA.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9. 2026 AGM Location (APPROVAL)**

The Director of Events provided an overview of the 2026 AGM location contract.

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Minister Gervais

**SECONDED:** Vice-President Allard

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approves the venue contract, in the amount of \$377,359, for the 2026 MNBC AGM be held at the Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*The Director of Events departed the meeting. The Executive Director of Education, Early Learning and K-12, and the Senior Manager, Early Learning and Child Care, and the Chief Strategy Officer joined the meeting.*

## 10. 2026 Métis Early Years Conference (APPROVAL)

The Executive Director of Education, Early Learning and K-12, and the Senior Manager, Early Learning and Child Care, and the Chief Strategy Officer provided an overview of the conference.

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Minister Fisher

**SECONDED:** Minister Lavallee

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approve the planning and delivery of the annual Métis Early Years Conference in the fall of 2026.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*The Executive Director of Education, Early Learning and K-12, and the Senior Manager, Early Learning and Child Care, and the Chief Strategy Officer departed the meeting. The Acting Chief Financial Officer joined the meeting.*

## 11. UPIP Funding (APPROVAL)

Discussion ensued on the distribution of UPIP funds. It was suggested that as the Ministry of Youth is underfunded, that funds should be prioritized for it, in addition to community allocations. It was requested that in the communication to communities, that it be noted that there is no guarantee that these funds will be available in future years.

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Minister Carriere

**SECONDED:** Minister Bergevin

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approve the UPIP funding distribution which includes \$9000 for each Chartered Community and \$39,000 for the Ministry of Youth, for a total of \$390,000, with a spend-by deadline of March 31, 2027 and a reporting deadline of July 29, 2027.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*The Acting Chief Financial Officer and Minister Fisher departed the meeting.*

## 12. Break

The meeting recessed at 12:09 PM and reconvened at 1:13 PM.

## 13. Hudson's Hope Temporary Use Permit (INFORMATION)

The Acting Chief Operating Officer provided an overview of the Hudson's Hope Temporary Use Permit.

## 14. Committee Review (DISCUSSION)

Discussion ensued on the Board Committees. President Mineault recommended that the Social Infrastructure Development Committee be disbanded. It was also noted that a review of the Environment Advisory Committee should take place. A new Committee regarding Senate reform should also be created. The People and Culture Committee should also be reviewed, with a review of its Terms of Reference by the committee members.

**MOTION**

**MOVED:** President Mineault

**SECONDED:** Minister Flamond

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approve disbanding the Social Infrastructure Development Committee.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MOTION**

**MOVED:** Minister De Jaegar

**SECONDED:** Minister Carriere

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approve the creation of ad hoc Senate Reform Committee and direct staff create a Terms of Reference to be ratified by the Board.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**15. Break**

The meeting recessed at 2:14 PM and reconvened at 2:30 PM.

*All participating staff departed the meeting except the Finance Special Project Manager and Executive Support.*

**16. Committee Meeting Minutes (INFORMATION)**

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

- Credit Union Exploratory Committee: 2025-08-28
- Social Infrastructure and Development Committee: 2025-11-06
- Finance and Audit Committee: 2025-07-10

**17. Record of Decisions (INFORMATION)**

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

**18. Motion to move In-Camera**

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Minister Gervais

**SECONDED:** Minister Lavallee

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the meeting move in-camera.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting moved in-camera at 2:31 PM.

The meeting moved out of in-camera at 4:20 PM.

**19. Adjournment**


The meeting adjourned by consensus at 4:20 PM.


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**Approval Sheet**

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Approved by:  President

Approved by:  Secretary

Date: February 26, 2026