

## MEETING MINUTES

<b>Meeting:</b>	BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING		
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	February 27, 2026	<b>Time:</b>	8:30 AM
<b>Minutes Prepared By:</b>	Lynn Berry	<b>Location:</b>	Sheraton Vancouver Airport

## ATTENDEES

<b>Participating Board of Directors:</b>	<b>Participating Staff (for all or a portion of the meeting):</b>
President Walter Mineault	Anna Maione, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Vice-President Melanie Allard	Marc Riddell, Executive Director, Communications and Community Engagement
Minister Danielle Bergevin	Colleen Hodgson, Acting Chief Operating Officer
Minister Carmen Carriere	Jas Rehal, Governance Officer
Minister Louis De Jaeger	Sasha Hobbs, Chief Strategy Officer
Minister Debra Fisher	Barinder Lalli, Board Operations Manager
Minister Paulette Flamond	Lynn Berry, Board Committee Coordinator
Minister Raynie Gervais	Stephen Thomson, Director of Health Governance
Minister Patrick Harriott	Sharlene Wedel, Director of Education, Early Learning   K-12
Minister Susie Hooper	
Minister Allan Lavallee	
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.*

Welcome and Meeting Reconvenes  
 President: Walter Mineault

### 1. Welcome and Meeting Reconvenes

President Mineault welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 9 AM. Minister Flamond provided an Opening Prayer.

### 2. Ma Niki Renovations Program Expansion

The Acting Chief Operating Officer advised the program is being expanded to service more Métis citizens.

Discussion ensued, and the following was noted:

- Important to ensure that Elders remain a priority.
- Financial thresholds need to be a consideration.
- There needs to be inclusion of Métis people who are disabled.

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Minister Harriott

**SECONDED:** Minister Hooper

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approve changing the name of the “Ma Niki Seniors Home Renovations Program” to the “Ma Niki Renovations Program,” and approve the updated eligibility criteria and program guidelines as outlined in this briefing note and Attachment 1 Proposed Guideline Change overview.

**AMENDMENT:**

**MOVED:** President Mineault

**SECONDED:** Minister Harriott

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the following be added at the end of the Main Motion:

AND FURTHER THAT the program be re-evaluated following one year.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Question was called on the Main Motion as Amended and it was CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**FINAL MOTION:**

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approve changing the name of the “Ma Niki Seniors Home Renovations Program” to the “Ma Niki Renovations Program,” and approve the updated eligibility criteria and program guidelines as outlined in this briefing note and Attachment 1 Proposed Guideline Change overview.

AND FURTHER THAT the program be re-evaluated following one year.

*The Executive Director, Ministry of Education, Early Learning and K-12, joined the meeting at 9:04 AM.*

### 3. Strengthening Chartered Community Engagement In Early Years and K-12 Education

The Executive Director, Ministry of Education, Early Learning and K-12, provided an overview of the Briefing Note.

During discussion, and in response to questions, the following was noted:

- Suggestion to prepare a one-pager communication for communities to understand the purpose.
- Concern regarding community capacity.
- Consideration should be given to how the funds are distributed, as different areas have different populations.
- A funding formula should be created in the future that is specific to these kinds of situations.

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Minister Fisher

**SECONDED:** Minister Lavallee

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approve the allocation of \$50,000 per year, for two fiscal years (total investment of \$3,900,000), to each of the 39 MNBC Chartered Communities using IELCC Governance funding to support core operations and engagement in Métis early years and K–12 education initiatives.

**AMENDMENT:**

**MOVED:** Minister Harriott

**SECONDED:** Minister Hooper

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the Main Motion be amended to read:

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approve the allocation of ~~\$50,000 per year~~, for two fiscal years, (~~total investment of \$3,900,000~~), to each of the ~~39~~ MNBC Chartered Communities using IELCC Governance funding to support core operations and engagement in Métis early years and K–12 education initiatives;

**AND FURTHER THAT the funds be distributed to Chartered Communities based on the MNBC funding formula.**

**AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT:**

**MOVED:** Minister Bergevin

**SECONDED:** Minister Carriere

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the Amendment be amended to add the following to at the end:

**with a caveat that the percentage portion of the funding formula be based on the number of school districts instead of citizens.**

**DEFEATED with all members opposed.**

**Question was called on the original Amendment and it was CARRIED with Ministers Flamond and De Jaeger Opposed.**

**Question was called on the Main Motion as Amended and it was CARRIED with Minister Flamond opposed.**

President Mineault requested that it be noted that he was opposed to the funding formula application to the distribution of funds. Minister Flamond requested it be noted that her opposition was related to the geographic location of her region being in the Northeast and not receiving an equal distribution of funds.

**FINAL MOTION:**

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approve the allocation, for two fiscal years, of \$3,900,000, to MNBC Chartered Communities using IELCC Governance funding to support core operations and engagement in Métis early years and K–12 education initiatives;

AND FURTHER THAT the funds be distributed to MNBC Chartered Communities based on the MNBC funding formula.

**4. Coffee Break**

The meeting recessed at 10:15 AM and reconvened at 10:30 AM.

**5. LOU Engagement**

The Director of Health Governance provided an overview of the briefing note.

Discussion ensued, and there was consensus that Option 2 of the briefing note was the preferred way forward as it would allow for better community involvement, with MNBC as the lead.

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Minister De Jaeger

**SECONDED:** Minister Hooper

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approve the Design of a hybrid governance approach where Métis Chartered Communities opt into a collective bargaining approach with MNBC as the lead signatory to the LOUs;

AND FURTHER THAT Bi-annual Regional Governance Council (RGC) meetings will discuss LOU-related actions and coincide with MNBC–Health Authority Leadership meetings.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*The Director of Governance Health left the meeting at 11:15 AM.*

**6. Ministry of Youth Funding Update**

The Acting Chief Executive Officer reviewed the distributed report.

Discussion ensued, and concerns were raised regarding the lack of sustainable funding for the Ministry of Youth. The importance of establishing other funding sources was discussed. Continued conversations on this topic are needed, including at future Board of Director meetings.

**7. D&O Policy**

This item was moved to the in-camera agenda.

**8. Reconsideration of Audit Motion**

This item was requested to be added to the February Board of Directors agenda during a Special Board of Directors meeting.

**ACTION ITEM (20260227-01):** The Reconsideration of Audit Motion discussion to be added to the March Board of Directors Meeting.

**9. MNGA Governance Committee Appointment**

It was requested that a review of all Board and MNGA Committee appointments be added to the March Board of Directors meeting.

**10. Lunch**

The meeting recessed at 11:50 AM and reconvened at 1 PM.

**11. Métis Care Advance Care Plan Workbook (INFORMATION)**

Métis Care Advance Care Plan Workbook

**12. Committee Minutes (INFORMATION)**

- Executive Committee Minutes - December 17, 2025
- Executive Committee Minutes - January 7, 2026
- Executive Committee Minutes - January 14, 2026
- Executive Committee Minutes - January 28, 2026
- Executive Committee Minutes - February 4, 2026

**13. Records of Decisions (INFORMATION)**

**14. Decisions Released from In-Camera**

**The following decision was released from in-camera at the November 25, 2026 In-Camera Board of Directors meeting:**

**Audit Motion:**

Whereas Transparency and accountability are fundamental principles in the governance of the Métis Nation of BC (MNBC).

Whereas concerns have been raised regarding the management and expenditures of MNBC during the fiscal years 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25.

Whereas an independent external auditor, chosen by the MNBC Board of Directors, is necessary to ensure an unbiased and thorough review of MNBC's Finances.

BE IT RESOLVED;

That MNBC engage a fully independent, third-party auditor — not the current financial statement auditor — to conduct a comprehensive review of MNBC’s financial controls, program spending, capital assets, procurement practices, wage escalations, and reconciliation of MNBC’s audited and non-audited financial disclosures, with findings reported directly to the MNBC Board of Directors for fiscal years 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25 reporting back no later than June 30, 2026.

**The following decisions were released from in-camera at the November 26, 2026 In-Camera Board of Directors meeting:**

**MCC requests for Board Strategic Priorities Funding Motion:**

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approve the recommended structure and process for Métis Chartered Community requests for Board Strategic Priorities Funding for Event and Non-Event purposes as outlined in the Briefing Note dated November 3, 2025.

**Emergency CC Office Fund Motion:**

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approve the proposed framework for the Emergency Chartered Community Office Fund and direct staff to develop guidelines for administering the funds prior to April 1, 2026, launch date, as outlined in the Briefing Note dated November 20, 2025.

**3656 Raymond Street Project Motion:**

WHEREAS the Borrower is or will be the registered owner of the property at 3656 RAYMOND ST, VICTORIA, BC legally described as:

PID 032-430-515 LOT 1 SECTION 14 VICTORIA DISTRICT PLAN EPP140768 (the “Property”) and will be doing predevelopment work on the Property (the "Project") under the British Columbia Housing Management Commission (“BCHMC”) Indigenous Housing Fund Program; and WHEREAS the Borrower needs to borrow money in order to facilitate the predevelopment of the Project.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Borrower borrow up to a maximum amount of \$1,967,900.00, or such other amount as may be approved by the directors, by way of a repayable loan secured by a mortgage, as required to facilitate the predevelopment of the Project in accordance with the Loan Commitment Letter.
2. The Borrower execute and deliver all documents required by BCHMC or the lender of the monies, including any takeout lender, in such form and containing such terms, covenants, provisos and conditions as are satisfactory to or required by them, including without limitation a mortgage, assignment of rents, security agreement, assignment of project agreements (and any assignments, modifications and assumptions thereto as approved by BCHMC) and affordable housing agreement (if applicable); and
3. The CEO of the Borrower, Colette Trudeau (the “Authorized Signatory”) for and on behalf of the Borrower be and is hereby authorized to execute and deliver under the seal of the Borrower or otherwise, all such deeds, documents and other writings and to do such acts and things in connection with the Property and the Project as the Authorized Signatory, in their discretion, may consider to be necessary or desirable for giving effect to this resolution and for the purpose of fulfilling the requirements of BCHMC or the lender of the monies.

**27 Dogwood Street Project Motion:**

WHEREAS the Borrower is or will be the registered owner of the property at 27 DOGWOOD STREET, CAMPBELL RIVER, BC legally described as: PID 032-584-041 LOT A DISTRICT LOT 72 SAYWARD DISTRICT PLAN EPP142274 (the

“Property”) and will be doing predevelopment work on the Property (the "Project") under the British Columbia Housing Management Commission (“BCHMC”) Indigenous Housing Fund Program; and WHEREAS the Borrower needs to borrow money in order to facilitate the predevelopment of the Project;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Borrower borrow up to a maximum amount of \$1,688,400.00, or such other amount as may be approved by the directors, by way of a repayable loan secured by a mortgage, as required to facilitate the predevelopment of the Project in accordance with the Loan Commitment Letter.
2. The Borrower execute and deliver all documents required by BCHMC or the lender of the monies, including any takeout lender, in such form and containing such terms, covenants, provisos and conditions as are satisfactory to or required by them, including without limitation a mortgage, assignment of rents, security agreement, assignment of project agreements (and any assignments, modifications and assumptions thereto as approved by BCHMC) and affordable housing agreement (if applicable); and
3. The CEO of the Borrower, Colette Trudeau (the “Authorized Signatory”) for and on behalf of the Borrower be and is hereby authorized to execute and deliver under the seal of the Borrower or otherwise, all such deeds, documents and other writings and to do such acts and things in connection with the Property and the Project as the Authorized Signatory, in their discretion, may consider to be necessary or desirable for giving effect to this resolution and for the purpose of fulfilling the requirements of BCHMC or the lender of the monies.

**Port Alberni Landscaping Motion:**

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors, as recommended by the Social Infrastructure Development Committee, approve awarding the contract for landscaping and outdoor play space at the Port Alberni Childcare Centre to Colyn’s Landscaping, based on a proposal of \$136,905.91 (including taxes), plus a 15% construction management fee for Freeport Industries Ltd. and a 15% contingency, bringing the total project budget to a maximum of \$179,933.47.

**MFCBC Board of Directors Motion:**

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors does not accept the Executive Committee decision to remove Chair Louis De Jaeger from the Métis Financial Corporation of BC Board of Directors.

**The following decisions were released from in-camera at the January 22, 2026 In-Camera Board of Directors meeting:**

**Approval of Submissions to BC Housing Community Fund Motion :**

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors, as recommended by the Social Infrastructure Development Committee, approve the submission of applications to the BC Housing Community Housing Fund for two multifamily developments, located in Terrace (4617 Greig Avenue, Terrace) and in Invermere (1102 13th Street, Invermere), including all required components, as follows:

- Approve the attached resolutions, indicated as Attachment 1 and Attachment 2, to the Briefing Note; and
- Authorize staff and M’akola Development Services to make the applications to BC Housing, as reflected in the resolutions provided; and
- Approve execution of the Development Consultant contracts for each project, which will only become binding should the funding applications be successful, in the amount of \$833,318.

**Public Architecture + Communications For Saanich Project Motion:**

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors authorize the Chief Executive Officer to proceed with the architecture contract payment schedule with Public Architecture + Communication for the project located at 3656 Raymond Street South and 307/309 Brunswick Place, in alignment with previously approved project direction, for the remaining \$1,638,828.50 plus GST.

**Fort St. John Contingency Funds Motion:**

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors, as recommended by the Social Infrastructure Development Committee, approve the use of up to \$1,000,000 in Indigenous Early Learning and Child Care (IELCC) funding for the completion of the Fort St. John childcare project.

**MNBC Ministerial Portfolio Assignments Motion :**

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approve the following Ministerial Portfolio assignments:

- Minister of Children and Families-Debra Fisher
- Associate Minister of Children and Families-Allan Lavallee
- Minister of Citizenship-Raynie Gervais
- Minister of Culture, Language, and Heritage-Patrick Harriott
- Associate Minister of Culture, Language, and Heritage-Raynie Gervais
- Minister of Digital Government-Melanie Allard
- Minister of Economic Development, Tourism and Partnership Development-Paulette Flamond
- Associate Minister of Economic Development, Tourism and Partnership Development-Louis De Jaeger
- Minister of Education (Early Learning | K-12)-Debra Fisher
- Minister of Food Security-Paulette Flamond
- Minister of Environment and Climate Change-Susie Hooper
- Minister of Health and Wellness-Louis De Jaeger
- Associate Minister of Health and Wellness-Susie Hooper
- Minister of Mental Health and Harm Reduction-Danielle Bergevin
- Minister of Elders-Raynie Gervais
- Associate Minister of Elders-Allan Lavallee
- Associate Minister of Elders-Melanie Allard
- Minister of Housing-Allan Lavallee
- Associate Minister of Housing-Raynie Gervais
- Minister of Poverty Reduction-Patrick Harriott
- Minister of Rights-Walter Mineault
- Associate Minister of Rights-Dean Gladue
- Minister of Research and Consultation-Patrick Harriott
- Minister of Justice and Legal Affairs-Dean Gladue
- Associate Minister of Justice and Legal Affairs-Raynie Gervais
- Minister of Skills Training, Employment, and Post-Secondary-Melanie Allard
- Minister of Sport and Active Living-Dean Gladue
- Associate Minister of Sport and Active Living-Danielle Bergevin
- Senate Liaison-Dean Gladue

15. Motion to Move In-Camera

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Minister Gervais

**SECONDED:** Minister Flamond

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the Board of Directors meeting move in-camera pursuant to subsection "I" of Board Policy Manual Policy D-1.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The Board of Directors moved In-Camera at 1:01 PM.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**Approval Sheet**

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Approved by



President

Approved by:



Secretary

Date: March 23, 2026