

## MEETING MINUTES

<b>Meeting:</b>	BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING		
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	April 20, 2026	<b>Time:</b>	9:00 AM
<b>Minutes Prepared By:</b>	Lynn Berry	<b>Location:</b>	Microsoft Teams

## ATTENDEES

**Participating Board of Directors:**

Interim President Melanie Allard  
 Minister Louis De Jaeger  
 Minister Debra Fisher  
 Minister Paulette Flamond  
 Minister Raynie Gervais  
 Minister Patrick Harriott  
 Minister Susie Hooper  
 Minister Allan Lavallee  
 Minister Dean Gladue  
 Minister Danielle Bergevin  
 Minister Carmen Carriere

**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  
 Jas Rehal, Executive Director, Governance  
 Barinder Lalli, Board Operations Manager  
 Lynn Berry, Board Committee Coordinator

**Guests:**

Doug Eveneshen, Eveneshen Business Solutions  
 Ian Gray, Eveneshen Business Solutions  
 Alex Ibbotson, Indigenous Mountain Culture

*Note: The agenda was varied by consensus throughout the meeting. The minutes are recorded in the order they were considered. Items added to the agenda at the meeting are at the end of these minutes.*

**1. Welcome/Call to Order/Opening Prayer**

Interim President Allard called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM. Minister Gervais provided the Opening Prayer.

**2. Traditional Land Acknowledgement**

Interim 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 WSÁNEĆ peoples of which he was calling from.

Region 2 - Minister Lavallee acknowledged the Waceya Métis Society and traditional and unceded territories of the Kwantlen, Katzie and Semiahmoo First Nations People of which he was calling from.

Region 3 – Acting Vice-President 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 territory of the Tāmaki Makaurau of which 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 2SLGBTQIA+ Chair – Minister De Jaeger acknowledged the Chilliwack Métis Association and the traditional territorial land of Ts'elxweyewq and Pilalt Tribes 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.

### 3. MNBC Values

#### **MNBC Values:**

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

#### **MNBC Board Values:**

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

#### 4. Adoption of Meeting Agenda

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Minister De Jaeger

**SECONDED:** Minister Lavallee

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the agenda of the April 20, 2026 Board of Directors meeting be approved with the following addition:

- Audit Correspondence

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### 5. Conflict of Interest Declaration

No Board members declared any conflicts of interest in relation to the approved agenda.

#### 6. Adoption of Meeting Minutes

It was requested that the following disclaimer be included in the minutes:

Any comments are being made to support directors in fulfilling their statutory and fiduciary duties under the *BC Societies Act*, the *MNBC's Constitution* and Bylaws and the Board Policy Manual. Directors are required to act in good faith, exercise reasonable care and diligence, and ensure decisions are informed, transparent and consistent with the society's purposes. Asking questions, seeking clarification or information is a normal and necessary part of these responsibilities, and no adverse action should occur as a result. These actions are undertaken to uphold good governance and the integrity of the organization.

In consideration of the March 23, 2026 Minutes, it was noted that there was an error in the mover of the "Honouring Missing and Murdered Relatives Event" item.

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Minister Harriott

**SECONDED:** Minister De Jaeger

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the minutes of the March 23, 2026 Board of Directors meeting be approved as amended, and that the minutes of the March 24, 2026 Board of Directors meeting be approved as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### 7. Update on Action Items

**ACTION ITEM (20241209-01) Structure of Board of Director Meetings** - The Governance and Policy Committee is reviewing the structure of Board meetings and working on proposing any relevant suggestions for updates to the meeting format. This will begin when the committee begins to meet again. (In-Progress);

**ACTION ITEM (20260123-01) MNGA Emergency Resolutions**

Governance staff to review how legislation can be amended to provide the Board with flexibility in emergency situations related to calling an MNGA. It was noted that criteria could be proposed for what constitutes an emergency, but if the purpose is to establish this through legislation, then it will be at the will of the MNGA and AGM. (In-Progress);

**ACTION ITEM (20260226-01) Compensation for MNGA/AGM Attendance**

The Board of Directors to discuss compensation for attendance at MNGA/AGM, which includes a discussion of the financial framework. The Acting Chief Executive Officer advised that the Finance Department is reviewing this in conjunction with the proposed budget (In Progress).

## 8. Ministry of Youth Funding

It was advised that no new funding agreements are in place at this time. Engagement is taking place to source alternative funding for the Ministry of Youth.

Discussion ensued, and the financial amalgamation of the three Councils was suggested as a potential way forward to support MOY.

## 9. Acting Vice-President Appointment

Minister Carriere nominated Minister Gladue for the appointment of Acting Vice-President. Minister Gladue accepted the nomination.

Minister Fisher nominated Minister Harriott for the appointment of Acting Vice-President. Minister Harriott accepted the nomination.

Following a vote for each candidate, Minister Gladue was appointed Acting Vice-President.

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Minister Carriere

**SECONDED:** Minister De Jaeger

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors appoint Dean Gladue as Acting Vice-President.

**CARRIED with four Opposed.**

## 10. Election Plan

The Executive Director, Governance, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the MNBC By-election for the President. The Board discussed potential options for by-election dates, noting that while they can provide a recommendation to the MNGA, it is ultimately the MNGAs decision to choose a date.

During the course of discussion, and in response to a queries, the following was noted:

- If a current Board member stepped down to run for President, the cost of the election would increase, however it would not be double the amount;
- The last by-election cost \$75,000;
- Request for a townhall for citizens explaining MNBCs governance structure.

It was proposed that a Special MNGA be called in order for the MNGA to choose a by-election date.

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Minister Flamond

**SECONDED:** Minister Bergevin

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors call a virtual Special Métis Nation Governing Assembly on May 6, 2026 at 6 PM for the purposes of calling a by-election and considering other matters related to the by-election, as necessary; and

FURTHER THAT the MNBC Board of Directors recommends September 12, 2026 as the by-election date for the MNGA's consideration.

**AMENDMENT:**

**MOVED:** Minister Harriott

**SECONDED:** Minister Lavallee

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the Main Motion be amended to add "August 8, 2026 and" following the word "recommends".

**DEFEATED with Ministers Harriott, Fisher, Lavallee, and Hooper in favour, and Acting Vice-President Gladue, Ministers Flamond, De Jaeger, Carriere, Bergevin, and Gervais opposed.**

**Question was called on the Main Motion and it was CARRIED with Acting Vice-President Gladue, Ministers Flamond, De Jaeger, Carriere, Bergevin, Gervais, Fisher, and Harriott in favour, and Ministers Lavallee and Hooper opposed.**

## 11. Coffee Break

The meeting recessed at 10:35 AM and reconvened at 11:00 AM.

*Doug Eveneshen, Alex Ibbotson, Ian Gray from Eveneshen Business Solutions joined the meeting at 10:55 AM.*

## 12. Credit Union Feasibility Study

Doug Eveneshen, Eveneshen Business Solutions, provided a PowerPoint presentation providing an overview of the Credit Union Feasibility Study outcomes.

*Doug Eveneshen, Alex Ibbotson, Ian Gray from Eveneshen Business Solutions exited the meeting at 12:25 PM.*

## 13. Lunch

The meeting recessed at 12:23 PM and reconvened at 1:00 PM.

*The Chief Strategy Officer, the Executive Director of Education, the Director Child Care Development, and the Director of Early Learning joined the meeting at 1:08 PM.*

14. Port Alberni Operating Funding Agreement

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Minister Harriott

**SECONDED:** Minister Lavallee

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approve up to \$830,802.30 in operational funding to Mountain Sage Holistic Child Care Society (MSHCS) for the delivery of childcare programming for fiscal year 2026/27, inclusive of \$718,602.96 in DBSC funding and an additional contribution of \$112,199.34 through IELCC funding.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

15. Annual Métis Early Years Conference

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Minister Carriere

**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 2027, with a total budget not to exceed \$230,000, in order to secure our preferred venue in Region 3.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*The Chief Strategy Officer, the Executive Director of Education, the Director Child Care Development, and the Director of Early Learning joined the departed the meeting at 1:12 PM.*

16. Publication of Board Decisions

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Minister Flamond

**SECONDED:** Minister Gervais

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approve the process, as outlined in this Briefing Note, for posting regular meeting Board of Director decisions to MNBC's website within three business days of the meeting.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*The Chief Strategy Officer and the Director of Social Programs and Administration joined the meeting at 1:15 PM.*

17. Miyo Saantii Wellness Clinic

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Minister Gladue

**SECONDED:** Minister Lavallee

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors endorses the MIKI'SIW Board name choice, Miyo Saantii Wellness Clinic, so physician recruitment can begin.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*The Chief Strategy Officer and the Director of Social Programs and Administration departed the meeting at 1:20 PM.*

18. Senate Report (INFORMATION)

19. Committee Minutes (INFORMATION)

20. Record of Decisions (INFORMATION)

21. Records Released from In-Camera (INFORMATION)

**The following decision was released from in-camera at the April 8-9, 2026 Special In-Camera Board of Directors meeting:**

**WHEREAS** Article 23.9 of the MNBC Constitution provides that a person is disqualified from being a Member of the MNBC when he or she has clearly been identified as having breached his or her fiduciary duty to the Members or to Métis citizens;

**WHEREAS** The MNBC Board of Directors has reviewed and considered the finding of facts made in the Independent Investigation Report dated January 15, 2026, which concludes that President Walter Mineault breached his fiduciary duty to the Members of MNBC and to Métis citizens.

**WHEREAS** The MNBC Board of Directors has also reviewed and considered the recommendations made by the independent expert advisor, Wally Oppal, KC.

**WHEREAS** the MNGA, at its Spring 2026 In camera session held on March 1, 2026, passed a resolution advising the Board of Directors to remove President Mineault with 28 votes in favour and 7 opposed and 1 abstention;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. Pursuant to articles 23.9 and 24 of the Constitution, President Walter Mineault shall be immediately removed from the MNBC (the "Removal"); and
2. The Wally Oppal, KC recommendations shall be disseminated to the Nation via the MNBC website.
3. That this is decision is released from in-camera immediately.

22. Motion to move In-Camera

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Minister De Jaeger

**SECONDED:** Minister Flamond

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the Board of Directors meeting move in-camera pursuant to the following subsections of Board Policy Manual Policy D-1:

- C. Labour relations or other employee relations;
- F. Litigation or potential litigation affecting MNBC;

I. Negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of an activity, work or facility that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the Board of Directors, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of MNBC if they were held in public.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting moved in-camera at 1:20 PM.

The meeting moved out of in-camera at 4:16 PM.

**23. Adjournment**

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Minister Harriott

**SECONDED:** Minister Lavallee

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the meeting adjourn.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 4:16 PM.

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**Approval Sheet**

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Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Interim President

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary

Date: