MEETING MINUTES

Meeting:	BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING		
Date of Meeting:	June 3, 2026	**Time:**	9:00 AM
Minutes Prepared By:	Lynn Berry	**Location:**	Microsoft Teams

ATTENDEES

Participating Board of Directors:	**Participating Staff (for all or a portion of the meeting):**
Interim President Melanie Allard	Anna Maione, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Minister Louis De Jaeger	Colleen Hodgson, Acting Chief Operating Officer
Minister Debra Fisher	Jas Rehal, Executive Director, Governance
Minister Paulette Flamond	Barinder Lalli, Board Operations Manager
Minister Raynie Gervais	Lynn Berry, Board Committee Coordinator
Minister Patrick Harriott	Sasha Hobbs, Chief Strategy Officer
Minister Susie Hooper	Rachel Perkins, Executive Director, MOWGE
Minister Allan Lavallee	Lisa Fox, Senior Manager, MOWGE
Minister Dean Gladue	
Minister Danielle Bergevin	
Minister Carmen Carriere	
Guests:	
Austen Houle, MFCBC	
Paul Ricard, CUEC Member	
Greg Stanwood, NFMA	

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. Meeting Reconvenes

Interim President Allard called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM.

2. Update on Action Items

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.

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.

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).

3. Ministry of Youth Funding

The May report is not available due to the timing of the June Board meeting. The May report will be provided at the next BoD meeting.

The Chief Strategy Officer, the Executive Director, MOWGE, the Senior Manager, MOWGE, joined the meeting at 9:06 AM.

4. Safe Métis Communities Fund

The Chief Strategy Officer advised that this initiative supports gender-based violence prevention and healing, and approval is being sought to continue the Safe Métis Community Fund of $400,000 for a second year.

MOTION:
MOVED: Minister Fisher
SECONDED: Minister De Jaeger
RESOLVED:
THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approve $400,000 for the Safe Métis Community Fund to 38 Chartered Communities, with a 60/40 funding allocation model, for a second year.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Chief Strategy Officer, the Executive Director, MOWGE, the Senior Manager, MOWGE, departed the meeting at 9:13 AM.

Austen Houle, MFCBC, joined the meeting at 9:13 AM.

5. MFCBC Motion

Minister De Jaeger presented the MFCBC motion, which proposed transitioning control of MFCBC to an independent structure. Further details were provided on the proposed model, governance changes, legal structure, and overall governance framework.

Discussion ensued and the following was noted:

- The importance of allowing MFCBC to operate without interference;
- Concerns with the proposed resolution as there are other mechanisms to allow for the independence of MFCBC while still having accountability to MNBC citizens;
- Request to have an MNBC legal opinion related to the risks for MNBC on the resolution; and
- This would be the first financial corporation that is independent in the Métis Nation.

MOTION:
MOVED: Minister De Jaeger
SECONDED: Minister Flamond
RESOLVED:
WHEREAS the Métis Financial Corporation of British Columbia Inc. ("MFC") was incorporated on March 22, 2017 (under the name Métis Nation BC Capital Corporation which was changed on August 20, 2018) at the direction of MNBC and as a wholly-owned subsidiary of Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia ("MPCBC"), MPCBC

being a British Columbia society whose governing body is MNBC, and which owns 100 Class A Common Voting Shares in the capital of MFC (the "MFC Shares");

AND WHEREAS the number of directors of MFC is set at five persons, three of whom are required to be independent from MNBC, and the directors of MFC are selected by MNBC and appointed by MPCBC at the direction of MNBC on an ongoing basis;

AND WHEREAS MFC has received most of its operational funding from Indigenous Services Canada ("ISC") through a series of funding agreements and MFC provides reports on its deployment of these funds to ISC;

AND WHEREAS the mission of MFC is to provide trusted financial services for Métis entrepreneurs in British Columbia;

AND WHEREAS operations of MFC commenced in the middle of 2018 and MFC has provided financial services to Métis citizens and Métis entrepreneurs in British Columbia;

AND WHEREAS to continue the ongoing mission of MFC it has been proposed that the ownership of the MFC Shares be altered such that MFC continues its operations independent from MNBC;

AND WHEREAS MNBC would cease to be a shareholder of MFC but would continue as a stakeholder of MFC and MFC will continue to provide reporting to MNBC on a regular basis and would work with MNBC on initiatives;

AND WHEREAS it is proposed that the MFC Shares be transferred for nominal consideration to a society to be formed under the laws of the Province of British Columbia, whose purpose is to provide trusted financial services for Métis entrepreneurs in British Columbia (which is the same as the mission of MFC), and whose members will mirror the board of directors of MFC, from time to time (the "Society");

AND WHEREAS MNBC exercises governance oversight and control over MPCBC and the directors of MNBC have considered the purpose for which MFC was established, MFC's funding arrangements, MFC's ongoing mission, the benefits of operational independence and the anticipated continued benefit to Métis citizens and Métis entrepreneurs in British Columbia;

AND WHEREAS the directors of MNBC have determined that the proposed transfer is fair and reasonable in the circumstances and is in the best interests of MNBC, MPCBC and the Métis citizens of British Columbia.

PURSUANT TO A MOTION DULY MADE AND SECONDED, IT WAS RESOLVED THAT:

- The sale, assignment and transfer by MNBC (through MPCBC, as required at the direction of MNBC) of all of its right, title and interest in and to the MFC Shares for nominal consideration to the Society in the manner proposed by MFC and described in the recitals to this resolution is hereby authorized and approved;

- The directors of MNBC acknowledge and approve the disposition of the MFC Shares for nominal consideration, having regard to the circumstances of the transaction and the directors' determination that the transaction is fair and reasonable and in the best interests of MNBC, MPCBC and the Métis citizens of British Columbia;

- Any officer of MNBC (or MPCBC, as required at the direction of MNBC) is hereby authorized for, on behalf of, and in the name of MNBC (or MPCBC, as required at the direction of MNBC) to sign and deliver all such agreements, instruments, elections, certificates, directions, notices, acknowledgements, receipts and other documents and to perform and to do all other acts and things as such director or officer in his discretion may consider necessary, advisable or useful for the purpose of giving effect to these resolutions, execution as aforesaid to be conclusive evidence of this and such officer's approval.

MOTION TO POSTPONE:
MOVED: Minister Hooper
SECONDED: Minister Harriott
RESOLVED:
THAT the consideration of the motion be postponed until a legal opinion on the topic has been received.

DEFEATED with six opposed.

AMENDMENT:
MOVED: Minister De Jaeger
SECONDED: Minister Flamond
RESOLVED:
THAT the Main Motion be amended to include the following as the last bullet:

- THAT this motion be approved in principle, subject to MNBC legal review, and that any recommendations arising from the legal review be brought back to the Board for consideration and direction.

CARRIED with four opposed.

Question was called on the Main Motion as Amended and it was CARRIED with four opposed.

FINAL MOTION:

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- THAT this motion be approved in principle, subject to MNBC legal review, and that any recommendations arising from the legal review be brought back to the Board for consideration and direction.

Austen Houle, MFCBC, departed the meeting at 10:19 AM.

6. Meeting Moves In-Camera

MOTION:
MOVED: Minister De Jaeger
SECONDED: Minister Gladue
RESOLVED:
THAT the meeting move in-camera pursuant to the following sub-section of Board Manual Section D-1:

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 10:20 AM.

All participating staff departed the meeting.

The meeting moved out of in-camera at 10:50 AM.

All participating staff returned to the meeting.

7. Break

The meeting recessed at 10:50 AM and reconvened at 11:00 AM.

Paul Ricard, CUEC member, joined the meeting at 11:00 AM.

8. Credit Union Recommendation

Paul Ricard provided an overview of the Credit Union Exploratory Committee's recommendation to proceed with next steps in the creation of a Credit Union. It is requested that a smaller committee be established in order to complete the necessary steps to get process going. It was also suggested that MNBC commit $40,000 towards the project,and put in a request to the MFCBC to match that amount. It was suggested that a letter from the Committee with the ask be requested and included on the next Board meeting agenda, once the FY2027 budget has also been presented.

Paul Ricard, CUEC Member, departed the meeting at 11:34 AM.

9. Chevy Blazer Direction

Minister Flamond has retrieved the vehicle from Bannister. A new windshield and tires are needed, and a oil change is also likely required. Bannister has offered $24,000 for it through their dealer auction. Concerns were raised that the offer is low and that other options to sell for a higher amount should be pursued.

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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 12:05 PM.

The Board Operations Manager and the Board Committee Coordinator departed the meeting.

The meeting moved out of in-camera at 12:33 PM.

11. Lunch Break

The meeting recessed at 12:33 PM and reconvened at 1:00 PM.

The Board Operations Manager and the Board Committee Coordinator rejoined the meeting.

Greg Stanwood, NFMA, joined the meeting at 1:00 PM.

12. Presentation from Greg Stanwood

The Board of Directors received a presentation from Greg Stanwood, North Fraser Métis Association. The NFMA Hydroponic Garden initiative, *Innovation for Food Sovereignty*, was presented as an advanced growing model focused on food production, community benefit, and economic empowerment through the cultivation of plants and seedlings. It was noted that the initiative is intended to generate revenue. This initiative aims to enhance food security and sustainable economic development with the Métis communities.

The long-term vision includes a future Community Training Centre and the development of 10 farms in Burnaby. Existing operations were noted in Vancouver and at UBC, with hydroponic produce currently being delivered to downtown Vancouver stores in compostable packaging. Support for the initiative includes letters from MLAs in Burnaby, the MP for Burnaby and New Westminster, and MNBC.

It was confirmed that this initiative hires Métis employees to work on the farms. The vegetables include mushrooms, lettuce, grasses, herbs and various others. School Districts have been approached and there is a large interest to support this initiative by putting farms on their school lands and running curriculum through it; a culinary program and produce that goes back to the children. The operating costs are approximately $2500 per month to run, with a return of $4000 in revenue.

It was requested that MNBC Board consider purchasing units to support the project. Discussion ensued on grant opportunities for initiatives such as this. It was requested that this topic be added to the next Board meeting agenda to be considered after the review of the FY2027 budget.

ACTION ITEM (20260603-01): Add Hydroponic Farms as an agenda item at the next Board meeting for discussion and consideration after the review of the FY 2027 budget.

Greg Stanwood, NFMA, departed the meeting at 1:58 PM.

The Executive Director, Government and Strategic Relations, and the Director, Government Relations, joined the meeting at 2:01 PM.

13. Governance and Strategic Relations Update and South Island Powwow Sponsorship

The Executive Director, Government and Strategic Relations, and the Director, Government Relations, provided an overview of work being done with MNC, First Nations, and at the municipal, provincial, and federal levels.

Highlights of the overview included:

- Federal funding is being scaled back under the new administration; the team continues to pursue new opportunities through economic development initiatives and remains focused on relationship-building and networking;
- The team is supporting the Section 35 Rights Table.
- MNBC will be attending the Métis National Council Policy Forum on Housing to bring priorities forward;
- Batoche is scheduled for July 16–19, 202 and Prime Minister Carney has been invited to attend;
- The Premier’s Forum will run for one week in November;
- There will be a MIRR Deputy Minister Meeting with Senior Leadership Meeting in late July;
- The provincial tables we are sitting at include the following: Health, Funding for Mental Health and Addictions, Housing, Education, Cultural, and Economic Development;
- Meetings have been held with several First Nations on childcare and housing. Funding was received through the First Nations Trust to support Chartered Communities in building partnerships with First Nations communities. This work includes joint engagement with First Nations and will be followed by First Nations competency training for Chartered Communities;

Discussion ensued, and the following was noted:

- Suggestion to implement a committee related to procurement and business opportunities in the north comprised of those that know the industry; and
- Support for Board member attendance at the MNC Policy Forum regarding housing to ensure MNBC interests are represented.

ACTION ITEM (20260603-02): Establishment of a Terms of Reference for a Committee related to Procurement and Business Opportunities

MOTION:
MOVED: Minister Flamond
SECONDED: Minister De Jaeger
RESOLVED:
THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approve travel for Allan Lavallee and Dean Gladue for the MNC Housing Policy Forum taking place in Edmonton on June 10-11, 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Executive Director, Government and Strategic Relations, and the Director, Government Relations, departed the meeting at 3:47 PM.

The Executive Director, Communications and Community Engagement, and the Director, Community Engagement, joined the meeting at 3:48 PM.

14. Community Event Funding

MOTION:
MOVED: Minister Flamond
SECONDED: Minister Fisher
RESOLVED:
THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approve the recommendations of the Community Event Funding Review Committee for distribution of Board Strategic Priority funds to support upcoming community events, as described in the Briefing Note dated May 22, 2026, and set out below:

Tier 1: Applications scoring 85 points or higher ($16,000 evenly distributed)

- Vancouver Island Rendezvous ($8000)
- Métis Roots & Rhythms ($8000)

Tier 2: Applications scoring 75–84 points ($14,000 evenly distributed)

- Annual Métis Jamboree ($4600)
- Métis Week ($4600)
- R2 Women's Gathering and Wellness Event ($4600)

Tier 3: Applications scoring below 75 points ($10,000 evenly distributed)

- Spirit Walk – Truth and Reconciliation Day ($3300)
- Golden Spike Days ($3300)
    - Children of the Fur Trade ($3300) ***NOTE** – this application scored 79 so would normally be in Tier 2, however they only requested $3400, therefore have been placed in Tier 3.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Executive Director, Communications and Community Engagement, and the Director, Community Engagement, deprated the meeting at 4:00 PM.

15. Senate Review Panel TOR

The proposed ToR will be brought forward at the next MNGA for their review and approval. The proposed ToR encapsulates recommendations from Dave Allard's work, as well as the Governance Department and Board input.

16. Summer MNGA – Resolutions

An overview was provided.

The Chief Executive Office has confirmed that a draft summary in response to the Miki'siw Resolutions has been prepared for review at the MNGA.

17. Committee Minutes

- ARC - March 17, 206
- CUEC - April 23, 2026
- GAP - April 21, 2026

18. Decisions Released from In-Camera

The following decisions were released from in-camera at the May 11, 2026 In-Camera Board of Directors meeting:

Direction on 11479 125A Street:
THAT the MNBC Board of Directors release from in-camera the following decision made at the April 20, 2026 In-Camera meeting:

WHEREAS the MNBC Board previously directed the sale of the property at 11479 125A Street (Bridgeview); and

WHEREAS the Board has determined that repositioning this site for future MNBC development serves the organization's strategic interests;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the MNBC Board:
1. Rescinds the previous direction to sell 11479 125A Street (Bridgeview); and
2. Authorizes MNBC staff to take the steps required to reposition the site for future MNBC development, including:
   a) Pursuing a Temporary Use Permit (TUP);
   b) Pursuing an interim lease;
   c) Initiating rezoning; and
   d) Completing preliminary scoping work.

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors release from in-camera the following **rescinded** decision made at the March 1, 2023 In-Camera meeting:

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approves the recommendation of the Social Infrastructure Development Committee which:

- Directs MNBC staff to sell the MNBC owned property at 11479 125A Street, Surrey; and
- Directs MNBC staff to bring forward another property for purchase within Region 2 by the end of the Fiscal Year 23/24.

Appointments to the Justice Services Advisory Committee
THAT the MNBC Board of Directors appoint the following MNBC citizen representatives to the Justice Services Advisory Committee for a term of 2 years as endorsed by the Minister of Justice and Associate Minister of Justice:

- Kear Porttris
- Susan Shaw

- Betty Ann McDonnell
- Patricia Paulson
- Jocelyn Foidart
    - Alt: Kaitlyn Lafontaine-Hait

AND FURTHER THAT this decision be released from in-camera.

Appointment of Acting CEO
THAT the MNBC Board of Directors appoint Colleen Hodgson as the Acting Chief Executive Officer effective immediately and further be resolved that this will be released from in camera.

19. Adjournment

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 4:14 PM.

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Approval Sheet

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Approved by: Melanie Allard ____________________ Interim President

Approved by: Paulette Flamond ____________________ Secretary

Date: June 29, 2026