MÉTIS NATION BRITISH COLUMBIA

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting:	BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING		
Date of Meeting:	August 25, 2026	**Time:**	9:00 AM
Minutes Prepared By:	Thereza Fonseca	**Location:**	Surrey HQ / Microsoft Teams

ATTENDEES

Participating Board of Directors:	Participating Staff:
Vice President Melanie Allard	Colleen Hodgson, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Minister Debra Fisher	Jas Rehal, Acting Chief Operating Officer
Minister Susie Hooper	Anna Maione, Chief Financial Officer
Minister Paulette Flamond	Barinder Lalli, Board Committee Coordinator
Minister Louis De Jaeger	Thereza Fonseca, Board Secretariat Coordinator
Minister Patrick Harriott	
Minister Dean Gladue	
Minister Raynie Gervais	
Minister Allan Lavallee	
Minister Carmen Carriere	
Minister Danielle Bergevin	

Guests:
Adam Taylor (MNP), Rensche Venter (MNP), and Kristen Kristiansen (MNP)

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

1. Meeting Reconvenes

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

2. Council Consultation regarding Events

Discussion ensued on actions that could occur to de-silo work that is taking place for better inclusion of the Provincial Councils. It was suggested that a meeting be arranged with the Council Chairs, the A/CEO, the A/COO, the CSO, and the Governance and Policy Analyst to build on the framework that had been drafted by the CSO previously.

It was highlighted that work also needs to occur to do the same for the Regional Governance Councils, possibly as a phase 2 approach.

3. Métis Service Providers

The Acting CEO discussed the upcoming breakfast meet and greet with the 5 Métis Children and Family Service providers at the AGM. As MNBC works towards provincial designation, it was noted that building these relationships is key, not just formally, but on a relational level. To make the most of the session, it was requested that the Board submit questions in advance.

4. Governance and Policy Committee Membership

MOTION:
MOVED: Minister Paulette Flamond
SECONDED: Minister Carmen Carriere
RESOLVED:
THAT MNBC Board of Directors amend the membership in the Terms of Reference for the Governance and Policy committee as follows:

President-Ex-officio
Vice-President
The three Provincial Council Chairs
And up to three additional Board members.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION:
MOVED: Minister Dean Gladue
SECONDED: Minister Patrick Harriott
RESOLVED:
THAT the MNBC Board of Directors appoint Allan Lavallee to the Governance and Policy Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Break

The board recessed at 10:00 AM and reconvened at 10:30 AM.

6. MNP Housing Audit

MNP provided an update on the housing audit covering governance, portfolio planning, capital delivery, property operations, and financial stewardship. Discussion centered on the decision-making process for new builds and acquisitions. It was highlighted that as MNBC has evolved, the controls have also increased. MNP will be preparing a review of decision-making processes and present recommendations at the upcoming Board meeting in September.

It was requested that MNP also review if fair market prices were obtained for the property purchases. In response to this, it was noted that a majority of the purchases took place prior to the scoped timeline, but that MNP could review.

7. Elders Circle Discussion

Board members discussed the proposed provincial Métis Elders Circle and the best way to move forward. It was noted that there is a meeting scheduled with the Executive Director of Health with the Minister and Associate Ministers of Elders. It was decided that the A/CEO would join that meeting.

8. Break

The board recessed at 1:14 PM and reconvened at 1:20 PM.

9. MIRR Update

The Director of Government relations provided an update on MIRR, including the Premiers Summit and Lobby Days. It was suggested that time be allocated at the next Board meeting to discuss the Board's priorities for these meetings.

10. Committee Minutes

Executive Committee:

- June 17, 2026;
- July 7, 2026; and
- July 29, 2026

11. Decisions Released from In-Camera

The following decisions were released from in-camera at the July 16 In-Camera Board of Directors meeting:

Lifting of Sanctions on Interim President
THAT the MNBC Board of Directors lift the sanctions placed on Interim President Melanie Allard; and FURTHER THAT this decision be effective and released from in-camera once a response letter is sent by Peter Brown EKB LLP notifying Hall & Larocque LLP of this decision.

The following decisions were released from in-camera at the July 27 In-Camera Board of Directors meeting:

Crosstown Apartments Envelope Renovation Project
THAT the MNBC Board of Directors authorize the Acting Chief Executive Officer to execute a Canadian Construction Documents Committee (CCDC) 2 stipulated price contract with Bear Mountain Construction Ltd. and related documents to implement the renovation of the building envelope at Crosstown Apartments, located at 9304 99 Avenue, Fort St. John, for a total project budget not exceeding $885,000 (inclusive of GST and contingency); and

FURTHER THAT this decision be released from in-camera.

Kamloops Cultural Space Funding Top Up
THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approve up to $300,000 as additional equity contribution toward the cultural gathering space at 800 Victoria Street, Kamloops, bringing total maximum contribution to $2,800,000, and

FURTHER THAT this decision be released from in-camera.

Pre-Construction Contract with Chandos Construction LP (Chandos) for the Saanich Child Care
THAT the MNBC Board of Directors authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute a Pre-Construction Services Agreement with Chandos Construction LP for the Saanich Child Care Project located at 3656

Raymond Street South, Saanich, BC, in the amount of $220,000 plus GST and a 10% contingency, for a total authorized value of $242,000, and

FURTHER THAT this decision be released from in camera immediately.

Development Consulting Contract for M'akola Development Services for the Saanich Child Care Project

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approve the development consulting contract with M'akola Development Services (MDS) at $200,000.00 dollars excluding taxes to secure development services to enable the prompt project administration and coordination of the standalone modular child care development in Saanich, and

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

12. Adjournment

MOTION:
MOVED: Minister Susie Hooper
SECONDED: Minister Allan Lavallee
RESOLVED:
THAT the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 1:56 PM.

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Approval Sheet

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Approved by: Melanie Allard Interim President

Approved by: Paulette Flamond Secretary

Date: September 15, 2026