

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting:	SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING		
Date of Meeting:	May 7, 2025	Time:	3:00 PM (PST)
Minutes Prepared By:	Rachel Ouellette	Location:	Microsoft Teams

ATTENDEES

Participating Board of Directors:

President Walter Mineault
 Vice-President Melanie Allard
 Minister Carmen Carriere
 Minister Danielle Bergevin
 Minister Dean Gladue
 Minister Debra Fisher
 Minister Louis De Jaeger
 Minister Patrick Harriott
 Minister Paulette Flamond
 Minister Raynie Gervais

Participating Staff:

Peter Csicsai, Chief Relations Officer
 Anna Maione, Chief Financial Officer
 Marc Riddell, Executive Director, Communications and Community Engagement
 Anisa White, Director of Governance and Corporate Secretary
 Barinder Lalli, Board Operations Manager
 Rachel Ouellette, Board Secretariat Coordinator
 Simran Bhatia, Board Executive Coordinator

Regrets:

Minister Allan Lavallee
 Minister Susie Hooper
 Colette Trudeau, Chief Executive Officer

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

President Mineault called the meeting to order at 3:01 PM and welcomed everyone.

1.1. Traditional Territory Acknowledgement

President Mineault acknowledged the Kelly Lake Métis Society and the traditional territory of the Dunneza of which he was calling from.

Vice-President Allard, along with Ministers Carriere and Harriott, acknowledge that they are gathered on the ancestral lands of Treaty One Territory. These lands are the traditional territory and heartland of the Métis people in Manitoba. They also recognize that the water used here is sourced from Shoal Lake 40 First Nation.

Region 3 – Minister 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 7 - Minister Flamond acknowledged the Fort St John Métis Society and the traditional territory of the Beaver of which she was calling from.

BC Youth Chair - Minister Bergevin acknowledged the Two Rivers Métis Society and the traditional territory of the Tk'emlups te Secwepemc of which she was calling from.

BC 2SLGBTQIA+ Chair – Minister De Jaeger acknowledged the Chilliwack Métis Association and the traditional territorial land of Ts'elxweyeqw 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.

2. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister Fisher

SECONDED: Minister Gervais

RESOLVED:

THAT the agenda of the May 7, 2025 Board of Directors meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Economic Development Way Forward (APPROVAL)

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed establishment of a Limited Partnership (LP), following conversations from the April 28, 2025, MNBC Board of Directors meeting. The structure of the LP was outlined, with a key point being that the MNBC Board of Directors would not hold seats on the LP's Board. This approach mirrors the governance model used for the Amelia Douglas Institute (ADI), where the MNBC Board supports the selection of Board members but does not participate directly, thereby maintaining a separation that helps mitigate risk and liability. It was further noted that once the LP's bylaws are drafted, they will be brought forward to the MNBC Board for review and approval.

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister De Jaeger

SECONDED: Minister Gervais

RESOLVED:

THAT the MNBC Board of Director approve the establishment of a Limited Partnership (LP) which allows for the following:

- MNBC to act as a Limited Partner; and
- The creation of a new wholly MNBC-owned corporation that will act as a General Partner (GP).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Adjournment

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister Harriott

SECONDED: Vice-President Allard

RESOLVED:

THAT the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 3:12 PM (PST).

Approval Sheet

Approved by:  President

Approved by:  Secretary

Date: June 24, 2025