

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting:	SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING		
Date of Meeting:	May 23, 2025	Time:	9:00 AM (PST)
Minutes Prepared By:	Barinder Lalli	Location:	Microsoft Teams

ATTENDEES

Participating Board of Directors:

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

Participating Staff:

Colette Trudeau, Chief Executive Officer
 Marc Riddell, Executive Director, Communications and Community Engagement
 Anisa White, Director of Governance and Corporate Secretary
 Rachel Nelson, Director, Community Engagement
 Barinder Lalli, Board Operations Manager
 Kayla Brow, Manager of Executive Operations
 Simran Bhatia, Board Executive Coordinator

Regrets:

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.

1. Welcome

President Mineault called the meeting to order at 9:08 AM and welcomed everyone. Minister Fisher provided an Opening Prayer.

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 De Jaeger

SECONDED: Minister Gervais

RESOLVED:

THAT the agenda of the May 23, 2025 Board of Directors meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Events and Engagement Policy (APPROVAL)

The Board was provided an overview of the Events and Engagement policy. Discussion ensued, and it was noted that there needs to be a judicious application of which supports will be available at which events. It was further emphasized that while there are some citizens that have the skills to provide mental health supports, it is important that they are able to fully participate and enjoy the event.

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister De Jaeger

SECONDED: Minister Gervais

RESOLVED:

THAT the MNBC Board of Director, as recommended by the Governance and Policy Committee, approve the Events and Engagements policy as presented at the MNBC Board Meeting on May 23, 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Grand Entry: Request from BCMANR to Participate (APPROVAL)

The Board was advised that there has been a request from the BCMANR Captains of the Hunt to participate in the grand entry procession at the MNGA. Discussion ensued, and it was noted it may be better to include the Captains in the entry procession at the AGM, as the procession at the MNGA is meant to honour community representatives, and BCMANR is not a voting member of the MNGA.

Following discussion, it was decided that the topic would be discussed when the Board meets with the BCMANR Captains of the Hunt for lunch prior to the MNGA.

Minister Flamond departed the meeting at 9:30 AM and returned at 10:18 AM.

5. MNGA Resolutions Review (Information)

The Board was provided an overview of the resolutions that have been brought forward for the 2025 Summer MNGA. The procedural options available regarding Unfinished Business Resolution 1 – “*Citizenship Act* Amendments: Adoption Clause” were also reviewed. In response to a query, it was clarified that as the resolution is related to legislation, it would also have to be considered at the AGM, if approved by the MNGA.

The meeting recessed 11:02 AM and reconvened at 11:17 AM.

Discussion ensued, and the following was highlighted:

- Concern regarding the implications of Unfinished Business Resolution 1 – “*Citizenship Act* Amendments: Adoption Clause”;
- Request for a summary of Jean Teillet’s interview, to assist in highlighting the concerns related to Resolution 8 – “Reinstatement of MNBC Citizenship for Individuals Previously Removed for Not Meeting Métis Homeland Criteria under the *Citizenship Act*”;
- Concerns regarding Resolution 5 – “Support of Governance Succession” and Resolution 6 – “Honourarium for Community Representatives” and where funds would be drawn from;
- The importance of Resolution 1 – “Update to the Strategic Partnerships – Métis Women, 2SLGBTQQIA+, and Youth Councils” which emphasizes that outside organizations do not validate who MNBC is;
- Clarification that Resolution 6 – “Honourarium for Community Representatives” is a motion, and does not impact legislation; and
- Concern regarding Resolution 7 – “Citizen Representation at the Board Level” and that it is slighting an elected position.

Minister Flamond departed the meeting at 11:31 AM.

Following discussion, it was requested that a legal opinion be obtained regarding the options available for Unfinished Business Resolution 1 – “*Citizenship Act* Amendments: Adoption Clause”.

Minister Gervais departed the meeting at 12:10 PM, Minister Harriott departed the meeting at 12:20 PM, and Minister Carriere departed the meeting at 12:30 PM.

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister Hooper

SECONDED: Minister Lavallee

RESOLVED:

THAT the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 12:48 PM (PST).



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Approval Sheet

Approved by: [Signature] President

Approved by: [Signature] Secretary

Date: June 24, 2025

APPROVED