

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting:	BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING		
Date of Meeting:	May 28, 2025	Time:	9:00 AM
Minutes Prepared By:	Rachel Ouellette	Location:	Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel and Microsoft Teams

ATTENDEES

Participating Board of Directors:

President Walter Mineault
 Vice-President Melanie Allard
 Minister Allan Lavallee
 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
 Minister Susie Hooper

Participating Staff:

Colette Trudeau, Chief Executive Officer
 Sasha Hobbs, Chief Strategy Officer
 Marc Riddell, Executive Director, Communications and Community Engagement
 Anisa White, Director of Governance and Corporate Secretary
 Carly Teillet, Executive Legal Council
 Barinder Lalli, Board Operations Manager
 Kayla Brow, Manager of Executive Operations
 Rachel Ouellette, Board Secretariat Coordinator

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 9:03 AM and welcomed everyone. The Executive Director, Communications and Community Engagement, provided an opening prayer.

1.1. Traditional Territory Acknowledgement

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.

Board and Staff at Sheraton Vancouver Hotel and at the Surrey HQ Office - Acknowledged 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. Meeting Moves In-Camera

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister Carriere

SECONDED: Minister De Jaeger

RESOLVED:

THAT the meeting move in-camera.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting moved in-camera at 9:03 AM.
The meeting moved out of in-camera at 3:58 PM.

3. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister Gervais

SECONDED: Minister Carriere

RESOLVED:

THAT the agenda of the May 28, 2025, Board of Directors meeting be approved with the addition of:

- Ministerial Approval for BNs and Grant Applications.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Adoption of Meeting Minutes

Consideration of the approval for the April 28, 2025, meeting minutes was deferred to the next Board of Directors Meeting on June 24, 2025.

5. Update on Action Items

It was noted that all ongoing action items are currently in progress. A more detailed review of these items has been deferred to the next Board of Directors Meeting on June 24, 2025.

6. Proposed Justice Council Committee (APPROVAL)

Discussion focused on the Justice Council and its future direction. It was noted that the current work builds upon efforts from the Justice Council, with particular emphasis on incorporating input from the Women's, Youth, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ Councils. Background was provided on the original purpose of the Justice Council, including its formation and initial objectives. Concerns were raised about the existing Terms of Reference (TOR), which are considered outdated and in need of revision. It was suggested that the restructured advisory council include subject matter experts to better align with its intended outcomes. Once the updated TOR is developed, it will be reviewed by the Governance and Policy Committee before being presented to the Board of Directors for final approval. Clarification was provided regarding the origins of the current structure, and it was confirmed that the existing Justice Council will disband following its next meeting. The need to re-evaluate and revise the TOR was acknowledged.

It was noted that the original Justice Council was created in the absence of dedicated Justice Ministry staff. With the Justice Ministry now growing and actively implementing programs and services, the context has shifted, and a new direction will be provided through an updated TOR. Clarification was requested regarding whether the proposed body will function as an advisory body or Board committee, as these distinctions carry implications for governance and must be clearly articulated in the TOR.

The resolution on the floor was discussed, with the conversation highlighting that it could be withdrawn if there was a commitment to include the involvement of the Women's, Youth, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ Councils in the revised TOR to ensure appropriate representation on the proposed Council. It was agreed that this representation would be incorporated, and the resolution was subsequently withdrawn.

7. Mandate Letters (APPROVAL)

Discussion ensued regarding the final draft copies of the Mandate Letters. Final edits were identified for inclusion in the 2SLGBTQQIA+ and Youth Council Mandate Letters. It was noted that once these letters are approved, the finalized Mandate Letters will be posted on the website and made available for public and community viewing.

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister Harriott

SECONDED: Minister Fisher

RESOLVED:

THAT the Ministry of Housing and Homelessness be divided into the following two Ministries:

- The Ministry of Housing; and
- The Ministry of Poverty Reduction and Unhoused.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister Harriott

SECONDED: Minister Lavallee

RESOLVED:

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approve the following Ministry Mandate Letters, as amended:

- Minister and Associate Minister of Children and Families Mandate Letter;
- Minister of Citizenship Mandate Letter;
- Minister and Associate Minister of Culture, Language, and Heritage Mandate Letter;
- Minister of Digital Government Mandate Letter;
- Minister and Associate Minister of Economic Development, Partnerships and Tourism Mandate Letter;
- Minister of Education Mandate Letter;
- Minister of Environment and Climate Action Mandate Letter;
- Minister of Food Security Mandate Letter;
- Minister and Associate Ministers of Health and Wellness Mandate Letter;
- Minister of Mental Health and Harm Reduction Mandate Letter;
- Minister and Associate Minister of Elders Mandate Letter;
- Minister of Housing Mandate Letter;
- Minister of Poverty Reduction and Unhoused Mandate Letter;
- Minister and Associate Minister of Rights, Research, and Consultation Mandate Letter;
- Minister and Associate Minister of Justice and Legal Affairs Mandate Letter;
- Minister of Skills Training, Employment, and Post-Secondary Education Mandate Letter;
- Minister of Sport and Active Living Mandate Letter;
- Minister of Women and Gender Equity Mandate Letter;
- Minister of Youth BC Mandate Letter;
- Chair of Métis Women BC Council Mandate Letter;
- Chair of Métis Youth BC Council Mandate Letter; and
- Chair of 2SLGBTQQIA+ Council Mandate Letter.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. Strategic Plan Quarterly Report (INFORMATION)

The Strategic Plan Quarterly Reports, broken down by Departments and Ministries, were circulated to the Board for information.

9. Ministerial Approval for BNs and Grant Application (APPROVAL)

Board members requested that moving forward they be required to sign off on Briefing Notes submitted from their respective portfolios. It was noted that the Board of Directors would like to be included in initial discussions prior to the submission of grant applications to ensure alignment with established priorities and mandates. The importance of early consultation was emphasized to ensure the work reflects the Board's intended direction.

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister Carriere

SECONDED: Minister Harriott

RESOLVED:

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors direct that Ministerial approval be required for Briefing Notes to the Board; and

FURTHER THAT the Ministers be consulted on future Funding/Grant applications and their utilization.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. Project Dashboards (INFORMATION)

The Ministry of Housing and Homelessness Project Dashboards were circulated to the Board of Directors for information.

11. Decisions Released from In-Camera (INFORMATION)

The following resolution was released from In-Camera at the April 28, 2025 In-Camera Board of Directors Meeting:

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors, as recommended by the Social Infrastructure Development Committee, authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute the construction management contract with Chandos for the project at 3536 Raymond Street South and 307-309 Brunswick Place, Saanich in the amount of \$2,473,234 plus GST and a contingency of 15%

12. Committee Meeting Minutes (INFORMATION)

The following Committee Minutes were circulated to the Board of Directors for information:

- 2025-04-04 GAP Minutes
- 2025-04-03 SIDC Minutes
- 2025-01-14 SIRC Minutes
- 2025-04-02 Executive Minutes
- 2025-04-10 CUEC Minutes
- 2025-04-16 Executive Minutes
- 2025-04-23 Executive Minutes
- 2025-05-14 Executive Minutes

13. Record of Decisions (INFORMATION)

The Board of Directors and Regional Governance Council's Record of Decisions was distributed to the Board for information.

14. Adjournment

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister Harriott

SECONDED: Vice-President Allard

RESOLVED:


THAT the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 PM.

Approval Sheet

Approved by:  President

Approved by:  Secretary

Date: June 24, 2025