

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting:	BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING		
Date of Meeting:	May 29, 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
 Anna Maione, Chief Financial Officer
 Marc Riddell, Executive Director, Communications and Community Engagement
 Anisa White, Director of Governance and Corporate Secretary
 Diane VanBroeck, Director of Financial Reporting and Budgeting
 Carly Teillet, Executive Legal Council
 Barinder Lalli, Board Operations Manager
 Kayla Brow, Manager of Executive Operations
 Rachel Ouellette, Board Secretariat Coordinator

Guests:

Bill Bresser, Senate Clerk
 Alan Edkins, Region 1 Senator
 Phillip Gladue, Region 2 Senator
 Kevin Murray, Region 4 Senator
 Arnold Lucier, Region 5 Senator
 Gerald Pope, Region 7 Senator

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 Legal Council provided an opening prayer.

2. FY 2025-2026 Budget (APPROVAL)

The proposed 2025-2026 budget was presented to the Board, highlighting progress on the current year's budget and financial alignment for centralization. A comparison of the Board of Directors' budget with previous years was reviewed. Clarification was provided on the allocation of travel expenses, particularly distinguishing between regional and ministry-related events, with quarterly reviews planned to ensure accurate coding and budgeting of line items. The centralized overall budget and funding agreement lines were also reviewed.

Questions were raised regarding rental income, which is currently included within the operations budget and revenue. A detailed breakdown of rental income and associated costs will be provided. The timing of financial contributions from Chartered Communities was discussed, with amounts to be communicated shortly after budget approval. The 60/40 funding model for community funding was explained.

It was noted that no UPIP funding has been received to date this year with expenses currently covered by the centralized budget. Plans are in place to inform Regional Governance Councils and Chartered Communities about the UPIP funding. Professional development funding for the Senate was added as requested by the Finance and Audit Committee with reserve funds also highlighted.

Regarding Council funding, it was noted that the 2SLGBTQIA+ budget is currently included within the Women's budget line but will be separated for clarity. Questions about depreciation on Education vans were addressed, and it was noted that operating costs such as gas and insurance are included. A separate budget line for the Ministry of Food Security was suggested, reflecting its recent separation from the Environmental Ministry. Additional requests included sharing the Council workplan and updates on STEPS funding, with the STEPS funding expected from the province around early fall. It was noted that a conservative approach was taken in budgeting capital projects to ensure accuracy.

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister Harriott

SECONDED: Minister De Jaeger

RESOLVED:

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors, as recommended by the Finance and Audit Committee, approve the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget, as presented at the MNBC Board Meeting on May 29, 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Anna Maione, Chief Financial Officer, and Diane VanBroeck, Director of Financial Reporting and Budgeting, left the meeting at 10:08 AM.

3. Break

Recessed for break at 10:08 AM – reconvened at 10:19 AM

4. Senate Chairperson Meeting (DISCUSSION)

Colette Trudeau, Chief Executive Officer, Marc Riddell, Executive Director, Communications and Community Engagement, Bill Bresser, Senate Clerk, Alan Edkins, Region 1 Senator, Phillip Gladue, Region 2 Senator, Kevin Murray, Region 4 Senator, Arnold Lucier, Region 5 Senator, and Gerald Pope, Region 7 Senator, joined the meeting at 10:19 AM.

President Mineault welcomed the Senate and emphasized that the Board was present to listen and engage in meaningful dialogue. A discussion took place regarding succession planning within the Senate, including confirmation of anticipated retirements in the upcoming year. The Senators shared updates on succession planning efforts, highlighting the importance of mentorship and the potential for targeted recruitment to support the Senate's long-term sustainability.

It was noted that the Senate is managing an increased workload, a reflection of the Nation's broader organizational growth. As such, the need for Senate reform was emphasized to ensure the body remains well-supported in its decision-making responsibilities. Ongoing collaboration between MNBC leadership and the Senate was discussed, particularly in fostering mentorship and advancing justice-related efforts. This includes

coordination with MNBC's new Executive Legal Counsel, who is leading justice initiatives and contributing to Senate reform efforts.

Efforts are also underway to identify citizens with a passion for justice who may be introduced to Senate-related training and support roles. The importance of youth engagement was highlighted, with suggestions for collaboration between the Senate and MNBC Councils to encourage greater involvement from youth and community members.

The need to identify future Senate members who embody strong values and a commitment to future generations was emphasized. Appreciation was expressed for the Senate's continued dedication and service to the Nation. A reminder was shared to ensure virtual attendance options are available for future Board and Senate meetings to support broader participation.

A concern was raised regarding the lack of community involvement in a BCMANR event held in Williams Lake. President Mineault acknowledged the issue and committed to engaging with all governing bodies to improve community communication for future events. Additionally, the Senate encouraged Regional Directors to coordinate with Community Presidents to arrange bi-annual Senate visits to local communities. The meeting concluded with a roundtable of formal introductions from the Board, Senate members, and MNBC staff.

5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned by consensus.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 PM.

Approval Sheet

Approved by: [Signature] President

Approved by: [Signature] Secretary

Date: June 24, 2025