

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting:	SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING		
Date of Meeting:	June 5, 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 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
 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

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 3:05 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 acknowledged the Two Rivers Métis Society and the traditional territory of the Tk'emlups te Secwepemc of which she was calling from.

Region 1 - Minister Harriott acknowledged the Métis Nation of Greater Victoria and traditional territory of the Tsartlip and WSÁNEĆ peoples of which he was calling from.

Region 2 - Minister Lavallee acknowledged the Waceya Métis Society and traditional and unceded territories of the Kwantlen, Katzie and Semiahmoo First Nations People of which he was calling from.

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 6 - Minister Hooper acknowledged the traditional territory of the Gitidmt'en and home of the Tri River Métis Community of she 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 Women Chair – Minister Carriere acknowledged the Vancouver Sea to Sky Métis Association and the traditional territory of the Tsawwassen and Musqueam First Nations from where she was calling from.

BC Youth Chair - Minister Bergevin acknowledged the North Fraser Métis Association and the traditional territorial land of Kwikwetlem First Nation of which she was calling from.

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

RESOLVED:

THAT the agenda of the June 5, 2025 Special Board of Directors meeting be approved with the addition of:

- Kelly Lake

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Kelly Lake

The discussion centered on the ongoing wildfires in the province, particularly near Kelly Lake, and the need to support the affected community. It was agreed that a portion of the Board Discretionary Fund would be used to provide food for those involved in firefighting efforts. A recommendation was made to involve the Ministry of Environment and the Communications and Community Engagement Department to help coordinate broader community-level support. Questions were raised about how aid would be distributed and how purchasing and expense tracking would be managed. It was proposed that the local friendship centre or community office serve as a hub for daily meals for both volunteers and community members. The purchasing of food could be handled by President Mineault using his MNBC credit card, with receipts submitted for reimbursement, all going towards the Board-approved funding allocation.

The need to seek additional assistance from external organizations, such as the Red Cross, was also discussed, noting the lack of emergency support services currently available in Kelly Lake. A suggestion was made to host a MNBC sponsored event in Dawson Creek for those impacted by the fires, with meals served at the local community office. It was confirmed that each community has an annual emergency allocation of \$5,000. Internal teams, including Environment and Community Services, will coordinate efforts and planning, with ongoing collaboration involving senior leadership to ensure effective implementation.

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister Gladue

SECONDED: Minister Gervais

RESOLVED:

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approve \$5,000, through the Board Discretionary Funds, towards the purchase of food to support the residents of Kelly Lake to serve four lunches, over four days, in collaboration with NEMA.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. MNGA Debrief (DISCUSSION)

A debrief was held to reflect on the recent Métis National Governing Assembly (MNGA), with a recommendation that such debriefs be scheduled following each MNGA and Annual General Meeting (AGM) moving forward. While the lunch and dinner meetings were noted as successful for relationship-building, it was observed that some lunch sessions occasionally veered off topic. To ensure key issues are addressed, future sessions should remain more focused. Additionally, a regional greeting was missed during the Regional Governing Council (RGC) introductions, highlighting the need for improved time management to ensure all regions are acknowledged during meetings with the President and Vice-President.

The value of regular debriefs was emphasized, along with a call for more effective internal planning and preparation for future MNGA and AGM events. It was also noted that resolutions submitted by communities often reflect underlying concerns and should be thoughtfully reviewed and considered during the planning process.

5. Meeting Moves In-Camera

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister Flamond

SECONDED: Minister Gervais

RESOLVED:

THAT the meeting move in-camera.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting moved in-camera at 4:13 PM.

The meeting moved out of in-camera at 5:19 PM.



6. Adjournment

MOTION:

MOVED and SECONDED: by unanimous consent

RESOLVED:

THAT the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 5:09 PM (PST).

Approval Sheet

Approved by: [Signature] President

Approved by: [Signature] Secretary

Date: June 24, 2025