

## MEETING MINUTES

<b>Meeting:</b>	BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING		
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	July 29, 2025	<b>Time:</b>	9:00 AM
<b>Minutes Prepared By:</b>	Rachel Ouellette	<b>Location:</b>	Microsoft Teams

## ATTENDEES

### Participating Board of Directors:

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  
 Brent Weberg, Chief Operating Officer  
 Cheryl Churney, Executive Director, People and Culture  
 Diane Van Broeck, Director of Financial Reporting and Budgeting  
 Anisa White, Director of Governance and Corporate Secretary  
 Barinder Lalli, Board Operations Manager  
 Kayla Brow, Manager of Executive Operations  
 Rachel Ouellette, Board Secretariat Coordinator

### Guests:

Ravneet Sandhu, Manning Elliott LLP

### Regrets:

President Walter Mineault

*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

Vice-President Allard called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and welcomed everyone.

### 2. Adoption of Meeting Agenda

#### MOTION:

**MOVED:** Minister Fisher

**SECONDED:** Minister De Jaeger

#### RESOLVED:

THAT the agenda of the July 29, 2025, Board of Directors meeting be approved with the addition of:

- Back to Batoche
- MNBC Board Committees

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### 3. Audited Financial Statements (APPROVAL)

*Anna Maione, Chief Financial Officer, Diane Van Broeck, Director of Financial Reporting and Budgeting, and Ravneet Sandhu, Manning Elliott LLP, joined the meeting at 9:02 AM*

A presentation was delivered on the Audited Financial Statements (AFS), which are consolidated and include MNBC, encompassing both the Council and the Hold Co's. The financials cover the period from April 1, 2024, to March 31, 2025. It was reported that total assets, liabilities, and net assets have all increased compared to the previous year, with a detailed breakdown of net assets provided. The Statement of Operations for the same period was reviewed in depth. A high-level overview of funding sources was also presented, outlining alignment with Provincial and Federal funding and the ministries associated with each. Clarification was requested regarding funding from Parks Canada related to Métis involvement in Urban Parks. This was identified as a three-year agreement ending in 2025, with follow-up planned to determine if the funding will be renewed.

The Statement of Cash Flows showed a decrease in cash due to increased investments in GICs, which are not reflected as cash on the statements. The Board expressed interest in receiving a detailed funding breakdown along with schedules aligned to funding sources. It was clarified that financial schedules are prepared separately from the AFS and will be shared with the Board once compiled. A question was raised about long-term debt, which was identified as originating from an RBC school loan expected to be fully repaid shortly, which would close it off the statements. It was also noted that many Provincial contracts are renewed on an annual basis rather than through multi-year agreements.

Key areas such as accounting standards, long-term investments, and joint ventures were reviewed. An increase in activity from the Amelia Douglas Institute (ADI) was noted, with a recommendation that the financial statements be updated to reflect that ADI operates under its own board of directors. Deferred revenue, financial commitments from 2026 to 2029, and the Schedule of Expenses were also discussed.

The Board requested additional information, including data on historical and projected staff growth, which the Chief Executive Officer noted they would report back to the Board on. A suggestion was made that the Métis Financial Corporation of British Columbia (MFCBC) deliver its own financial presentation to the MNBC Board of Directors, with the Chief Executive Officer noting will coordinate this meeting.

A proposal to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for year-end auditors was supported in principle, with agreement that it should be revisited when internal capacity allows. The finance team is currently preparing a Q1 update for the Board, which will include travel budget data and updated dashboards. Partial data was noted as still useful, particularly in distinguishing regional travel from ministerial travel. A new, more transparent reporting template is being developed. It was also recommended that quarterly updates from the Finance Department be scheduled to regularly review funding schedules and provide the Board with ongoing financial oversight.

**ACTION ITEM (20250729-01):** Finance Department to establish a clear approval process for regional travel.

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Minister De Jaeger

**SECONDED:** Minister Harriott

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors, as recommended by the Finance and Audit Committee, approve the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March, 2025.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Ravneet Sandhu, Manning Elliott LLP, left the meeting at 10:45 AM. Anna Maione, Chief Financial Officer, and Diane Van Broeck, Director of Financial Reporting and Budgeting left the meeting at 11:04 AM*

#### 4. Break

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**Recessed for break at 11:04 AM – reconvened at 11:20 AM**

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#### 5. People and Culture Policies (APPROVAL)

*Brent Weberg, Chief Operating Officer, and Cheryl Churney, Executive Director, People and Culture, joined the meeting at 11:20 AM*

It was noted that these policies were reviewed at the Board Technical Briefing on Friday, July 25th, and earlier at the People and Culture Committee meeting on July 15th. There were no further questions from the Board regarding these policies.

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Minister Carriere

**SECONDED:** Minister Flamond

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors, as recommended by the People and Culture Committee, approve the following policies:

- Hours of Work and Breaks Policy - May 28, 2025
- Hybrid and Remote Work Emergency Preparedness - June 6, 2025
- Professionalism in a Hybrid or Remote Work Environment - June 10, 2025
- Regional Office Hybrid and Remote Work Considerations - June 6, 2025
- Wellness Leaves Policy - June 12, 2025
- Workplace Arrangements Policy - May 7, 2025

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Brent Weberg, Chief Operating Officer, and Cheryl Churney, Executive Director, People and Culture, left the meeting at 11:25 AM*

#### 6. Back to Batoche (DISCUSSION)

A question was raised from the community regarding Batoche and the management of rented trailers. It was noted that some trailers appeared to be left empty, prompting a request for clarification on who manages them, with the aim of addressing it in future planning. Past situations with trailer bookings were discussed, and plans were made to improve trailer allocation for next year.

It was suggested that trailer bookings be incorporated into the yearly plan well in advance, ideally by February or earlier, to help reduce costs. While efforts were made to book trailers earlier this year, it was acknowledged that they remained expensive. Another suggestion was for individuals reserving trailers to place deposits, ensuring commitment and on-site attendance.

The BC Pavilion was praised for being well-received and efficiently run. Additionally, there was a question about sharing the mainstage with MN-S, which did not align with prior expectations. It was recommended to follow up to ensure proper coordination for next year.

It was discussed that MNBC must ensure trailer bookings and Batoche planning are made well in advance to improve fiscal responsibility.

## 7. MNBC Board Committees (APPROVAL)

It was discussed that with the establishment of the Métis Prosperity Group by the Ministry of Economic Development, the Presidential Task Force Committee is now redundant and no longer needed. There was support for discontinuing the committee, given the progress in the Economic Development file. It was also noted that an internal review could be conducted to identify any other potentially redundant committees.

### **MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Minister Gladue

**SECONDED:** Minister De Jaeger

### **RESOLVED:**

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors discontinue the Presidential Taskforce on Economic Development, recognizing that its objectives are now being advanced through the Ministry of Economic Development and the establishment of the Métis Prosperity Group.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 8. Committee Meeting Minutes (INFORMATION)

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

- 2025.02.06 SIDC Minutes – APPROVED
- 2025.02.18 Awards and Recognition Minutes – APPROVED
- 2025.04.10 People and Culture Committee Minutes – APPROVED
- 2025.04.25 Finance and Audit Committee Minutes – APPROVED
- 2025.05.01 SIDC Minutes – APPROVED
- 2025.05.13 SRIC Minutes – APPROVED
- 2025.06.10 GAP Minutes – APPROVED

## 9. Record of Decisions (INFORMATION)

The Board of Directors Record of Decisions was distributed to the Board for information.

## 10. Closing Prayer

Minister Flamond provided a closing prayer.



11. Adjournment

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Minister Hooper

**SECONDED:** Minister Lavallee

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the meeting adjourn.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 11:49 AM.

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**Approval Sheet**

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Approved by: Melanie Hooper Acting President

Approved by: [Signature] Secretary

Date: August 18, 2025