MEETING MINUTES

Meeting:	BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING		
Date of Meeting:	June 29, 2026	**Time:**	9:00 AM
Minutes Prepared By:	Lynn Berry	**Location:**	Microsoft Teams

ATTENDEES

Participating Board of Directors:	**Participating Staff (for all or a portion of the meeting):**
Interim President Melanie Allard	Colleen Hodgson, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Minister Louis De Jaeger	Diljot Basi, Acting Executive Director, Finance
Minister Debra Fisher	Jas Rehal, Acting Chief Operating Officer
Minister Paulette Flamond	Barinder Lalli, Board Operations Manager
Minister Raynie Gervais	Lynn Berry, Board Committee Coordinator
Minister Patrick Harriott	Sasha Hobbs, Chief Strategy Officer
Minister Susie Hooper	Tanya Davoren, Executive Director, Health
Minister Allan Lavallee	Leona Shaw, Executive Director, Environment, Climate Change, and Food Security
Acting VP Dean Gladue	
Minister Danielle Bergevin	Talia Ahmad, Director, Child Care Development
Minister Carmen Carriere	Lena Hirst, Child Care Project Lead

Note: The agenda was varied by consensus throughout the meeting. The minutes are recorded in the order they were considered.

1. Welcome/Call to Order/Opening Prayer

Interim President Allard called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Minister Gervais provided an Opening Prayer.

2. Traditional Land Acknowledgement

Interim 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 W̱SÁNEĆ 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 – Acting Vice-President 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 Tāmaki Makaurau of which 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 ancestral and unceded territory of the Huron-Wendat Nation 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 2SLGBTQQIA+ 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 38 Métis Chartered Communities we serve across British Columbia.

3. MNBC Values

MNBC Values:

1. kwayes'kwât'sowin – Integrity
2. kisîwât'sowin – Kindness
3. ahtisihcikêwin – Innovation
4. manâcihitowin – Respect
5. atoskâtowin – Teamwork
6. tâpahtiyim'sowin – Humility
7. sîpihkisôwin – Resilience

MNBC Board Values:

1. Collaboration
2. Transparency
3. Trust
4. Kindness

4. Adoption of Meeting Agenda

MOTION:
MOVED: Minister De Jaeger
SECONDED: Minister Lavallee
RESOLVED:
THAT the agenda of the June 29, 2026 Board of Directors meeting be approved with the following:

- Meeting to move in-camera at 11 AM.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Conflict of Interest Declaration

No Board members declared any conflicts of interest in relation to the approved agenda.

Minister Fisher joined the meeting at 9:14 AM.

6. Adoption of Meeting Minutes

Concerns were raised that the June 3, 2026 minutes did not fully capture a substantive aspect of the discussion.

MOTION:
MOVED: Minister Flamond
SECONDED: Minister Carriere
RESOLVED:
THAT the minutes of the following Board of Directors meeting be approved as presented:

- May 19, 2026;
- May 29, 2026;
- June 1, 2026;
- June 3, 2026; and

THAT the minutes of the June 2, 2026 meeting be approved with the following change:

- Amend the mover of the Community Funding Motion from "Minister Hooper" to "Minister Harriott".

CARRIED with Ministers Harriott and Hooper Opposed and Minister Fisher Abstaining to the approval of the June 3, 2026 minutes.

It was requested that a discussion regarding Conflict of Interest be added to the next Board of Directors meeting.

7. Update on Action Items

20241209-01 Structure of Board of Director Meetings
The Governance and Policy Committee is reviewing the structure of Board meetings and working on proposing any relevant suggestions for updates to the meeting format. This will begin when the committee begins to meet again (In-Progress).

20260123-01 MNGA Emergency Resolutions
Governance staff to review how legislation can be amended to provide the Board with flexibility in emergency situations related to calling an MNGA. It was noted that criteria could be proposed for what constitutes an emergency, but if the purpose is to establish this through legislation, then it will be at the will of the MNGA and AGM (In-Progress).

20260226-01 Compensation for MNGA/AGM Attendance
The Board of Directors to discuss compensation for attendance at MNGA/AGM, which includes a discussion of the financial framework. The Acting Chief Executive Officer advised that the Finance Department is reviewing this in conjunction with the proposed budget (In Progress).

20260603-01 Hydroponic Farms Topic
Add Hydroponic Farms as an agenda item at the next Board meeting for discussion and consideration after the review of the FY 2027 budget. This item has been added to the June 29 agenda (Complete).

20260603-02 Procurement and Business Opportunities
Establishment of a Terms of Reference for a Committee related to Procurement and Business Opportunities (In-Progress).

8. CEO Update

The Acting CEO provided a staffing update. In response to queries, the following was noted:

- The status of all legal files will be brought to the Board at a future in-camera meeting;
- Opportunities for re-engagement with Kelly Lake could be explored with the Board; and
- A deep dive into the Rights file will take place in September; Minister meetings that have been disrupted will reconvene.

9. Governance/COO Update

The Acting Chief Operating Officer provided an update on the following:

- The by-election process is underway with town halls being organized, and the website live;
- The MNP Audit is ongoing and this in going to help pave the way forward for work within the Ministry of Housing; and
- A meeting with Minister Robertson is scheduled in July.

10. Record of Decision Review

The Board Operations Manager advised that the Records of Decisions document has been updated since the last meeting.

The Acting Executive Director, Finance, joined the meeting at 9:45 AM.

11. CFO Update

The Acting Executive Director, Finance, provided an update on the following:

- MNP is currently in the field work and analysis phase of the housing review, conducting interviews and reviewing documents;
- The annual audit is also in the field work stage, with the Audited Financial Statements to be reviewed at a meeting in the near future;
- Work being done with communities to share resources, including procurement supports, independent contractor contract templates, and streamlined insurance processes; and
- Quarterly variance reporting will be provided to the Board on an ongoing basis.

In response to a query, it was noted that while Finance staff are facilitating the MNP work, the report will come to the Board of Directors.

12. FY 2026/2027 Budget

MOTION:
MOVED: Minister De Jaeger
SECONDED: Minister Gervais
RESOLVED:
THAT The Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) Board of Directors approves the 2026/2027 Annual Budget, including both the operating and capital budgets, as presented, and authorizes management to implement and administer the budget in accordance with MNBC's financial policies, approved authorities, and strategic priorities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT management is authorized to make operational and capital expenditures and commitments within the approved budget framework and shall report regularly to the Board on budget performance, variances, and any material financial risks or adjustments requiring Board consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It was advised that there were two adjustments requested during the previous Board meeting had been incorporated into the budget.

The Acting Executive Director, Finance, departed the meeting at 10:05 AM.

The Chief Strategy Officer, the Child Care Project Lead, and the Director, Child Care Development, joined the meeting at 10:08 AM.

13. Fort St. John Child Care Operator Selection

MOTION:
MOVED: Minister Fisher
SECONDED: Minster Flamond
RESOLVED:
THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approve the award of the Operator for the Fort St. John Child Care Facility to Fort St. John and Northeast Region Métis Housing Society (FSJ–NER MHS), as the successful proponent selected through the competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) process.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Child Care Project Lead, and the Director, Child Care Development departed the meeting at 10:14 AM.

The Executive Director of Health joined the meeting at 10:16 AM.

14. Federal Health Forum

MOTION:
MOVED: Minister Carriere
SECONDED: Minister De Jaeger
RESOLVED:
THAT the Board of Directors approve in MNBC's participation in the Health Canada / Indigenous Services Canada Fall Forum on Métis health priorities, on a distinctions-based, government-to-government basis; and

THAT the Board confirm the delegation, mandate, and terms of participation – including written confirmation that MNBC participates as a self-determining Métis government.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

15. Mamawii Indigenous Health and Care Society

MOTION:
MOVED: Minister Fisher
SECONDED: Minister Hooper
RESOLVED:

THAT the Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) Board of Directors regretfully declines the request for additional funding from Mamawii Health and Care Society and Alberni Clayoquot Métis Society for the operation of the Mamawii Health Centre, and no additional MNBC funding shall be provided for this purpose at this time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

16. Meeting Moves In-Camera

MOTION:
MOVED: Minister Carriere
SECONDED: Minister Gervais
RESOLVED:
THAT the Board of Directors meeting move in-camera pursuant to following subsections of Board Policy Manual Policy D-1:

I. Negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of an activity, work or facility that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the Board of Directors, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of MNBC if they were held in public.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting moved in-camera at 10:30 AM.

The Chief Strategy Officer and the Executive Director of Health departed the meeting at 11:14 AM.

The meeting moved out of in-camera at 12:47 PM.

17. Lunch Break

The meeting recessed at 12:47 PM and reconvened at 1:20 PM.

The Director, Government Relations, joined the meeting at 1:22 PM.

18. MNC Policy Forum

The Director, Government Relations, provided an overview of the 2026 Métis Policy Forum, noting it was a positive experience. It was highlighted that MNBC is the only Métis Nation with second stage housing.

In the course of discussion, and in response to queries, the following was noted:

- Suggestion that MNC President Victoria Pruden be invited to a future Board meeting;
- MNBC can collaborate with MNC without being a governing member; and
- Prime Minister Mark Carney would like to engage with one Métis entity, rather than each Nation individually.

The Director, Government Relations, departed the meeting at 2:04 PM.

19. Credit Union Letter

Discussion ensued on next steps, and it was suggested that the Chief Financial Officer work with Paul Ricard, MFCBC, to discuss options for moving the Métis Credit Union forward.

The Executive Director, Environment, Climate Change, and Food Security, joined the meeting at 2:08 PM.

20. West Coast Oil Pipeline/Alberta Canada and MNBC Engagement

The Executive Director, Environment, Climate Change, and Food Security, provided an update on the engagement for the West Coast Oil Pipeline/Alberta Canada highlighting that no pipeline route has been confirmed; however, consultations are already happening in Region 6. A formal project announcement appears to be forthcoming. Staff will attend an upcoming meeting to gather additional information and determine next steps, including seeking funding to establish a consultation body to engage citizens.

The Executive Director, Environment, Climate Change, and Food Security, departed the meeting at 2:20 PM.

21. Hydroponic Farms

Discussion ensued and it was suggested that this item be tabled until further correspondence is received from Greg Stanwood on the status.

22. Meeting Moves In-Camera

MOTION:
MOVED: Minister Carriere
SECONDED: Minister De Jaeger
RESOLVED:
THAT the Board of Directors meeting move in-camera pursuant to following subsections of Board Policy Manual Policy D-1:

F. Litigation or potential litigation affecting MNBC.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting moved in-camera at 2:33 PM.

The meeting moved out of in-camera at 3:20 PM.

23. Committee Minutes

- GAP – May 19, 2026
- ARC – May 14, 2026
- Executive Committee – May 6, 13,20, 27 and June 1, 2026
- P&C – September 11, 2025 and October 9, 2025

24. Decisions Released from In-Camera

The following decisions were released from in-camera at the June 2, 2026 In-Camera Board of Directors meeting:

<u>KÎKINAWÂWA Housing Society</u>

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors:

- Approve the **incorporation** and establishment of the KÎKINAWÂWA Housing Society as a separate legal entity under the *Societies Act (British Columbia)*.

- Approve the Governance and Establishment Framework, draft Bylaws, and draft Constitution (Attachments 1–2).
- Approve MNBC as the sole Member of the KÎKINAWÂWA Housing Society.
- Authorize the appointment of **three interim Directors from MNBC**, with a mandate limited to supporting incorporation, governance set-up, and start-up activities (e.g., initial governance policies, banking and signing authorities, service agreements, and transition planning) and to serve until permanent Directors are appointed by MNBC as the sole Member, or for a maximum of **180 days**, whichever occurs first.
- Delegate staff to take all necessary steps to establish and operationalize the Society, consistent with a phased implementation approach.
- Direct staff to initiate and advance the process required to obtain charitable status for the Society as soon as reasonably practicable following incorporation, recognizing its importance to long-term operational, financial, funding, and asset transition planning.
- Authorize the phased transition of housing-related functions, projects, and assets to the Society, subject to existing contractual and funder requirements.
- Direct staff to return to the Board within **60 days** of incorporation with: (1) a detailed implementation plan and timeline; (2) a startup budget and shared-services cost-allocation approach; (3) proposed process and criteria for appointing permanent Directors; and (4) a draft reporting framework (including quarterly reporting).
- Release this decision from in-camera.

<u>Campbell River Project</u>

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approve moving forward with the mixed-use component of the development at 11-47 Dogwood Street, Campbell River; and

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors commit up to $20,000,000 from existing funding agreements, as outlined in this briefing note, to support construction and authorize staff to proceed with advancement of the project; and

THAT staff continue pursuing external grants, financing, and other funding opportunities to reduce the total MNBC contribution wherever possible; and

THAT the Board of Directors release this decision from in-camera.

25. Adjournment

MOTION:
MOVED: Minister De Jaeger
SECONDED: Minister Flamond
RESOLVED:
THAT the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 3:21 PM.

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Approval Sheet

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Approved by: Melanie Allard Interim President

Approved by: Paulette Flamond Secretary

Date: July 27, 2026