MEETING MINUTES

Meeting:	BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING		
Date of Meeting:	September 15, 2026	**Time:**	9:00 AM
Minutes Prepared By:	Thereza Fonseca	**Location:**	Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel

ATTENDEES

Participating Board of Directors:	**Participating Staff (For all or a portion of the meeting):**
President Anthony Wingham	Colleen Hodgson, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Vice President Melanie Allard	Jas Rehal, Acting Chief Operating Officer
Minister Debra Fisher	Anna Maione, Chief Financial Officer
Minister Susie Hooper	Barinder Lalli, Board Operations Manager
Minister Paulette Flamond	Thereza Fonseca, Board Secretariat Coordinator
Minister Louis De Jaeger	Talia Ahmad, Director, Child Care Development
Minister Dean Gladue	Sharlene Wedel, Executive Director, Ministry of Education
Minister Raynie Gervais	Mallory Blondeau, Executive Director, Ministry of Culture, Language & Heritage
Minister Allan Lavallee	
Minister Carmen Carriere	
Minister Danielle Bergevin	
Regrets:	
Minister Patrick Harriott	
Guests:	
Adam Taylor, Rensche Venter, Kam Sandhu, MNP	

1. **Welcome/Call to Order/Opening Prayer**
   President Anthony Wingham called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and welcomed everyone. Minister Debra Fisher provided an opening prayer. President Wingham provided opening remarks and reflected on the Nation's self-government, MNBC Values and the importance of working together as one Board and one Nation.

2. **Traditional Territory Acknowledgement**
   Board and Staff at Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel - 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.

3. **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

Board Values:

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

4. Adoption of Meeting Agenda

MOTION:
MOVED: Minister Carmen Carriere
SECONDED: Minister Susie Hooper
RESOLVED:
THAT the agenda of the September 15-16, 2026, Board of Directors meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Conflict of Interest Declaration

President Anthony Wingham declared a conflict of interest regarding the BC indigenous housing due to his role as a citizen director there. He also noted that the conflict of interest would be declared in his capacity as a citizen advisor for VanCity.

6. Adoption of Meeting Minutes

MOTION:
MOVED: Minister Louis De Jaeger
SECONDED: Minister Dean Gladue
RESOLVED:
THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting August 24, 2026 and August 25, 2026 be approved with the following changes:

Aug 24, 2026, Board Minutes:

- For item #8: Amend spelling from "Minister De Jaegger" to "Minister De Jaeger"';
- For item #19: Amend spelling from "Dr. Gabriela Go" to "Dr. Gabrielle Levault"; and
- Remove last comment on bottom of page 4.

Aug 25, 2026, Board Minutes:

- On page 1: Amend spelling from" Colleen Hodgeson" to" Colleen Hodgson".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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.

Update: Acting COO, Jas Rehal noted that the revised BOD's manual, once approved, will clarify the reporting requirements for meetings. The matter will be reviewed once the revised BOD manual is approved.

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.
Update: This item to be discussed during the September meeting.

20260915-01 Accessibility of Board Communications and Reports
Governance staff to review and improve the accessibility of reports and communications to ensure they are provided in formats that are readable and accessible to community members with disabilities.
Update: A/COO is working on this item, and this will be discussed at a future Board meeting.

8. Chief Executive Officer Update

- An update on the First Nations Justice Council agreement was provided which will increase access to services for our Métis families across the province, including free legal aid, child welfare support, and virtual services.
    - It was noted that the Peace River Area is having a high rate of incidents involving Indigenous families and that this is an area where services could be operationalised more quickly.
    - Secured $200,000 in funding to develop educational resources and staff training.
- An update on the Research Project was provided.
- It was advised that MNBC is applying to the government of Canada under the Information Privacy Act for all documentation that they have on Indigenous Governing Body status.

9. Break
The Board recessed at 9:48 AM and reconvened at 10 AM.

Adam Taylor, Rensche Venter, Kam Sandhu, MNP, joined the meeting at 10 AM.

10. MNP Housing Audit Review

- MNP housing provided a presentation on the housing audit, noting that the review is currently in Phase 3.
- The review covered housing projects and timelines across the province, including Kamloops, Campbell River, Saanich, Surrey, Hudson's Hope, Terrace, Kelly Lake and Invermere.
- While compliance with policies has become stronger over the years, some observations for improvement can be considered in areas related to inconsistent due diligence, fragmented project management, changing scope, limited Board visibility, aging contracts, reliance on a single consultant, and gaps in project processes and oversight.
- Next steps include completing control testing, confirming gaps with management, validating findings, presenting initial findings to the Board and preparing the final report.
- Board members requested clarity on the financial losses, remaining value, and management decisions that contributed to any losses. The Board noted the need for project level financial reconciliation and a decision-by-decision accountability record.

Participating staff departed the meeting at 11:36 AM.

11. Motion to Move In-Camera

MOTION:
It was MOVED and SECONDED:
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.

The meeting moved in camera at 11:36 AM.

The meeting moved out of in-camera at 12:09 PM.

12. Lunch

The board recessed for lunch at 12:10 PM and reconvened at 1:00 PM.

13. Finance Update

It was advised that work is progressing on the new budget methodology, including templates for quarterly Board updates and reporting requirements. This is a significant project and an important transition that is expected to have a positive impact.

14. Governance and Operations Update

It was advised that a staff-level meeting regarding housing and funding accords took place in Ottawa on September 11 with a follow-up meeting with the Honourable Gregor Robertson, Minister of Housing and Infrastructure, expected to occur during fall.

15. Record of Decision Review

Reviewed.

Sharlene Wedel and Talia Ahmad joined the meeting via teams at 1:30 PM.

16. Cranbrook Design Build Agreement

MOTION:
MOVED: Minister Debra Fisher
SECONDED: Minister Allan Lavallee
RESOLVED:
THAT the MNBC Board of Directors authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute a CCDC 14 – Design-Build Stipulated Price Contract with Freeport Construction Management Ltd. for the construction of a 34-space modular Cranbrook Child Care facility located at 911 6th Street South, in Cranbrook, BC in the amount of $3,554,979, plus a 5% contingency of $177,748.95, for a total authorized value of $3,732,727.95.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

17. Chuck Bailey Child Care Naming

MOTION:
MOVED: Minister Susie Hooper
SECONDED: Minister Carmen Carriere
RESOLVED:
THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approve the name *Little Voyageurs Early Learning and Child Care Centre* for the Surrey – Chuck Bailey childcare facility, as recommended by the Naming Committee, following community and Elder engagement.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Sharlene Wedel and Talia Ahmad departed the meeting via teams at 1:40 PM.

18. Elders Circle Fall Meeting

MOTION:
MOVED: Minister Debra Fisher
SECONDED: Minister Susie Hooper
RESOLVED:
THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approve the Elders Circle to meet October 23rd – 25th in Kelowna, with the $42,000 approved at the June 29th, 2026 MNBC Board meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

19. Data Governance Committee

MOTION:
MOVED: Minister Louis De Jaeger
SECONDED: Minister Carmen Carriere
RESOLVED:
THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approve the re-establishment of the Métis Data Governance Committee (MDGC), AND that MNBC's Minister of Health and Wellness and Minister of Research and Consultation serve as non-voting co-chairs on the MDGC, ensuring ethical use and stewardship of Métis data in BC and are a report mechanism back to the Board.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mallory Blondeau joined the meeting at 1:50 PM.

20. MNBC Custom Sash Design

Discussion ensued on the sash with some Board members preferring Sample A (option 2).

MOTION:
MOVED: Minister Gervais
SECONDED: Minister Lavallee
RESOLVED:
THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approve custom sash sample B (option 1) as MNBC's new official sash design.

CARRIED with three opposed
Mallory Blondeau departed the meeting at 02:00 PM.

21. Signing Authority
MOTION:
MOVED: Minister Paulette Flamond
SECONDED: Minister Carmen Carriere
RESOLVED:
A. THAT Anthony Wingham and Jas Rehal are added as signing authorities for the Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia.
B. THAT Dean Gladue and Colette Trudeau are removed as signing authorities for the Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia.
C. THAT the MNBC Board of Directors hereby endorses the following signing authorities for the Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia:
1. For payments via cheque, electronic fund transfer, or any other payment method, two signatures shall be required, consisting of:

One of the following Board Positions:
- President, Anthony Wingham
- Vice-President, Melanie Allard
- Treasurer, Louis De Jaeger

and
One of the following Operational Positions:
- Acting Chief Executive Officer, Colleen Hodgson
- Acting Chief Operating Officer, Jas Rehal
- Chief Financial Officer, Anna Maione

2. For any agreements that bind the Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia, any of the following positions:

- Acting Chief Executive Officer, Colleen Hodgson
- Acting Chief Operating Officer, Jas Rehal
- Chief Financial Officer, Anna Maione
- President, Anthony Wingham
- Vice-President, Melanie Allard

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

22. Disposition of Vehicle Previously assigned to the Former President

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister Flamond

SECONDED: Minister Carriere

RESOLVED:

WHEREAS MNBC owns a vehicle that was previously assigned to the former President and is no longer required for operational purposes;

AND WHEREAS MNBC continues to incur costs associated with retaining the vehicle;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board declares the vehicle surplus and authorizes the Acting Chief Operating Officer, or designate, to arrange for its sale at fair market value;

AND THAT the Acting Chief Operating Officer is authorized to take the necessary steps to prepare and sell the vehicle, including obtaining a valuation, completing any required maintenance or inspection, determining the appropriate method of sale, and executing the required documents;

AND THAT the net proceeds from the sale be returned to MNBC general revenue in accordance with MNBC financial policies;

AND THAT the Board be advised of the final sale price and net proceeds once the sale is complete.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23. Break

The Board recessed at 02:12 PM and reconvened at 02:30 PM.

24. On Board Refresher

Barinder Lalli, Board Operations Manager, provided a refresher of On Board. The acting CEO mentioned that we should get an On-Board staff for Professional development. It was also discussed to have educational training sessions for the BOD for any future BOD meetings.

25. Meeting Recesses for Day 1

Day 1 of the Board of Directors meeting recessed at 2:50 PM.

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Approval Sheet

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Approved by:_____ President

Approved by:_____ Secretary

Date: October 19, 2026