MEETING MINUTES

Meeting:	BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING		
Date of Meeting:	October 19, 2026	**Time:**	9:00 AM
Minutes Prepared By:	Thereza Fonseca	**Location:**	Microsoft Teams

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	Nicole Ludwig, Governance Manager
Minister Paulette Flamond	Thereza Fonseca, Board Secretariat Coordinator
Minister Patrick Harriott	Kamron Bajwa, Director Government Relations
Minister Louis De Jaeger	Sharlene Wedel, Exec Director, Ministry of Education
Minister Dean Gladue	
Minister Raynie Gervais	
Minister Allan Lavallee	
Minister Carmen Carriere	
Minister Danielle Bergevin	
Guests:	
Dave Armitt, MVBC Chair	
Greg Stanwood, President NFMA	
Victoria Pruden, Rehal Beg-Mirza, Cassidy Caron, MNC	

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

1. Welcome/Call to Order/Opening Prayer

President Anthony Wingham called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM and welcomed everyone. Minister Raynie Gervais provided an opening prayer.

2. Traditional Territory Acknowledgement

President Anthony Wingham 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.

Vice- President Melanie 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 – 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 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

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 Louis De Jaeger
SECONDED: Minister Dean Gladue
RESOLVED:
THAT the agenda of the October 19, 2026 Board of Directors meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Meeting Moves In-Camera

MOTION:
MOVED: Minister Susie Hooper
SECONDED: Minister Debra Fisher
RESOLVED:
THAT the meeting move in-camera pursuant to the following sub-sections of Board Policy Manual D-1:
C. Labour relations or other employee relations;
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 Governance Manager and Board Secretariat Coordinator departed the meeting at 9:07 AM.

The meeting moved in-camera at 9:07 AM.

The meeting moved out of in-camera at 10:40 AM.

6. Break

The Board recessed at 10:40 AM and reconvened at 10:50 AM.

The Governance Manager and Board Secretariat Coordinator joined the meeting at 10:50 AM.

Dave Armitt joined the meeting at 10:50 AM.

Minister Patrick Harriott joined the meeting at 11:00 AM

7. MVBC Update

Dave Armitt provided an update on Métis veterans, including the development of a Métis Veterans brochure highlighting their history and service. The brochure will be brought to the Board for final approval before distribution. Approximately 134 veterans have been identified to date.

The Board discussed opportunities to work with Métis creatives, recognize veterans who served in municipal policing, and support communities on honouring veterans on National Indigenous Veterans Day and Remembrance Day. Dave also noted the lack of dedicated funding and Métis representation in national

recognition efforts. Dave will be invited for attend a future Board meeting, with a follow-up planned for November.

Dave Armitt left the meeting at 11:25 AM.
Greg Stanwood joined the meeting at 11:25 AM

8. NFMA Decision

Greg presented a proposal for Hydroponic farms at the Bridgeview Property as a temporary pilot project. The project aims to generate revenue, support food security and food sovereignty, and explore opportunities to expand the model to other communities. He requested the Board's support through an MOU for a Regional Innovation Ecosystem grant application.

The Board discussed the property's rezoning process, potential risks, insurance, and the impact on future developments. Board members noted that a business plan, funding details, and confirmation of NFMA Board support were needed before proceeding.

No decision was made, pending further information.

Greg Stanwood left the meeting at 12:00 PM

9. Lunch

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:25 PM and reconvened at 1:00 PM.

Victoria Pruden, Raheel Baig-Mirza, and Cassidy Caron joined the meeting at 1:00 PM

10. MNC/MNBC

The MNC President provided an overview on the organisation's national mandate and discussed opportunities to strengthen collaboration while respecting Métis government's autonomy, self government processes and priorities.

The discussion included opportunities for joint advocacy, research and policy development, and ways to support Métis governments through policy forums, intergovernmental engagement, and technical support. MNC also highlighted the Canada Métis nations accord and its interest in bringing elected Métis women's representatives together and revitalizing the elected women's leadership table.

Victoria Pruden, Raheel Baig-Mirza and Cassidy Caron left the meeting at 2:05 PM

Kamron Bajwa joined the meeting at 2:06 PM

11. Federal Lobbying Week

MOTION:
MOVED: Vice- President Melanie Allard
SECONDED: Minister Allan Lavallee

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approve GSR's recommendation to send Minister Louis De Jaeger, Minister Dean Gladue, and Minister Patrick Harriott to accompany President Anthony Wingham during MNBC's 2026 Lobby Trip.

Discussion ensued on the motion, and it was suggested that the main motion to strike out Minister Patrick Harriott and add Minister Danielle Bergevin, representing women and youth.

FIRST AMENDMENT:
MOVED: Minister Carmen Carriere
SECONDED: Minister Paulette Flamond
THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approve GSR's recommendation to send Minister Louis De Jaeger, Minister Dean Gladue, and Minister Danielle Bergevin to accompany President Anthony Wingham during MNBC's 2026 Lobby Trip.

The amendment was put to a vote and carried, with 6 votes in favour and 5 opposed.

Discussion ensued on the motion, and it was suggested that the amended motion to strike out approve GSR's recommendation.

SECOND AMENDMENT:
MOVED: Minister Carmen Carriere
SECONDED: Minister Paulette Flamond
THAT the MNBC Board of Directors send Minister Louis De Jaeger, Minister Dean Gladue, and Minister Danielle Bergevin to accompany President Anthony Wingham during MNBC's 2026 Ottawa Lobby Trip.

The second amendment was carried, with 6 votes in favour and 5 opposed.

Kamron Bajwa left the meeting at 2:34 PM

Sharlene Wedel joined the meeting at 2:35 PM

12. FSJ Additional Contingency for Remediation Scope

MOTION:
MOVED:
SECONDED:
RESOLVED:
THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approve the use of up to $915,000 in Indigenous Early Learning and Child Care (IELCC) funding for the remediation of the Fort St. John childcare project.

This item was deferred to the November Board meeting.

13. Execution of CCDC14 w/Chandos & Additional IELCC Contingency- Saanich (APPROVAL)

MOTION:
MOVED: Vice-President Melanie Allard
SECONDED: Minister Patrick Harriott

RESOLVED:

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approve a revised total project budget of $6,976,551. for construction of a 24-space modular childcare facility with a commercial kitchen at 3656 Raymond Street South, Saanich, BC; and
THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approve an additional allocation of $1,890,115 from the Indigenous Early Learning and Child Care (IELCC) contingency reserve to fund the revised project budget; and
THAT the MNBC Board of Directors authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute a CCDC 14 Design-Build Stipulated Price Contract with Chandos Construction LP in the amount of $4,956,300, plus GST of $247,815, and approve an owner contingency of $509,095, for a total authorization of $5,713,210 within the revised total project budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14. Execution Amendments to CCDC 5B Contract- Campbell River

MOTION:
MOVED: Minister Allan Lavallee
SECONDED: Minister Patrick Harriott
RESOLVED:
THAT the MNBC Board of Directors authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute an amendment to the existing CCDC 5B contract with Kinetic Construction Ltd. to include an early tender package for the child care development located at 11-47 Dogwood Street, Campbell River, BC, with a total authorized value not to exceed $743,456 including GST and contingency, within the approved project budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Sharlene Wedel left the meeting at 2:47 PM

15. Treasury Board Model

The Board agreed to remove this item from the agenda.

16. Conflict of Interest Declaration

None were declared.

17. Adoption of Meeting Minutes

MOTION:
MOVED: Minister Louis De Jaeger
SECONDED: Vice-President Melanie Allard
RESOLVED:
THAT the minutes of the following Board of Directors meeting be approved as presented:

- September 15, 2026;
- September 16, 2026;
- September 23, 2026;
- September 29, 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

18. 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: The A/COO noted that comments from Board members have been received and are being reviewed. The item is expected to be finalized for the November Board meeting.

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: A/COO noted that staff is working on a proposal for the Board to review and forward to the MNGA.

20260915-01

Accessibility of Board Communications and Reports

Governance Staff to review and improve the accessibility of reports and communications to ensure they are readable and accessible to community members with disabilities.

Update: A/COO is working on this item, which will be brought to a future Board meeting.

19. Chief Executive Officer Update – Standing Item

The CEO Update was deferred to a future Board meeting.

20. Finance Update – Standing Item

The CFO Update was deferred to a future Board meeting.

21. Governance and Operations Update – Standing Item

The CFO Update was deferred to a future Board meeting

22. Record of Decision Review – Standing Item

A/COO noted that the Record of Decision Review was included in the Board member's package and is now posted on the website. This is a standing item, and members were invited to reach out with any questions.

23. Board of Directors Roundtable Update

This item will be brought back to the December Board meeting and added to future Board meeting agendas.

24. Committee Minutes

- EAC - June 19, 2025
- Executive Committee:
  August 19, 2026
  September 02, 2026
  September 09, 2026
  September 23, 2026
  September 24, 2026

25. Coffee Break

The board recessed at 2:48 PM and reconvened at 3:00 PM.

26. Motion to Move In-Camera

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

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting moved in camera at 3:00 PM.

The meeting moved out of in-camera at 4:47 PM

27. Adjournment

MOTION:
MOVED: Minister Dean Gladue
SECONDED: Minister Raynie Gervais
RESOLVED:
THAT the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 4:47 PM.

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Approval Sheet

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Approved by: President

Approved by: Secretary

Date: November 19, 2026