

BC Métis Federation
Board Meeting
Friday, January 30th, 2026
11:00 AM – 3:30 PM
Vancouver, BC

Approved Minutes

Attendance

1. Keith Henry - President
2. Cindy Wilgosh - Treasurer
3. Earl Storey – Board Member
4. Rosanne Forget – Board Member
5. Earl Belcourt – Vice President
6. Brad Giroux – Board Member
7. Jordan Therrien – Board Member – Youth Rep
8. Robin McLay – Board Member

Absent

1. Elizabeth Pearce – Board Member – Elder Rep

1. Welcome and Opening Comments 11:00 AM

The board held a lengthy conversation about the objectives and focus/priorities of the BC Metis Federation.

All board members shared their views.

2. Review/Approval of the Draft Agenda 11:10 AM

MOTION 20260130 - 01 **To approve the draft agenda as amended**
Moved **Earl Storey**
Seconded **Rosanne Forget**
Carried

3. Review/Approve Minutes
a. December 19th, 2025

MOTION 20260130 - 02 **To approve the draft minutes as presented**
Moved **Earl Belcourt**
Seconded **Rosanne Forget**
Carried

4. Roles and Responsibilities – Board/Operations

11:15 AM

Action Item #1 – The board reviewed the board manual that was updated most recently in 2022. The board is required to read the manual before March.

Action Item #2 – The board will participate in a board manual leadership review in Vancouver with management and a facilitator. The BC Metis Federation board manual review session will be arranged before the end of March.

5. BC Metis Federation 2025-2026 Operations Update

1:00 PM

- a. Finance Update
 - i. P and L
 - ii. Year to Date

MOTION 20260130 - 03
Moved
Seconded
Carried

To approve the financial report as presented
Cindy Wilgosh
Earl Storey

- b. Governance
 - i. Position regarding:
 - 1. IAMC
 - EMSC Email for Survey
 - 2. Metis Nation BC
 - AMHA Correspondence January 2026

The board reaffirmed their position as it related to Metis Nation BC (MNBC) and the policy issues that MNBC must correct prior to any change in BC Metis Federation’s current position.

- c. Key Initiatives
 - i. Industry
 - 1. Operations
 - 2. New LOI’s
 - Highmark Environmental
 - Metis Nation Communications
 - 3. TMX Annual Report – BC Metis Federation MBA 2025

The board reviewed and addressed next steps with the industry team. New Letters of Intent (LOI’s) were discussed. During the meeting the board was advised of another new LOI with Backwoods Energy and Security.

Please note board member Brad Giroux declared a conflict of interest and left the board meeting regarding the topic of his current work with BC Metis Federation.

MOTION 20260130 - 04 **To approve Brad Giroux as the Manager of Industry Engagement to March 31st, 2026 while maintaining 4 year board position since appointed in November 2025.**

Moved **Earl Belcourt**
Seconded **Robin McLay**
Carried

BC Metis Federation board member Brad Giroux was asked to return to the board meeting at the conclusion of the board discussion and decision. Mr. Giroux was advised of the decision and there was no further discussion.

d. Indigenous Tech Conference – AI Advancement Presentation

The board reviewed recent efforts by Director Artificial Intelligence and Digital Innovation Drake Henry as presented in the recent Indigenous Tech Conference held in Richmond, BC. The presentation was reviewed along with feedback from one potential partner.

Action Item #3 – Board member Robin McLay advised that he support this ongoing work with the Director of Artificial Intelligent and Digital Innovation and the relationship with Alacrity

6. Other 2:30 PM
a. Indigenous Center for Cumulative Effects (ICCE)

The board was advised about the success of a new initiative with ICCE and in particular the role of Vice President Earl Belcourt with ICCE.

b. Canadian Energy Regulator Decision – IMAR

MOTION 20260130 - 05 **To approve Earl Belourt to represent BC Metis Federation on the IMAR consultations.**

Moved **Cindy Wilgosh**
Seconded **Rosanne Forget**
Carried

c. CRA Review – Payroll Account

The board was advised of the ongoing process with CRA and an employee audit process unfolding. The board and staff will continue to fully comply with any requests.

d. Partner Communities

The board reviewed and discussed the support for partner communities and ongoing policy as it relates

to the 2025-2026 business plan. The board was advised of the commitment to maintain support for eligible partners, but that leadership will be required to fully discuss and plan April 1st, 2026-March 31st, 2027 (new fiscal year) shortly to address the priorities.

7. Adjournment

3:30 PM

MOTION 20260130 - 07
Moved
Carried

To adjourn the meeting at 3:35 PM
Brad Giroux

Approved May 1st, 2026

President
Vice President

