



Office of the Provincial President

TO: Marg Friesen, Representative, Eastern Region 3

FROM: Glen McCallum, President

SUBJECT: MANDATE as Minister of Finance

DATE: April 9, 2026

Dear Minister Friesen,

Maarsii, thank you for agreeing to serve the Métis Nation–Saskatchewan (MN–S) as Minister of Finance. In 2025, our citizens elected a new Government to stand up for our Métis citizens and to build a strong government that works for everyone. As members of this Provincial Métis Council, we must fulfill this mandate with purpose and force. We must meet a series of unprecedented challenges with a disciplined focus on core priorities.

This mandate letter describes our responsibilities and priorities moving forward. As accountability and transparency are the cornerstones of good government, I am making these letters public, so all citizens are informed of how their government is working for them.

Ministerial Responsibilities

As Minister, you are responsible for the following areas:

- Finance and fiscal relations;
- Oversight of finances of the MN–S, including banking, budgeting, accounting, and reporting;
- Lead the development of Fiscal Financing Agreement negotiations;
- Strengthen and uphold accountability and transparency throughout the MN–S government;
- Serve as Chair of the Finance Committee;
- Support the Minister of Self-Government and Self-Determination with the



Constitutional Reform process to ensure that the progress made in the good governance of finance at MN–S is reflected within the process and any changes that may result in the Constitution or related legislation;

- Relationships with Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada, Indigenous Services Canada, Chartered Professional Accounting firms, and the Government of Saskatchewan’s Ministry of Government Relations;
- Regular reporting to myself as the President, MN–S, on the status of your ministerial responsibilities.

Priorities

I expect you to work constructively with your colleagues, members of the PMC, the CEO, MN–S staff, and citizens to deliver on the MN–S priorities. This includes advancing the collective priorities set out in the Distinctions-Based Focus Plan, which charts a Métis-distinct path forward for the MN–S government based on the priorities of Elders, citizens, and the PMC. In addition to these collective priorities in the Distinctions-Based Focus Plan, you will have specific ministerial priorities, which are outlined below:

- Continue to advance and continually improve our government’s financial management policy framework, to ensure continued accountability, transparency, and responsible fiscal management;
- Lead identification, development and implementation of governance financial policies that govern financial management for elected officials;
- In collaboration with the Minister of Self-Government and Self-Determination, work towards the development and implementation of a Financial Administration Act;
- Support the pursuit of a balanced scorecard approach in our government’s financial management and reporting;
- Support our government in the development of financial management policies and processes for Regions and Locals to ensure that they have the capacity to successfully manage funds;



- Continue to support fiscal accountability and transparency through government processes and information sharing;
- Support development of financial literacy for Regions and Locals, in collaboration with the Ministry of Finance and the Locals Unit;
- Prepare your portfolio for MN–S Self-Government Agreement (treaty) implementation.

Working Together

We must deliver for our citizens as we exercise our inherent right to self-determination, including our right of self-government. Achieving these objectives will require collaboration and coordination with other ministers, as well as working closely with the Regions, Locals, and MN–S staff.

In addressing the tasks before us, we must remain true to what makes us distinct as Métis people. Our identity, our culture, our values and our language: these things we must keep in mind as they direct our work. MN–S is a dynamic government that celebrates our Elders and our youth, cares for the most vulnerable among us, and strives for a better future for all citizens. If we work together, we can ensure a strong, healthy, vibrant future for all Métis in Saskatchewan.

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Glen McCallum
President, Métis Nation–Saskatchewan

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