



**MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN**  
**SPECIAL MÉTIS NATION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**  
*held January 25, 2025*

Minutes of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S), Special Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) held January 25, 2025, by videoconference, prepared by Diane Parsons, Recording Secretary.

**JANUARY 25, 2025**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The MN-S MNLA commenced at approximately 11:25 a.m.

**OPENING PRAYERS**

Elder Norman Fleury offered an Opening Prayer.

**OPENING REMARKS**

**Glen McCallum, President, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan**

Opening remarks were not provided as President McCallum was unable to attend.

**BUSINESS AGENDA – JANUARY 25, 2025**

**AGENDA VARIED**

The order of the Agenda was varied. Items are presented in these minutes in the order in which they were considered and are numbered in sequential order.

**1. ROLL CALL OF REGISTERED DELEGATES**

Richard Quintal, Clerk of the MNLA, conducted a roll call and confirmed a total of 84 registered voting Delegates in attendance<sup>1</sup>.

**2. APPOINTMENT OF THE DEPUTY SPEAKER**

**It was MOVED (Brent Digness) and SECONDED (Marg Friesen)**

**WHEREAS** Article 5 of the *Métis Nation of Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly Act, 1999* (the Act), directs the Provincial Métis Council (PMC) to appoint a Speaker and Deputy Speaker for the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA), which must be ratified by the MNLA;

**WHEREAS** the MNLA, at their duly held meeting on May 27, 2023, appointed John Lagimodiere as Speaker and Merelda Fiddler-Potter as Deputy Speaker for a two-year term (Resolution #MNLA 230527-02);

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<sup>1</sup> See attached "List of Registered Voting Delegates"

**WHEREAS** Merelda Fiddler-Potter has since resigned from the Deputy Speaker position; and

**WHEREAS** the PMC, at their duly held meeting on December 17, 2024, recommended the appointment of Mike Nolin for Deputy Speaker for the Special MNLA scheduled on January 25, 2025;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the MNLA ratifies the appointment of Mike Nolin as the Deputy Speaker for the Special MNLA scheduled on January 25, 2025.

**CARRIED (MNLA250125-01)**

*69 Delegates voted in favour*

*6 Delegates voted in opposition*

*3 Delegates abstained from the vote*

### **3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA – ORDER OF THE DAY**

**It was MOVED (Laura Burnouf) and SECONDED (Loretta King)**

**WHEREAS** the Provincial Métis Council (PMC) at their duly held meeting on November 18, 2024, resolved that a Special Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) would be held January 25, 2025;

**WHEREAS** Articles 6.2 and 6.3 of the *Métis Nation of Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly Act, 1999* (the *Act*) directs the Clerk of the MNLA, as defined in Article 2.4 of the *Act*, to draft an agenda for the Special MNLA as directed by the PMC and to compile the necessary documentation for the Order of the Day; and

**WHEREAS** the Order of the Day/Agenda is hereby proposed for the Special MNLA to be held on January 25, 2025;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the MNLA approves the Order of the Day/Agenda for the virtual Special MNLA scheduled on January 25, 2025:

- Opening Prayer
- Opening Remarks – President Glen McCallum, MN-S
- Roll Call – Richard Quintal, Clerk of the MNLA/Voting Delegates
- Appointment of the Deputy Speaker
- Adoption of the Agenda – Order of the Day
- Appointment of the Recording Secretary
- Motions:
  - o Setting the Date for the 2025 MN-S Election
  - o Appointment of the Complaints Officer and Adjudicator for the 2025 Election
- Conclusion and Closing Prayer.

**CARRIED (MNLA250125-02)**

*78 Delegates voted in favour*

*6 Delegates voted in opposition*

*0 Delegates abstained from the vote*

**4. APPOINTMENT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY**

**It was MOVED (Loretta King) and SECONDED (Laura Burnouf)**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) appoints Diane Parsons as the official Recording Secretary for the January 25, 2025, MNLA.

**CARRIED (MNLA250125-03)**

*81 Delegates voted in favour*

*3 Delegates voted in opposition*

*1 Delegate abstained from the vote*

**ROLL CALL - Update**

The MNLA was informed that another delegate had joined the Assembly, bringing the total number of registered voting Delegates in attendance to 85.

**5. MOTIONS**

**5.1 Setting the Date for the 2025 MN-S Election**

In response to a query, it was clarified that positions within Les Filles de Madelaine would not be included in the 2025 MN-S Election.

**It was MOVED (Marg Friesen) and SECONDED (Michelle LeClair)**

**WHEREAS** Article 8.2 of the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* requires elections for the Executive and Regional Representatives of the Provincial Métis Council (PMC) to be held within four years of the previous election;

**WHEREAS** Article 28.1 of the *Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act, 2007*, states that the election day is the date fixed by resolution of the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA); and

**WHEREAS** at its duly held meeting on February 22, 2024, the PMC recommended to the MNLA that May 24, 2025, be the election day;

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the MNLA sets the election day of May 24, 2025, for the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan election of the Executive and Regional Representatives.

**CARRIED (MNLA250125-04)**

*83 Delegates voted in favour*

*1 Delegate voted in opposition*

*0 Delegates abstained from the vote*

**5.2 Appointment of the Complaints Officer and Adjudicator for the 2025 Election**

During discussion on the resolution presented for consideration, a brief biography of each candidate was shared, and the following clarifications were provided in response to questions raised:

- Neither of the nominees are Métis citizens
- The terms for both the Complaints Officer and Adjudicator positions would commence upon approval of the resolution by the MNLA
- No conflicts of interest had been identified for either nominee.

### **Main Motion**

#### **It was MOVED (Loretta King) and SECONDED (Marg Friesen)**

**WHEREAS** Article 116 of the *Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act, 2007* (the *Act*) provides that the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) shall appoint and set the term for a Complaints Officer to enforce compliance with the *Act*;

**WHEREAS** Article 120 of the *Act*, provides that the MNLA shall appoint and set the term for an Adjudicator to hear all complaints referred by the Complaints Officer and render a decision that is final and binding; and

**WHEREAS** the date of the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan (MN-S) Election has been fixed for May 24, 2025;

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the MNLA appoints the following individuals to the roles established in the *Act* of Complaints Officer and Adjudicator for the 2025 MN-S Election, for a term of one year:

- Complaints Officer: Lorne Gibson
- Adjudicator: Gordon Kirkby

### **Motion to Divide**

#### **It was MOVED (Jocelyn Ormerod) and SECONDED (Shea Drouin)**

**THAT** the Main Motion be divided to separately consider the appointments of the Complaints Officer and Adjudicator.

**CARRIED (MNLA250125-05)**  
*70 Delegates voted in favour*  
*11 Delegate voted in opposition*  
*1 Delegate abstained from the vote*

### **Assembly Recessed**

The Assembly recessed at 12:55 p.m. and reconvened at 1:05 p.m.

Additional clarification was requested regarding the course of action if the MNLA failed to appoint a Complaints Officer and/or an Adjudicator.

### **Assembly Recessed**

The Assembly recessed at 1:15 p.m. and reconvened at 1:25 p.m.

### **ROLL CALL OF REGISTERED DELEGATES**

Richard Quintal, Clerk of the MNLA, conducted a roll call and confirmed a total of 82 registered voting Delegates in attendance.

During continued discussion, the MNLA was further informed that:

- If the MNLA was unable to appoint a Complaints Officer and Adjudicator, any disputes would need to be resolved through a colonial court
- The Chief Electoral Officer submitted the nominees for the positions of Complaints Officer and Adjudicator, which were supported by the PMC for appointment by the MNLA

- The Chief Electoral Officer, the Complaints Officer and the Adjudicator were all independent officers of the MN-S
- The nominees for Complaints Officer and Adjudicator had been vetted in accordance with the *Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act, 2007*.

#### **First Part of the Main Motion – Complaints Officer**

The question was called on the first part of the Main Motion, which was duly divided by Resolution #MNLA250125-05, and reads as follows:

**“WHEREAS** Article 116 of the *Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act, 2007* (the *Act*) provides that the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) shall appoint and set the term for a Complaints Officer to enforce compliance with the *Act*;

**WHEREAS** the date of the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan (MN-S) Election has been fixed for May 24, 2025;

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the MNLA appoints Lorne Gibson to the role established in the *Act* of Complaints Officer for the 2025 MN-S Election, for a term of one year.”

**CARRIED (MNLA250125-06)**

*50 Delegates voted in favour*

*33 Delegate voted in opposition*

*0 Delegates abstained from the vote*

During continued discussion, the MNLA was informed that confirmation could be provided verifying that the Adjudicator nominee, Gordon Kirkby, had formally declared no conflicts of interest serving as the Adjudicator in the 2025 MN-S Election.

#### **Second Part of the Main Motion – Adjudicator**

The question was called on the second part of the Main Motion, which was duly divided by Resolution #MNLA250125-05, and reads as follows:

**“WHEREAS** Article 120 of the *Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act, 2007*, provides that the MNLA shall appoint and set the term for an Adjudicator to hear all complaints referred by the Complaints Officer and render a decision that is final and binding; and

**WHEREAS** the date of the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan (MN-S) Election has been fixed for May 24, 2025;

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the MNLA appoints Gordon Kirkby to the role established in the *Act* of Adjudicator for the 2025 MN-S Election, for a term of one year.”

**DEFEATED**

*33 Delegates voted in favour*

*44 Delegate voted in opposition*

*1 Delegate abstained from the vote*

As the MNLA had not appointed an Adjudicator for the 2025 MN-S Election, a call for candidates would be made. The submissions received would be reviewed and a final appointment would then be made, in accordance with legislation.

**CONCLUSION**

**It was MOVED (Marg Friesen) and SECONDED (Sheila Pelletier)**

That the January 25, 2025, Special Métis Nation Legislative Assembly now conclude.

**CARRIED (MNLA250125-07)**

*Results of this vote were not announced*

The January 25, 2025, MN-S Special MNLA concluded at approximately 1:05 p.m. Elder Norman Fleury offered a Closing Prayer.

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**SIGNED AND CERTIFIED** as a correct record of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Special Métis Nation Legislative Assembly held January 25, 2025, by the duly appointed Speaker and Deputy Speaker.

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John Lagimodiere, MNLA Speaker

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Mike Nolin, MNLA Deputy Speaker

**LIST OF APPENDICES**

*The following items are attached to these minutes:*

Appendix A: List of Registered Voting Delegates

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## APPENDIX A

### MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN SPECIAL MÉTIS NATION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

*held January 25, 2025*

#### LIST OF REGISTERED VOTING DELEGATES

*RR – Denotes “Regional Representatives” | As provided by Assembly Registration Staff and confirmed in Roll Calls*

<b>Northern Region #1</b> 1. Angus, Brett 2. Burnouf, Laura (RR) 3. Fiss, Curtis 4. Lavallee, Lorna 5. Natomagan, George	<b>Northern Region #2</b> 1. Desjarlais, Rene 2. Hanson, Marlene 3. Herman, Violet 4. Shewchuk, Keith	<b>Northern Region #3</b> 1. Bouvier, Mervin “Tex” (RR) 2. Couillonneur, Rylee 3. Gardiner, Louis 4. Kenny, Fred 5. Natomagan, Mike	<b>Eastern Region #1</b> 1. Carriere, Ryan (RR) 2. Favel, Gerald
<b>Eastern Region #2</b> 1. Bell, Viola 2. Belliveau, Brenda 3. Boucher, Ashley 4. Digness, Brent (RR) 5. Ekert, Marilyn 6. Genaille, Dianne 7. Johnson, Helen 8. Wiens, Justina	<b>Eastern Region #2A</b> 1. Langan, Derek 2. Pelletier, Garry	<b>Eastern Region #3</b> 1. Friesen, Marg (RR) 2. LeClair, Larry 3. Lagace, Linda 4. Mondor, Dexter 5. Nault-Gates, Tania 6. Nykiforuk-Racette, Trisha 7. Pelletier, Sheila 8. Poitras, Leebert 9. Sopp, Linda	<b>Western Region #1</b> 1. Bell, Michael 2. Boyer, Warren 3. Brady, Theresa 4. Hazzard, Michelle 5. King, Loretta (RR) 6. Lavoie, Margaret 7. Murray, Kat 8. Pouliot, Marjorie 9. Wehrhahn, Sharon
<b>Western Region #1A</b> 1. Delorme, Carol 2. Kennedy, Billy (RR) 3. Klarenbach, Deiter 4. Mahalicz, Jordan 5. Trotchie, Becky	<b>Western Region #2</b> 1. Andrews, Sheila 2. Bowering, Jade 3. Brewer, Amanda 4. Gardiner, Jennifer 5. Guillet, Victor 6. Johnson, Gail 7. Letendre, Jody 8. McLennan, Sherry (RR) 9. McKay, Darlene 10. Neufeldt, Cindy 11. Primeau, Jeannette 12. Regnier, Lynn 13. Rondeau, Karen	<b>Western Region #2A</b> 1. Card, Barbara Ann 2. Denomie, Jeremy 3. Falcon, Barry 4. Fisher, Kim 5. Hurton, Penny 6. Isbister, Shirley 7. Itterman, Karen 8. Ormerod, Jocelyn 9. Pruden Nansel, Kathie (RR)	<b>Western Region #3</b> 1. Anderson, Rebecca 2. Brooks, Dennis 3. Drouin, Shea 4. Fazakas, Marilyn 5. Gervais, Wendy (RR) 6. Hawman, Darrell
<b>Youth</b> 1. Boyer, Leah 2. Curry, Zachery 3. Kuppenbender, Sydney 4. Laing-Larose, Autumn (President) 5. Wesaquate, Kyra	<b>Les Filles des Madelaine</b> 1. Belanger, Becky 2. Blanchard, Kim 3. Duns, Nancy 4. Langan, Darlene (President) 5. Swain, Deanna	<b>Provincial Executive</b> 1. LeClair, Michelle (Vice President) 2. McCallum, Lisa (Secretary)	

## APPENDIX B

### MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN (MN-S) SPECIAL MÉTIS NATION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY (MNLA)

*held January 25, 2025*

#### LIST OF INFORMATION ITEMS

*The following items were provided with the Online Agenda Binder*

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#### **MNLA Agenda:**

1. Agenda for the January 25, 2025 MNLA

#### **MNLA Roll Call:**

1. List of Delegates Registered to Attend the January 25, 2025 MNLA

#### **Resolutions:**

1. Draft Resolution (01-2025-01): Motion to Appoint Deputy Speaker for the 2025 Special MNLA
2. Draft Resolution (01-2025-02): Order of the Day / Adoption of Agenda
3. Draft Resolution (01-2025-03): Appointment of the Recording Secretary
4. Draft Resolution (01-2025-04): Ratification of the Date of the 2025 Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Election
5. Draft Resolution (01-2025-05): Appointment of the Complaints Officer and Adjudicator

#### **Additional Information:**

1. Rules of the House of the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly

**APPENDIX C**

**MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN  
SPECIAL MÉTIS NATION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY (MNLA)**

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**LIST OF ACRONYMS**

*The following acronyms are referenced in these Minutes*

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MNLA	Métis Nation Legislative Assembly
MN-S	Métis Nation – Saskatchewan
PMC	Provincial Métis Council