



MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN
MÉTIS NATION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
held September 6-7, 2025

Minutes of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S), Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) held September 6-7, 2025, at Prairieland Park, 503 Ruth Street West, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, prepared by Diane Parsons, Recording Secretary.

DAY 1 – September 6, 2025

GRAND ENTRY and CALL TO ORDER

The MN-S MNLA commenced at approximately 9:10 a.m. with Jason McKay, Emcee, introducing a Grand Entry procession led by Dean Smith, Lead Fiddler, Elders, Métis Veterans and others, carrying the flags of Canada, the Métis Nation, Métis Pride, Treaty Six, and the Province of Saskatchewan.

OPENING PRAYERS

Elder Norman Fleury, Elder Debbie Smith and Elder Emile Janvier offered Opening Prayers.

ANTHEMS

Loretta King, Western Region 1, MN-S, sang the “Métis National Anthem”. A recording of “O Canada” was presented.

STATE OF THE NATION ADDRESS

Glen McCallum, President, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan

President McCallum emphasized the importance of prayer, groundedness, and a positive vision for the future, stressing the need to strengthen Métis self-government and ensure citizens’ confidence in their elected leaders. The ongoing state of emergency caused by drugs, gangs, and violence, has highlighted the urgent need to protect families and youth while building partnerships with the federal government, RCMP, institutions, and First Nations neighbours. President McCallum underscored the value of Métis-led research, cultural practices, and community gatherings, pointing to the impact MN-S has already made through education, housing, and other supports.

Citizens, youth, and Elders were called upon to contribute to healing, progress, and unity across the North, Central, and South, while pursuing distinction-based programming and stronger relationship agreements. President McCallum urged collective action to build a strong government and bring industry and government leaders together.

SWEARING-IN REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE FROM EASTERN REGION 2

Hilary Peterson, Senior General Counsel / Head Legal Officer, led a swearing-in ceremony to welcome Regional Representative, Brent Digness. Elder Norman Fleury provided a prayer.

BUSINESS AGENDA – SEPTEMBER 6, 2025

ROLL CALL OF REGISTERED DELEGATES

Hailey Marcotte, Deputy Clerk of the MNLA, conducted a roll call and confirmed a total of 82 registered voting Delegates in attendance.

Points of Order

Points of Order raised from the floor were addressed:

- A list of Delegates attending the MNLA would be shared in the online meeting binder
- Two Regional Representatives had been suspended as members of the PMC and were not eligible to attend the MNLA
- Any unused voting “clickers” had been stowed by staff in a secure cupboard.

1. MOTIONS

1.1 Ratifying the Re-Appointment of Speaker and Appointment of Deputy Speaker

It was MOVED (Glen McCallum) and SECONDED (Laura Burnouf)

WHEREAS Article 5 of the *Métis Nation of Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly Act* (the “Act”) directs the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) 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 Article 5 of the *Act* also states that the term of appointment for the Speaker or Deputy Speaker will be for two years subject to re-appointment;

WHEREAS the MN-S PMC, at their duly called meeting on February 18, 2025, resolved that the September MNLA would be held on September 5-7, 2025 (Resolution #250625-11); and

WHEREAS the PMC, at their duly called meeting on June 25, 2025, endorsed the re-appointment of John Lagimodiere as Speaker of the MNLA for a two-year term and the appointment of Mike Nolin as Deputy Speaker for the MNLA for a two-year term commencing at the next MNLA sitting, subject to ratification by the MNLA (Resolution #250625-12);

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the MNLA now ratify the re-appointment of John Lagimodiere as Speaker of the MNLA for a two-year term and appoints Mike Nolin as Deputy Speaker for the MNLA for a two-year term.

CARRIED (MNLA250906-01)

63 Delegates voted in favour

18 Delegates voted in opposition

2 Delegates abstained from the vote

Point of Order

In response to a Point of Order, the MNLA was advised that the ratification of reactivated Locals was being addressed prior to the approval of the Agenda to ensure that any newly reactivated Locals could fully participate in all Assembly business.

1.2 Reactivation of Locals in Eastern Region 2 and Eastern Region 2A

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- Notification regarding reactivation of Locals carried out by way of billboards, social media, and personal phone calls to Local members known in the area

- Considering each of the Local's reactivation separately, rather than in a single motion
- Current efforts to review MN-S Locals compliance regarding governance documentation
- Clarification that:
 - o The motion addressed the reactivation of Locals, as opposed to ratification of new Locals
 - o MN-S legislation did not specifically speak to the reactivation of Locals or Local elections
 - o The Presidents of the four Locals proposed for reactivation would not vote on the motion.

It was MOVED (Darcy Lepowick) and SECONDED (Marilyn Ekert)

WHEREAS Locals 116 – Wynyard, 45 – Langenburg, 84 – Esterhazy, and 139 – Springside (the Locals) have been ratified by the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) in accordance with Article 7.3 of the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* (the “*Constitution*”) which states:

“New Locals can be admitted by the Regional Council provided this decision is ratified by the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly, and the requirements herein are met”;

WHEREAS the Locals later ceased operations, including their participation in the MNLA, but the Locals were never dissolved pursuant to Article 7.4 of the *Constitution* which states:

“Locals can be dissolved by the Regional Council provided this decision is ratified by the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly and their requirements herein are no longer met”; and

WHEREAS the Locals have since resumed activities, have met the constitutional requirements for Locals, and seek to rejoin the MNLA;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the MNLA accepts the reactivation of the following Locals, effective September 6, 2025:

- Eastern Region 2: Local 116 – Wynyard
- Eastern Region 2A: Local 45 - Langenburg
- Eastern Region 2A: Local 84 – Esterhazy
- Eastern Region 2A: Local 139 – Springside.

CARRIED (MNLA250906-02)

60 Delegates voted in favour

21 Delegates voted in opposition

0 Delegates abstained from the vote

Health Break

The Assembly recessed at 10:40 a.m. and reconvened at 11:05 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Hailey Marcotte, Deputy Clerk of the MNLA conducted a roll call and confirmed a total of 85 Delegates in attendance.

1.3 Order of the Day (Adoption of the Agenda)

It was MOVED (Marg Friesen) and SECONDED (Brennan Merasty)

WHEREAS Article 3.10 of the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* authorizes the Provincial Métis Council (PMC) to set the date and place for each sitting of the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA);

WHEREAS the PMC, at its duly held meeting on February 18, 2025, resolved to hold an MNLA on September 5-7, 2025, at Prairieland Park, 503 Ruth Street West, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan (Resolution #250218-07);

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

WHEREAS the PMC, at its duly held meeting on August 19, 2025, approved the Order of the Day/Agenda, as proposed by the Clerk of the MNLA (Resolution 250819-04);

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the MNLA approves the Order of the Day and adopts the agenda for the MNLA scheduled for September 5-7, 2025:

LEADERSHIP FORUM – September 5, 2025

MNLA DAY ONE – September 6, 2025

- Grand Entry:
 - o Fiddler – Dean Smith
 - o Opening Prayer – Lii Vyeu Moond (“the Old Ones”) or Elders
 - o Métis Anthem – Loretta King, Western Region 1
 - o O Canada – Recording
- State of the Nation Address – Glen McCallum, President
- Swearing-in Regional Representative from Eastern Region 2
- Roll Call of Registered Voting Delegates - Richard Quintal, Clerk of the MNLA
- Motions:
 - o Ratifying the Re-appointment of Speaker and Appointment of Deputy Speaker
 - o Reactivation of Locals in Eastern Region 2 and Eastern Region 2A
 - o Approval of the Order of the Day
 - o Proposed Consent Agenda Items:
 - Adoption of the Minute Taker
 - Reading of the Record of Decisions of the November 2-3, 2024, and January 25, 2025, MNLA Minutes
 - Adoption of the November 2-3, 2024, and January 25, 2025, MNLA Minutes
 - Business Arising from the November 2-3, 2024, and January 25, 2025, MNLA Minutes
 - Acceptance of all Reports - Executive, Regional, Ministerial, Chief Executive Officer and Affiliates
 - Appointment of the Dumont's Scouts
- Motion:
 - o Ratification of Ministerial Portfolios
- Presentation of 2023-24 MN-S Audited Financial Statements
- Motion:
 - o Approval of 2023-24 MN-S Audited Financial Statements
- Presentation of the 2025-26 MN-S Operating Budget
- Motion:
 - o Approval of 2025-26 MN-S Operating Budget

MNLA DAY TWO – September 7, 2025

- Opening Prayer, Lii Vyeu Moond (“the Old Ones”) or Elders
- Roll Call
- Coming Home Update – Clerk of the MNLA
- Presentation of the Registry Audit Report – Deb Donaldson, Registrar
- Motion:
 - o Accept the Registry Audit Report
- Motions:
 - o Métis Distinction – Identity, Culture, Values and Language
 - o Strengthening Regional Governance.

During discussion on the motion, comments were offered on articles of the *Métis Nation of Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly Act, 1999*, related to the Order of the Day, procedures, and the process for amending a motion.

Ruling of the Deputy Speaker – *Submission of Amendment to Main Motion*

The Deputy Speaker ruled that an amendment to the Main Motion must be submitted in writing and granted an opportunity for delegates to draft and submit a motion to amend the main motion.

Recess / Meal Break

The Assembly recessed at 11:35 a.m. and reconvened at 11:53 a.m. Elder Dennis Falcon offered a Meal Blessing, before the Assembly recessed for a meal break at 11:55 a.m. and reconvened at 1:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Richard Quintal, Clerk of the MNLA, conducted a roll call and confirmed a total of 89 Delegates in attendance.

Introduction of Local Presidents from Reactivated Locals

The Speaker introduced and welcomed the following Local Presidents from reactivated Locals:

- Dustin Fiddler, Local 116, Eastern Region 2
- Abraham Martin, Local 139, Eastern Region 2A
- Bev Shauf, Local 45, Eastern Region 2A
- Corey Toth, Local 84, Eastern Region 2A

1.3 Order of the Day (Adoption of the Agenda) (Continued)

Discussion on the Order of the Day resumed, and comments were offered on:

- The Resolution Committee’s review of motions submitted for the MNLA’s consideration; final eligibility was determined by the PMC
- Clarification that the MNLA did not have authority to assign administrative duties to the MN-S Secretariat Inc.

Amendment to the Main Motion

It was MOVED (Jocelyn Ormerod) and SECONDED (Jeremy Denomie)

WHEREAS Rule 30 of the *Rules of the House of the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA)* allows members to amend any debatable motion; and

WHEREAS the Agenda did not include rightfully submitted resolutions;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda be amended to include the following resolutions as the last item in the Order of the Day after the item, “Motion: Strengthening Regional Governance”:

1. Reaffirming Adherence to the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S)* and Annual General Assembly Requirements
2. Hiring Independent Legal Counsel for MN-S Locals and MNLA
3. Resolution to amend Rules 20, 28, 32, and Add New Rules to the *Rules of the House of the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA)*
4. Transparency and Accountability Resolution.

Point of Order

In response to a Point of Order from the floor, the Speaker requested that Delegates keep discussion constructive.

Question on the Amendment to the Main Motion

The question was called on the amendment to the main motion and it was

DEFEATED

*37 Delegates voted in favour
48 Delegates voted in opposition
0 Delegates abstained from the vote*

Ruling of the Speaker – Order and Decorum

The Speaker reminded the Assembly that harassing or defamatory remarks were prohibited under the Rules of the Assembly.

Question on the Main Motion

The question was called on the main motion and it was

CARRIED (MNLA250906-03)

*56 Delegates voted in favour
25 Delegates voted in opposition
0 Delegates abstained from the vote*

2. PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

In response to questions, the Speaker confirmed that the appointment of the Dumont’s Scouts had been duly approved by the PMC; and, that specific items could be pulled from the Consent Agenda to be considered separately.

It was MOVED (Beverly Fullerton) and SECONDED (Billy Kennedy)

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) approve the consent agenda for the September 6-7, 2025, as follows:

- Adoption of Minute Taker – Diane Parsons
- Reading of the Record of Decisions of the November 2-3, 2024, and January 25, 2025, MNLA Minutes
- Adoption of the November 2-3, 2024, and January 25, 2025, MNLA Minutes

- Business Arising from the November 2-3, 2024, and January 25, 2025, MNLA Minutes
- Acceptance of all Reports - Executive, Regional, Ministerial, Chief Executive Officer and Affiliates
- Appointment of the Dumont's Scouts.

CARRIED (MNLA250906-04)

65 Delegates voted in favour

14 Delegates voted in opposition

2 Delegates abstained from the vote

Introduction of the Dumont's Scouts

The Speaker introduced the Dumont's Scouts for the MNLA: Dave Arnott, John Belanger (Lead), Hailey Burnouf, Rick McKay and Josie Searson.

3. MOTION

3.1 Ratification of Ministerial Portfolios

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- Amendments suggested, which were not accepted by the Mover, to exclude the appointment of the Minister of Finance pending the MN-S election recounts, mark all appointments as "interim", or table the motion until November 2025
- Confirmation that the MN-S President held the authority to assign ministerial portfolios
- Clarification that the Self-Determination and Self-Government portfolio included work toward developing a Métis justice system.

Ruling of the Speaker – Order and Decorum

The Speaker reminded the Assembly that harassing or defamatory remarks were prohibited under the Rules of the Assembly.

It was MOVED (Brennan Merasty) and SECONDED (Beverly Fullerton)

WHEREAS Articles 2.4 and 4.4(b) of the *Constitution of the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan* (the "*Constitution*") confer upon the President the discretion to assign Ministerial portfolios, subject to the approval of the Provincial Métis Council (PMC) and ratification by the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA);

WHEREAS Article 2.4 of the *Constitution* further mandates that the assignment of Ministerial portfolios are restricted to members of the MNLA;

WHEREAS the President made the following appointments of Ministerial Portfolios on June 23, 2025, in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan:

- Lands and Resources, Agriculture and Environment: Darcy Lepowick, Eastern Region 2A
- Self Determination and Self Government: Brennan Merasty, Northern Region 3
- Housing and Homelessness: Billy Kennedy, Western Region 1A
- Finance: Marg Friesen, Eastern Region 3
- Early Learning and Childcare, Education, Language and Identity: Laura Burnouf, Northern Region 1
- Economic Development: President Glen McCallum
- Health and Mental Health and Addictions: Beverly Fullerton, Western Region 2A
- Child and Family Services: Loretta King, Western Region 1

- Northern Affairs and Emergency Management, Leonard Montgrand, Northern Region 2
- Veterans, Ryan Carriere, Eastern Region 1

WHEREAS on June 25, 2025, the PMC passed a resolution to approve the Ministerial Portfolio appointments made by President Glen McCallum, subject to ratification at the next sitting of the MNLA (Resolution #250625-05);

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the MNLA ratifies the PMC's approval of ministerial assignments made by President Glen McCallum, as follows:

- Lands and Resources, Agriculture and Environment: Darcy Lepowick, Eastern Region 2A
- Self Determination and Self Government: Brennan Merasty, Northern Region 3
- Housing and Homelessness: Billy Kennedy, Western Region 1A
- Finance: Marg Friesen, Eastern Region 3
- Early Learning and Childcare, Education, Language and Identity: Laura Burnouf, Northern Region 1
- Economic Development: President Glen McCallum
- Health and Mental Health and Addictions: Beverly Fullerton, Western Region 2A
- Child and Family Services: Loretta King, Western Region 1
- Northern Affairs and Emergency Management, Leonard Montgrand, Northern Region 2
- Veterans, Ryan Carriere, Eastern Region 1.

MOTION TABLED

Point of Order

In response to a Point of Order, the Speaker advised that time would be granted to the MN-S President to finish his contribution to the discussion.

Health Break

The Assembly recessed at 2:30 p.m. and reconvened at 2:50 p.m.

Ruling of the Speaker – Order and Decorum

The Speaker reminded the Assembly that harassing or defamatory remarks toward staff were prohibited under the Rules of the Assembly.

3.1 Ratification of Ministerial Portfolios (Continued)

The Speaker advised that the motion to ratify the Ministerial Portfolios had been tabled until the next sitting of the MNLA.

4. PRESENTATION OF THE 2023-24 MN-S AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Marg Friesen, Minister of Finance, introduced a video excerpt from the November 2-3, 2024 MNLA, in which the Verdus Group presented the 2023–24 Audited Financial Statements.

Additional comments were offered on:

- The ongoing emphasis on transparency and accountability, implementation of internal and financial controls, and workshops offered to Locals and Regions
- Providing additional workshops upon request, along with supports to ensure all levels of government were meeting their documentation and reporting requirements.

Verdus Group, Echo Qin, Director of Finance, and Matt Vermette, Chief Operating Officer, were commended for their instrumental roles in the completion of the statements.

In response to queries, comments were offered on:

- An audit, which reviews financial performance based on data provided by management; a forensic audit investigates suspected fraud or misconduct
- The 2023-24 Audited Financial Statements, which received a clean opinion, confirming funds were used appropriately and in alignment with funding agreements
- Transitioning the MN-S's reporting from a non-profit format (fund balances) to a government-style format (income and expenses by Ministry)
- Confirmation that:
 - o The PMC approved the 2023-24 Audited Financial Statements in November 2024
 - o MN-S received a "low risk" general assessment rating from Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada and Indigenous Services Canada
 - o The MNLA should manage a dedicated budget portion to support its governance, operations, and authority.

Point of Order

In response to a Point of Order, the Speaker confirmed that the motion to accept the 2023–24 Audited Financial Statements was in order as they had been duly ratified by the PMC at its November 3, 2024 Special Meeting, where members in attendance unanimously waived the advance notice requirement.

It was MOVED (Marg Friesen) and SECONDED (Dexter Mondor)

WHEREAS the audited financial statements of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc. for the year ended March 31, 2024, were included in the Order of the Day for the November 2-3, 2024 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) (Resolution #MNLA241102-02), but were not considered by the MNLA;

WHEREAS Article 5(b) of the *Bylaws – Métis Nation Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc.* states the MNLA shall approve the financial statements of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) upon the recommendations of the Provincial Métis Council (PMC);

WHEREAS the PMC at their duly held meeting on November 3, 2024, reviewed and approved the audited financial statements of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc. for the year ended March 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS the MN-S reaffirms its commitment to financial transparency and accountability ensuring all financial decisions are made with integrity and citizen's interest;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the MNLA approves the draft audited financial statements of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc. for the year ended March 31, 2024, provided as Schedule A, which includes the following: Statement of Financial Position; Statement of Operations; Statement of Cash Flows; and accompanying notes and schedules.

CARRIED (MNLA250906-05)

64 Delegates voted in favour

10 Delegates voted in opposition

1 Delegate abstained from the vote

See the attached "List of Appendices / Schedules" to locate "Schedule A"

5. PRESENTATION OF THE DRAFT 2025-26 MN-S OPERATING BUDGET

Marg Friesen, Minister of Finance, introduced the Draft 2025-26 MN-S Operating Budget and commented on ongoing negotiations with federal government toward a fiscal financing agreement to strengthen Locals' capacity, while emphasizing unity, transparency, and accountability in government decision-making.

Health Break

The Assembly recessed at 4:05 p.m. and reconvened at 4:20 p.m.

Echo Qin, Director of Finance, reviewed the Draft 2025-26 MN-S Operating Budget, which included a comparison with the previous year. Additional comments were offered on:

- Planned spending of \$205 million, with a reported \$132 million overspend offset by multi-year restricted grant carry-forwards, resulted in a balanced budget
- MN-S's growth since 2020-21, and ministry-level budgets with their planned deliverables.

The Minister of Finance offered additional comments on:

- A report to be circulated before the next MNLA, illustrating funding allocations directly to citizens and communities
- The \$43 million Early Learning and Childcare (ELCC) budget, which was underspent by \$42 million last year; most of the carry-forward would be directed to capital projects, including three new ELCC centres
- The work of the Economic and Business Development unit with industry, Regions, and Locals
- Clarification that the draft budget reflected an allocation to the former Ministry of Youth, as it was prepared prior to the adoption of the new structure, which excluded that Ministry.

ASSEMBLY ADJOURNED

The September 6-7, 2025, MN-S MNLA adjourned on September 6, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. after agreeing to reconvene on September 6, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. Elder Don Caisse offered a Closing Prayer.

DAY 2 – September 7, 2025

OPENING PRAYERS AND CALL TO ORDER

The September 6-7, 2025, MN-S MNLA reconvened on September 7, 2025, at 9:10 a.m. Elder Robert Buffin and Elder Louise Peterson offered Opening Prayers. Speakers reflected on the importance of maintaining decorum and positive discussions, throughout the Assembly.

ROLL CALL

Richard Quintal, Clerk of the MNLA, conducted a roll call and confirmed a total of 89 registered voting Delegates in attendance.

5. PRESENTATION OF THE DRAFT 2025-26 MN-S OPERATING BUDGET (Continued)

During discussion on the draft 2025-26 MN-S Operating Budget, comments were offered on:

- Logistics of the backpack program, with cost savings achieved through streamlined distribution
- ELCC grants for Michif language, speech pathology, and pre-kindergarten programming, with restrictions on carry-forward funds
- Local capacity-building through program uptake, financial literacy, and mentoring for new Presidents

- Budget allocations for the Legal Department, guided by PMC resolutions
- The inclusion of funding for Youth and Women in the Regional Capacity budget, and funding to support Elders' participation, with the recent ratification of an Elders' Policy
- Reconnecting with land, culture, and language through cost-effective mechanisms such as conferences with Knowledge Keepers
- Support for wildfire evacuees, including securing federal emergency management funding
- The ability of Les Filles de Madelaine to apply for funding outside of the MN-S
- Challenges in switching MNLA budget oversight to the MNLA due to the limited number of sittings held each year
- Referring to MN-S staff as the "Métis Public Service".

Health Break

The Assembly recessed at 10:15 a.m. and reconvened at 10:35 a.m.

During continued discussion on the Draft 2025-26 MN-S Operating Budget, comments were offered on:

- Collaboration between school divisions and Locals in the delivery of ELCC programs
- Expanding tenant ownership opportunities and addressing shortages of MN-S housing land
- Supporting urgent language revitalization through accelerated learning initiatives
- Providing Elders with supports to age in place, with housing and home repair assistance.

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

WHEREAS Article 2.10 of the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* states that "[a]ll budgets shall be determined by the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA), based upon the recommendations of the Provincial Métis Council (PMC)";

WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) adheres to established financial standards and accounting policies for all funds received on behalf of Métis citizens of Saskatchewan;

WHEREAS the MN-S government is committed to delivering on the commitments made to its funding partners and citizens;

WHEREAS the MN-S Finance Committee has reviewed and unanimously approved the "Draft Budget 2025-2026" at its duly held meeting on March 3, 2025 (Resolution #FC-250303-03);

WHEREAS the PMC reviewed the "Draft Budget 2025-2026" at a Technical Session on March 10, 2025; and

WHEREAS the PMC, acting within its authority as Directors of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc., approved the "Draft Budget 2025-2026" at its duly held meeting on March 18, 2025 (Resolution #250318-03), and recommended it to the MNLA for ratification at the next sitting of the Assembly;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the MNLA ratifies the draft MN-S Operating Budget for 2025-26, attached as Schedule A.

CARRIED (MNLA250907-01)

74 Delegates voted in favour

14 Delegates voted in opposition

0 Delegates abstained from the vote

See the attached "List of Appendices / Schedules" to locate "Schedule A"

6. COMING HOME RESOLUTION UPDATE

6.1 MNLA Resolution #241103-01

Richard Quintal, Chief Executive Officer and Clerk of the MNLA, provided an update on the implementation of MNLA Resolution #241103-01, noting that:

- A Technical Briefing on the Coming Home resolution was held with the PMC and the MN-S Citizenship Registry on November 18, 2024, followed by a presentation of implementation guidelines to the PMC on November 19, 2024
- A report back to the MNLA on September 7, 2025 confirmed that the MN-S Citizenship Registry Audit had been completed in 2025; results were presented to the MNLA.

6.2 Presentation of the Registry Audit Report – KPMG LLP

James Barr, KPMG LLP, reviewed a presentation titled “Métis Nation-Saskatchewan Registry Process Review, Draft Report”, and offered additional comments on:

- Ensuring MN-S Citizenship Registry audit controls aligned with CSA Standards, through document reviews, staff interviews, and application testing
- A review of 38 general citizenship applications and 18 Coming Home applications, which found no exceptions, confirming processes were functioning effectively
- Strengths, including thorough genealogy verification, a structured application process, and high-quality card production
- Improvements recommended in cybersecurity, conflict of interest policies, privacy and ethics training, and feedback/appeal processes
- The overall effectiveness of the MN-S Citizenship Registry, with opportunities to strengthen processes and policies.

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- A strong genealogist sign-off process, and expansion to four genealogists
- Completion of recommended improvements by March 31, 2026
- Plans for ongoing updates, regular reviews, and application form refinements as needed
- Rare citizenship revocations due to updated Statistics Canada data or changes in status.

Ruling of the Speaker – *Order and Decorum*

The Speaker reminded the Assembly that defamatory remarks were prohibited under the Rules of the Assembly.

6.3 Acceptance of the Registry Audit Report

It was MOVED (Jordan Mihalicz) and SECONDED (Loretta King)

WHEREAS on May 25, 2024, the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) passed a resolution titled “Coming Home” that instructed the Clerk of the MNLA to ensure that the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* (the “*Constitution*”) and *Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Citizenship Act, 1999* were complied with to ensure that all applications for citizenship from Métis who meet the definition of citizenship contained in the *Constitution* are approved regardless of where they reside;

WHEREAS the MNLA, on November 3, 2024, called for an outside and independent auditor to provide a process audit regarding the implementation of the “Coming Home” resolution;

WHEREAS an independent auditor provided a process audit of the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan Registry, which pertained to all Registry processes including those applications referenced within the “Coming Home” resolution; and

WHEREAS the MNLA has reviewed the Registry Process Review Report attached as Schedule A;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the MNLA accepts the Registry Process Review Report attached as Schedule A.

CARRIED (MNLA250907-02)

57 Delegates voted in favour

17 Delegates voted in opposition

0 Delegates abstained from the vote

See the attached “List of Appendices / Schedules” to locate “Schedule A”

7. MÉTIS DISTINCTION – IDENTITY, CULTURE, VALUES, AND LANGUAGE

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- A friendly amendment, accepted by the Mover, to prioritize Youth involvement alongside Elders to ensure knowledge transfer and language preservation
- Affirming Métis distinctiveness in culture, language, and identity; securing Métis-specific funding streams; and supporting Locals in leading language instruction in their communities
- Taking ownership of teaching and sharing Métis stories, in schools and globally, to ensure future generations live their distinct Métis heritage
- Ensuring Dene representation and inclusion, and addressing language barriers, a lack of Dene-speaking MN-S staff, and the need for meaningful participation beyond ceremonial roles.

It was MOVED (Brennan Merasty) and SECONDED (Laura Burnouf)

WHEREAS the Métis are a distinct Indigenous people with shared customs, collective identities rooted in kinship, and a unique relationship to the land, whose presence and nationhood predate Canada’s westward expansion into the historic Northwest;

WHEREAS the Métis Nation within Saskatchewan emerged from historic Métis communities that were established along key riverways and trade routes, among other areas, and these communities have remained vital despite colonial disruptions;

WHEREAS the Métis Nation within Saskatchewan has historically spoken many distinct languages—including Nēhiyawewin (Cree), Northern Michif, Heritage Michif, Michif French, and Denesuline—each representing threads of the Métis Nation within Saskatchewan’s living heritage;

WHEREAS families are the heart of Métis culture and community in Saskatchewan, and it was through the coming together of Métis families that Locals were formed, creating the foundation for the governance of the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan (MN-S);

WHEREAS the MN-S, as the government representing the Métis Nation within Saskatchewan, continues to uphold the identity, culture, values and language through its governance and institutions; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Métis Council (PMC), at their duly held meeting on June 25, 2025, formally affirmed and recognized Métis distinction, and called on the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly for ratification (Resolution #250625-04);

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) formally recognizes and reaffirms Métis distinction – being identity, culture, values, and language, as foundational to the MN-S's existence and governance; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the MNLA endorses the directives provided by the PMC (Resolution #250625-04) to direct the MN-S to undertake the following:

- Undertake research and development of Métis language legislation that acknowledges the rich linguistic heritage of the MN-S Government and safeguards the vitality of these languages for future generations;
- Conduct research in partnership with existing agreements signed with the University of Saskatchewan, on historic and distinctive Métis communities, including Locals, throughout Saskatchewan to ensure a deeper and more accurate understanding and acknowledgment of the Métis Nation within Saskatchewan's enduring footprint; and
- Engage with Lii Vyeu Moond, Kihtêyak, the Old Ones and other Knowledge Keepers, along with Métis Youth, to ensure the cultural alignment of information gathered for cultural vitality for future generations.

VOTE POSTPONED

Due to time constraints, continued consideration of this motion was postponed until later in the meeting.

Meal Break

Elder Rita Ducharme offered a Meal Blessing. The Assembly recessed at 12:00 p.m. and reconvened at 1:05 p.m.

Agenda Varied

The order of the agenda was varied to now consider Item 8.

8. MN-S AND UNIVERSITY OF REGINA CITIZENSHIP SIGNING CEREMONY

Representatives from the University of Regina participated in signing an agreement with the MN-S to recognize the MN-S Citizenship Registry as the official means of certifying Métis identity for their staff and students.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk of the MNLA conducted a roll call and confirmed a total of 91 Delegates in attendance.

Introduction of Community Members

President McCallum introduced members of the Sikh community in attendance and noted their interest in potential partnerships to encourage youth participation in hockey. Their support to the Métis community during the summer wildfires, including provision of food assistance, was acknowledged.

Introduction of Newly Elected Presidents

The Speaker welcomed the following newly elected Local Presidents to the MNLA: Valerie Bell, Amanda Jack, Raymond Laliberte and Tammy Willerton.

Agenda Varied

The order of the agenda was varied to now resume consideration of Item 7.

7. MÉTIS DISTINCTION – IDENTITY, CULTURE, VALUES, AND LANGUAGE (Continued)

During continued discussion on the motion, comments were offered on:

- Urgency to invest in Métis Youth through a dedicated budget to support participation in activities, meetings, and learning Métis history
- Respecting Local autonomy, self-government, and traditional governance while not restricting independent Local research
- Core values of self-determination, respect for Elders, inclusivity, democracy, reconciliation and informed decision-making
- Engaging Elders and Knowledge Keepers in guiding Regional governance
- A proposed friendly amendment, which was not accepted by the Mover, to recognize “French” as a distinct language.

Question on the Main Motion

The question was called on the main motion and it was

CARRIED (MNLA250907-03)

75 Delegates voted in favour

4 Delegates voted in opposition

0 Delegates abstained from the vote

7.3 Strengthening Regional Governance

The Speaker advised that the motion on “Strengthening Regional Governance” had been tabled by the Mover until the November 2025 sitting of the MNLA.

8. CONCLUSION

It was MOVED (Dexter Mondor) and SECONDED (Sheila Pelletier)

THAT the September 6-7, 2025 Métis Nation - Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly conclude.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (MNLA250907-04)

CONCLUSION

The September 6-7, 2025, MNLA concluded on September 7, 2025, at 2:05 p.m. Elder Norman Fleury, Elder Emile Janvier, Elder Max Morin, and Elder Debbie Smith offered Closing Prayers.

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SIGNED AND CERTIFIED as a correct record of the MN-S MNLA held September 6-7, 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 AND SCHEDULES

The following items are attached to these minutes:

Appendix A: List of Registered Voting Delegates

Appendix B: List of Information Items

Appendix C: List of Acronyms

The following can be located in the MN-S Legislative Library at www.metisnationsk.com/library-mnla:

Schedule A - Audited Financial Statements, March 31, 2024 (referenced in Resolution MNLA250906-05)

Schedule A - 2025-26 Operating Budget (referenced in Resolution MNLA250907-01)

Schedule A - Registry Audit Report (referenced in Resolution MNLA250907-02)

APPENDIX A

MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN MÉTIS NATION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

held September 6-7, 2025

LIST OF REGISTERED VOTING DELEGATES

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

Northern Region #1 1. Angus, Brett 2. Augier, Allen 3. Burnouf, Laura (RR) 4. Fiss, Curtis 5. Lavallee, Lorna 6. Natomagan, George	Northern Region #2 1. Cummings, Sheila 2. Desjarlais, Rene 3. Herman, Dean 4. Herman, Violet 5. Laliberte, Raymond 6. Shewchuk, Keith 7. Wagenaar, Matilda	Northern Region #3 1. Gardiner, Louis 2. Hansen, Rocky 3. Lafleur, Eugenie 4. Laliberte, Patsy 5. Merasty, Brennan (RR) 6. Morin, Richard 7. Natomagan, Mike	Eastern Region #1 1. Carriere, Ryan (RR) 2. Favel, Gerald
Eastern Region #2 1. Belliveau, Brenda 2. Boucher, Ashlee 3. Colby, Ethel Lee 4. Digness, Brent (RR) 5. Ekert, Marilyn 6. Fiddler, Dustin 7. Genaille, Dianne 8. Genaille, Michael Rodger 9. Jack, Amanda 10. Wiens, Justina 11. Willerton, Tammy	Eastern Region #2A 1. Bouvier, Sandra 2. Langan, Derek 3. Lepowick, Darcy (RR) 4. Martin, Abe 5. Pelletier, Garry 6. Potyondi, Joanna 7. Shauf, Bev 8. Toth, Corey	Eastern Region #3 1. Blondeau, Edwin 2. Friesen, Marg (RR) 3. Legace, Linda 4. Mondor, Dexter 5. Nault-Gates, Tania 6. Nykiforuk-Racette, Trisha 7. Pelletier, Sheila 8. Pettifer, Danette 9. Poitras, Leebert 10. Sopp, Linda	Western Region #1 1. Bell, Valerie 2. Boyer, Warren 3. Brady, Theresa 4. King, Loretta (RR) 5. Lavoie, Margaret 6. Pouliot, Marjorie 7. Wehrhahn, Sharon
Western Region #1A 1. Delorme, Carol 2. Kennedy, Billy (RR) 3. Klarenbach, Deiter 4. Mahalicz, Jordan 5. Trotchie, Becky	Western Region #2 1. Andrews, Sheila 2. Brewer, Amanda 3. Bowering, Jade 4. Guillet, Victor 5. Hope, Carla 6. Johnson, Gail 7. Martell, Joe 8. McKay, Darlene 9. Neufeldt, Cindy 10. Regnier, Lynn	Western Region #2A 1. Card, Barbara 2. Denomie, Jeremy 3. Falcon, Barry 4. Fullerton, Beverly (RR) 5. Hurton, Penny 6. Isbister, Shirley 7. Ormerod, Jocelyn	Western Region #3 1. Anderson, Rebecca
Youth 1. Durnin, Jonah 2. Heiser, Rachael (President) 3. Mondor, Charlie 4. Petrowsky, Zypora 5. Woodrow, Allysa	Les Filles des Madeleine 1. DeBruyne, Danielle 2. Langan, Darlene (Interim President) 3. McKenzie, Denise 4. Swain, Deanna 5. Vandale, Bonnie	Provincial Executive 1. Pending (Vice President) ¹ 2. McCallum, Glen (President) 3. Hansen, Marlene (Secretary) 4. Pending (Treasurer) ¹	

¹ The 2025 MN-S Election recount results were pending at the time of the MNLA. mnselection.ca/2025-election-results

APPENDIX B

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

held September 6-7, 2025

LIST OF INFORMATION ITEMS

The following items were provided with the Online Agenda Binder

MNLA Agenda:

1. Agenda for the September 6-7, 2025, MNLA

MNLA Roll Call:

1. List of Delegates Registered to Attend the September 6-7, 2025, MNLA

Resolutions:

1. Draft Resolution (250906-01): Ratifying Re-appointment of Speaker / Appointment of Deputy Speaker
2. Draft Resolution (250906-02): Reactivation of Locals in Eastern Region 2 and Eastern Region 2A
3. Draft Resolution (250906-03): Adoption of the Agenda – Order of the Day
4. Draft Resolution (250906-04): Approval of Proposed Consent Agenda
5. Draft Resolution (250906-05): Ratification of Ministerial Portfolio Assignments
6. Draft Resolution (250906-06): Approval of 2023-24 MN-S Audited Financial Statements
7. Draft Resolution (250906-07): Approval of 2025-26 MN-S Operating Budget
8. Draft Resolution (250907-01): Accept the Registry Audit Report
9. Draft Resolution (250907-02): Métis Distinction – Identity, Culture, Values and Language
10. Draft Resolution (250907-03): Strengthening Regional Governance

Ministerial Reports:

1. Ministerial Report to the MNLA: Child and Family Services
2. Ministerial Report to the MNLA: Culture and Heritage
3. Ministerial Report to the MNLA: Early Learning and Child Care
4. Ministerial Report to the MNLA: Economic Development and Tourism
5. Ministerial Report to the MNLA: Health
6. Ministerial Report to the MNLA: Housing and Homelessness
7. Ministerial Report to the MNLA: Infrastructure
8. Ministerial Report to the MNLA: Intergovernmental Relations
9. Ministerial Report to the MNLA: Lands and Environment
10. Ministerial Report to the MNLA: Language
11. Ministerial Report to the MNLA: Ma Faamii
12. Ministerial Report to the MNLA: Mental Health and Addictions
13. Ministerial Report to the MNLA: Policy, Research, and Legal
14. Ministerial Report to the MNLA: Post Secondary and Kindergarten to Grade 12 Education
15. Ministerial Report to the MNLA: Sport
16. Ministerial Report to the MNLA: Women and Gender Equity
17. Ministerial Report to the MNLA: Youth

Regional Reports:

1. Report to the MNLA: Northern Region 1
2. Report to the MNLA: Northern Region 3
3. Report to the MNLA: Eastern Region 1
4. Report to the MNLA: Eastern Region 2A
5. Report to the MNLA: Eastern Region 3
6. Report to the MNLA: Western Region 1
7. Report to the MNLA: Western Region 2A

Affiliate Reports:

1. Report to the MNLA from Clarence Campeau Development Fund
2. Report to the MNLA from Gabriel Dumont Institute
3. Report to the MNLA from Les Filles De Madelaine Secretariate Inc.
4. Report to the MNLA from SaskMétis Economic Development Corporation

Legislative Documents:

1. *Métis Nation of Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly Act*
2. *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan*
3. *Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Citizenship Act, 1999*
4. *Bylaws Métis Nation-Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc.*
5. *Rules of the House of the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly*

Additional Information:

1. Briefing Note dated September 2, 2025 regarding Acceptance of KPMG Registry Audit Report

APPENDIX C

MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN MÉTIS NATION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

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LIST OF ACRONYMS

The following acronyms are referenced in these Minutes

ELCC	Early Learning and Childcare
MNLA	Métis Nation Legislative Assembly
MN-S	Métis Nation – Saskatchewan
PMC	Provincial Métis Council