

MIIN - Midwest Indigenous Immersion Network

Meeting Minutes

Date: February 9, 2026

[Zoom Link](#)

I. Call to order: calls the meeting to order at 5:30pm

***Note: The meeting was conducted primarily in Ojibwemowin with key topics and all decisions translated into English and recorded here.*

II. Roll call

Present: Naawakwe William Howes III, Niizhwaasanangookwe Miigis Gonzalez, Bizhikiins Dylan Jennings, and Gimiwan Dustin Burnette (E.D. - Executive Director)

Not Present: Migizi Michael Sullivan, Sr., Baabiitaw Melissa Boyd

Others present: Weshki-ganawenjigaazojig - Giizhibimi-ayaakwe Alyza Savage, Diindiisii Alicia Corbiere

Motion to approve the agenda by Bizhikiins, second by Naawakwe, no discussion, unanimously approved

III. Approval of minutes from last meetings

Link to DATES of last regular Board Meeting meeting minutes:

[October 15, 2025 MIIN Board of Directors Meeting Minutes](#)

Motion to approve the minutes by Naawakwe, second by Niizhwaasangookwe, no discussion, unanimously approved

IV. New Topics

- a) [Executive Director Report](#) - Aotearoa Trip; Various Conferences upcoming, Research & Data Report; Regranting; Teacher Training; Financial Report; Budget Modification; Proposal from SFU (Simon Frazier University - Vancouver, Canada) on Research Position - discussion that resulted in encouragement to continue this possibility - *this flowed into a discussion on the OPD and if MiiN was still a consideration for housing the OPD because Naawakwe indicated he has been told that FDLTCC has been identified as the choice for the location of the OPD - E.D. will follow up on this; Proposal on Ojibwemowin Language Learning App by

SGDI - discussion on this where some Directors needed more information -
Naawakwe indicated he is not in support of this proposal as written;

- b) Executive Director seeking proposals for a new accounting firm
- c) K-12 Ojibwemowin Curriculum Development - future workday with participants (1 full day) and possible future work sessions with committed folks; Try to help some folks working on things to pause so we can all work together;

V. Action Items

- a) Approve financial report
- b) Approve budget modifications
- c) Approve Personnel Policy wording change
- d) Approve additional *Bank Signatory* - MiiN Director of Operations


Bizhikiins makes a motion to approve items above a) → d); second by Niizhwaasangookwe; Discussion: Naawakwe stated he did not approve of one of the aspects of the newly proposed recruitment to apply for the MiiN/BSU/LCOOU college programs - E.D. clarified the approach would require proof of acceptance and would be limited to one per person, regardless of the number of acceptances; motion was then unanimously approved

VI. Ongoing Topics

- a)

VII. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:09pm

Signature:  _____