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: ______________________________

MIIN - Midwest Indigenous Immersion Network
Meeting Minutes

Date: May 4, 2026
[Zoom Link]

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

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II. **Roll call**

Present: Naawakwe William Howes III, Niizhwaasanangookwe Miigis Gonzalez, Bizhikiins Dylan Jennings, Migizi Michael Sullivan, Sr., Baabiitaw Melissa Boyd,and Gimiwan Dustin Burnette (Executive Director)

Not Present:

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

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

III. **Approval of minutes from last meetings**

Link to DATES of last regular Board Meeting meeting minutes:

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Motion to approve the minutes by Bizhikiins, second by Baabiitaw, no discussion, unanimously approved

IV. **New Topics**

a) Audit Presentation - Briana Peters from Hawkins Ash: Overview of the Independent Auditor's Report for 2024 & 2025 → no questions; Letters portions - Significant Risks identified are 2 areas and will be addressed in the strategies portion, no areas of concern;
b) Financial Report Overview - Molly Brenenson presents for the period ending March 31, 2026; Very strong financial position overall, Question on annual forecasted salary compensation being higher than actual budgeted amount - Clarified by E.D.,

c) New Employee Introduction - Nicole McMahon → Director of Operations

d) Executive Director Report - 100+ Educators and 40+ Organizations attended MIIN Gatherings for Support; Community Outreach Report is available; Board Games have been translated and will be available MIIN website; New edition of the ONJ is currently being finalized featuring stories of Obizaan and will be available on the MIIN website; Two new positions will be posted for MIIN: Curriculum Coordinator & Program Support Specialist; Regranting Timelines and Applications will be shared out soon; Naawakwe asks for clarification of supervision of 2 new employees - these are in the job descriptions and clarified by E.D. Gimiwan; Baabiitaw clarifies the importance of the Organizational Chart and keeping it updated and functional for all of the employees of MIIN; Update on BSU and LCO collaborations and efforts for new Teacher Licensure program and new courses; New Law Firm; Policy changes: Ceremonial Leave clarifications and edits to times and definitions, Law Firm looked at Personnel Policies on 1-year and 90-day Evaluations and Discipline Policy and made adjustments to being an At-will state like Minnesota; *Nora Livesay (OPD): working to getting new ojibwe search into OPD and digitization;

V. Action Items

a) Accept Audit

b) Approve Financial Report

c) Approve Pole vote for the Director of Operations job description revisions noted in the email titled ‘Job Description Approval’ and dated March 7th.

d) Approve Pole vote for 509a2 organizational identification filing.

e) Approve Job Description – Curriculum Coordinator

f) Approve Job Description- Program Support Specialist

g) Approve MN C-2 (annual filing)

h) Approve Personnel Policy wording change for Ceremony Leave

i) Approve Personnel Policy wording change for Evaluation & Section IX - Termination

j) Approve Director of Operations, Nicole McMahon, as a signatory on MIIN’s Frandsen Bank checking account.

Bizhikiins makes a motion to approve items above a) → j), second by Migizi; Discussion: next meeting let’s talk about the Cyber Security issues & updates and policy updates to reflect; motion was then unanimously approved

VI. Ongoing Topics

a)

VII. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:16pm

Signature: ______________________