



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Wednesday, October 8, 2025

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[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on Indigenous Peoples met this day at 6:47 p.m., in room C128, Senate of Canada Building, the deputy chair, the Honourable Margo Greenwood, presiding.

*Members of the committee present:* The Honourable Senators Audette, Clement, Francis, Greenwood, McNair, McPhedran, Pate, Prosper, Sorensen, Tannas and White (11).

*Participating in the meeting:* Sara Fryer and Allison Lowenger, analysts, Library of Parliament.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Wednesday, June 25, 2025, the committee continued its consideration of Bill S-2, An Act to amend the Indian Act (new registration entitlements).

**WITNESSES:**

*Michel Callihoo Nation Society:*

Brandy Callihoo, Director (*by videoconference*).

*The Children of Aataentsic:*

Mélanie Savard, Representative.

*Justice for Girls:*

Zoë Craig-Sparrow, Vice President.

*As individuals:*

David Schulze, Partner, Dionne Schulze Law Firm;

Cheryl Simon, Assistant Professor of Law, Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University (*by videoconference*).

David Schulze, Brandy Callihoo and Cheryl Simon each made a statement and answered questions.

At 7:45 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 7:53 p.m., the committee resumed.

Mélanie Savard and Zoë Craig-Sparrow each made a statement and answered questions.

At 8:35 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

*ATTEST:*

Sébastien Payet

*Clerk of the Committee*