

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting:	MNGA Governance Committee Meeting		
Date of Meeting:	April 12-13, 2025	Time:	9:00 AM PST / 10:00 AM MST
Minutes Prepared By:	Judit Nagy	Location:	Surrey HQ / Microsoft Teams

ATTENDEES

Participating Members:

Travis Jobin, Region 4 Representative, Chair
 Dave Allard, Region 3 Representative
 Marlene Swears, Region 5 Representative
 Pixie Wells, Region 2 Representative
 Patrick Harriott, Board Representative
 Peggy Olanski, Region 7 Representative
 Mia Yule, MWBC Representative
 Angel Robinson, M2SBC Representative (*Virtual*)

Staff and Guests:

Nicole Ludwig, Governance Manager
 Anisa White, Governance Director
 Judit Nagy, Governance Community Coordinator
 Samantha Furlonger, Uvic Graduate Student

Regrets:

Caitlin Bird, Region 1 Representative
 Dawn McConnell, Region 6 Representative

1. Welcome and Good Words

Dawn McConnell, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM and welcomed everyone. Chairperson Jobin provided opening Good Words and land acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Meeting Agenda

MOTION:

MOVED: Pixie Wells

SECONDED: Mia Yule

RESOLVED:

THAT the MNGA Governance Committee meeting agenda of Saturday, April 12, 2025 with the addition of the approval of the March 27, 2025 Minutes.

CARRIED BY CONSENT

3. Adoption of Meeting Minutes

MOTION:

MOVED: Mia Yule

SECONDED: Dave Allard

RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes of the MNGA Governance Committee meeting of Thursday, March 27, 2025 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED BY CONSENT

4. Chartered Community Agreement and Related Matters

Nicole Ludwig, Governance Manager, provided an overview of the notes from the previous meetings, pertaining to the Chartered Community Agreement drafts, noting the following:

- It may be better to establish a minimum time to inform and allow for more flexibility when it comes to engagement.
- The committee wants a clearer definition on the concept of “engagement” and what that might entail.
- There is an inherent need to specify whether MNBC or a Community is engaging with Government entities.
- When it comes to consultation and engagement, the idea is to have leadership representation invited to decision-making tables, when MNBC is working on an initiative.
- It may be better to avoid an overly granular agreement, as it might not be accessible for Volunteer leaders due to the length of the agreement and the Act.
- The lack of engagement could be for a variety of factors, and may vary depending on the topic and the region, and even at Community level.
- There is some concern that Communities may not agree with the bare bones of the agreement, regardless of the of the Menu Items. There is a need to confirm the basic structure first before any additions are added.
- The agreement is the benchmark to move from a top-down system to a “wagon wheel” perspective, where MNBC is connected to all Communities, while Communities maintain independence.

5. Chartered Community Act

Upon request, the draft Chartered Community Act was read aloud for the Committee to foster a more in-depth and informed discussion.

During the discussion, members raised the following points:

- Article 3.0, which outlines that MNBC citizens cannot be enrolled into any other Aboriginal Registry, should be removed as it is already covered in the Constitution. Substitute with suggested language by Staff: “The Chartered Community Act, herein referred to as *The Act* encompasses and is harmonized with the Legislation, Constitution, Bylaws, and Policies of MNBC.”
- A better definition is needed for “political and financial relationships” to better support the Communities in achieving financial independence from MNBC.
- Engagement Staff should be brought in to better define what “meaningful consultation” looks like.
- The Dispute Resolution Process will be worked on with the Minister of Justice, Governance Director, and Executive Counsel.

6. Out of Province Amendment Referral

Nicole Ludwig, Governance Manager, advised that this resolution was referred back to the Committee from the 2024 Annual General Meeting. This resolution is meant to ensure that those impacted, especially veterans and their families, can maintain and access services even if they are deployed out of the province.

In discussion, the committee noted the following:

- Given the legislative cycle, this matter would not be reviewed until next year, as there is only the Summer MNGA left, before the AGM.
- There is difficulty in ensuring that citizens are not duplicated across other Métis registries.
- MNBC is working very closely with MN-S, especially thanks to the Mutual Recognition Agreement signed earlier this week.
- There is a request to bring in the members who inspired this resolution to share additional information about military deployment works.
- This process might also impact students who seek out of province education for a prolonged time.

The committee requested the Governance Manager to put together a work timeline for the Committee that would include the *Out of Province Resolution* that was referred from the Annual General Meeting. The earliest expectation to take this to the MNGA is December.

7. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:57 PM.

8. Next In-Person Meeting: Thursday, May 15, 2025 – Confirmed