

## MEETING MINUTES

<b>Meeting:</b>	MNGA GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE		
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	January 29, 2026	<b>Time:</b>	5:30 PM
<b>Minutes Prepared By:</b>	Nicole Ludwig	<b>Location:</b>	Microsoft Teams

## ATTENDEES

### Participating Members:

Caitlin Bird, Region 1  
 Patrick Harriott, MNBC Board  
 Jamie-Lee Keith, Region 3  
 Dawn McConnell, Region 6  
 Greg Stanwood, Region 2  
 Mia Yule, MWBC

### Participating Staff:

Nicole Ludwig, Governance Manager  
 Samantha Furlonger, Governance and Policy Analyst

### Regrets

Marlene Swears, Region 5

### Absent

Peggy Olanski, Region 7

*Note: The agenda was varied by unanimous consent throughout the meeting. The minutes are recorded in the order listed on the agenda. Items added to the agenda at the meeting are at the end of these minutes.*

## 1. Welcome

Caitlin Bird assumed the chair and provided a land acknowledgement, then spoke Good Words to anchor the conversation with Citizens at the center.

### 1.1. Adoption of Meeting Agenda

#### **MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Dawn McConnell

**SECONDED:** Patrick Harriott

#### **RESOLVED:**

THAT the agenda of the January 29, 2026, MNGA Governance Committee meeting be approved as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### 1.2. Adoption of Meeting Minutes

#### **MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Patrick Harriott

**SECONDED:** Greg Stanwood

#### **RESOLVED:**

THAT the minutes of the November 27, 2026, MNGA Governance Committee meeting be approved as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 2. Governance Department Updates

Ms. Ludwig advised that the MYBC Representative, Samantha Furlonger, is now working in the Governance Department at MNBC, and that a new Governance Officer will be starting shortly.

## 3. Revised Chairs Schedule

Ms. Ludwig requested approval of a revised Chairs schedule for 2026, due to current vacancies on the Committee for MYBC and Region 4. In response to a question, she advised that the Region 4 Director and the MYBC Council are anticipated to appoint new representatives shortly.

In discussion, the Region 2 representative noted he might have a conflict with chairing the August meeting. The Committee agreed to revise the Chairs schedule as needed.

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Dawn McConnell

**SECONDED:** Patrick Harriott

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the MNGA Governance Committee approve the following revised chairs schedule for 2026:

January	Caitlin Bird
March	Jamie-Lee Keith
April	Dawn McConnell
May	Peggy Olanski
June	Patrick Harriott
July	Peggy Olanski
August	Greg Stanwood
October	Marlene Swears
November	Mia Yule

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 4. MNGA Report

In discussion, Ms. Ludwig noted that the Committee should provide a report for the upcoming MNGA and suggested that members consider submitting the presentation for the next item be considered as the report. The Committee agreed to consider it.

## 5. Chartered Community Act/Agreement Feedback

Ms. Furlonger provided a presentation on the feedback collected about the proposed Chartered Community Act and Agreement at the September 2025 AGM (Attached as Appendix A), summarizing the key action items, and emphasizing consultation and conflict resolution. She noted she had developed an annex to the agreement with draft consultation procedures, and that the general sentiment was that Chartered Communities should be uplifted, rather than put in the shadow of MNBC.

In discussion members noted:

- A desire to do a deep dive into dispute resolution and any conflicts between autonomy and partnership;
- There is no real consensus on ceremony;
- Need to know what will trigger consultation, and how Citizens can be more involved;
- Potential for Community Liaison (main point of contact in Community for MNBC matters);
- A need for appropriate notice and efforts to communicate engagement opportunities as Citizens are often unaware of opportunities until they have past;
- Communities need advocacy from MNBC to help with relations at the federal and provincial levels, so that they can focus on local issues and relationships;
- There is a need to provide fulsome answers to questions;
- Conflict resolution mechanism is a high priority;
- Need to get clarity on division of powers and circles of influence (e.g. powers and responsibilities of the Board, MNGA, Senate, etc.);
- It may be worthwhile for Communities to consider a specific person to liaise with MNBC (Community Liaison)

The Region 2 representative verbally shared an executive summary he had developed (attached to these minutes).

In response, Ms. Furlonger advised that the consultation guidelines are for general consultation and that Community Engagement will be looped in. The Region 1 Director noted that MNBC is currently maxed out on capacity and staff often have specific deliverables for their programs, which can limit what they can do.

The Committee agreed to focus on conflict resolution at the next meeting. Members had a brief discussion regarding resources and additional information related to governance. The Region 2 representative offered to liaise with the Justice Institute

## 6. February In Person Meeting

Ms. Ludwig noted that now that the In Person MNGA has been changed to the Spring, it may be more worthwhile to have the in person MNGA Governance Committee meeting at another time. The Committee agreed to hold the In Person meeting on March 21-22, 2026, at MNBC Headquarters.

## 7. Adjournment

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Patrick Harriott

**SECONDED:** Dawn McConnell

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the MNGA Governance Committee meeting of January 29, 2026, be adjourned at 6:45 PM.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**