

## MEETING MINUTES

<b>Meeting:</b>	MNGA GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE		
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	February 19, 2026	<b>Time:</b>	5:30 PM
<b>Minutes Prepared By:</b>	Lynn Berry	<b>Location:</b>	Microsoft Teams

## ATTENDEES

### Participating Members:

Caitlin Bird, Region 1  
 Charly Defouw, MYBC  
 Patrick Harriott, MNBC Board  
 Jamie-Lee Keith, Region 3  
 Angel Robinson, 2SMBC  
 Marlene Swears, Region 5  
 Greg Stanwood, Region 2  
 Mia Yule, MWBC

### Participating Staff:

Colleen Hodgson, Acting Chief Operating Officer  
 Samantha Furlonger, Governance and Policy Analyst  
 Jas Rehal, Governance Officer  
 Lynn Berry, Board Committee Coordinator

### Regrets:

Dawn McConnell, Region 6

### 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 and Roundtable Introductions

Jamie-Lee Keith, Chair, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

### 2. Adoption of Meeting Agenda

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Patrick Harriott

**SECONDED:** Charly Defouw

**RESOLVED:**

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### 3. Adoption of Meeting Minutes

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Greg Stanwood

**SECONDED:** Marlene Swears

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the minutes of the February 19, 2026, MNGA Governance Committee meeting be approved as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### 4. Draft Conflicts Resolution Policy

The Governance and Policy Analyst presented the committee with a Draft Conflict Resolution Policy. The Purpose and Scope are to provide a framework to support communities in understanding and resolving break community-based conflict with a focus on Métis values. The policy aims to provide a guiding outline on how communities will address conflict pre-MNBC Senate and to bolster our collective responsibilities across communities. This will be an Appendix to the Charter Community Agreement that facilitates conflict resolution across all our communities.

In discussion the members noted:

- There is a desire for a fulsome healing opportunity for members empowering them to change, facilitating self-correction or behavior modification allowing them to fix their mistakes.
  - Desire for there to be more language focused on community healing and repair instead of wrongdoing or judgement.
- It was also noted that the Mediation Facilitator be someone trained in mediation, that it would be preferential to also have a well-rounded group of people experienced in conflict resolution, mediation and de-escalation to work members through conflict. This would supersede that a member, currently, can only go to one person of authority/Senate.
  - Potential desire for a trained conflict resolution team through MNBC.
  - If MNBC elected representatives or staff are going to be expected mediators, then they must be equipped with the right training to support culturally safe resolutions.
- Region 2 outlined their internal process for Conflict Resolution for the committee to review and consider. An outline of Region 2's Chartered Community Act & Agreement overview, which includes their Conflict Resolution process and Executive Summary, was sent for the Governance Policy and Analyst to review.
- The committee asked if a jurisdictional scan was done by looking at other Métis Nations across the country. The Governance Policy and Analyst confirmed this was done and will take this task further and bring it back to the committee for review and discussion at the March 2026 meeting.
- Questions were raised surrounding MNBC Senate processes and how their processes will be in relationship with this conflict resolution policy, if at all.
- Desire for a deeper understanding of the roles and responsibilities of each level of governance within MNBC so that potential future conflicts around roles and responsibilities can be avoided.
- Agreement that during the signing of a revised chartered community agreement, each community should agree to develop their own conflict resolution policy that will direct how conflict is handled at the community level and that this annex document will focus on conflicts between MNBC and chartered communities.
- The committee indicated intent to further discuss privacy and confidentiality within this process.

The committee requested that the Governance and Policy Analyst follow up on and present at the next meeting:

- To map out a chart of potential conflicts that are possible within the scope of this policy;
- To review the Conflict Resolution processes of other Métis nations;
- Seek out potential funding sources to support the role of Mediation Facilitators.

*Acting Chief Operating Officer left the meeting at 5:56PM.*

5. In-Person Meeting Discussion

Governance Officer advised that the in-person meeting is scheduled for March 21/22, 2026. Committee Members send their travel requirements to the Governance and Policy Analyst.

- The Region 3 representative indicated that they will be unavailable for the in-person meeting
- The Region 5 representative indicated that they will be unavailable for the day of the 22<sup>nd</sup> and will need an electronic link to participate on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

*MYBC Representative left the meeting at 6:44PM.*

6. Adjournment

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Greg Stanwood

**SECONDED:** Minister Harriott

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the meeting adjourns.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.