MEETING MINUTES – DAY 1

Meeting:	MNGA GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE		
Date of Meeting:	May 2, 2026	**Time:**	9:00 AM
Minutes Prepared By:	Lynn Berry	**Location:**	Microsoft Teams

ATTENDEES

Participating Members:	**Participating Staff:**
Caitlin Bird, Region 1	Nicole Ludwig, Governance Manager
Charly Defouw, MYBC	Samantha Furlonger, Governance and Policy Analyst
Patrick Harriott, MNBC Board	Lynn Berry, Board Committee Coordinator
Jamie-Lee Keith, Region 3	
Angel Robinson, 2SMBC	
Marlene Swears, Region 5	
Greg Stanwood, Region 2	
Wendy Schneider, Region 4	
Peggy Olanski, Region 7	

Via Online:

Mia Yule, MWBC

Dawn McConnell, Region 6

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

1.1 Adoption of Meeting Agenda

MOTION:
MOVED: Wendy
SECONDED: Caitlyn
RESOLVED:
THAT the agenda for the MNGA Governance Committee meeting of May 2, 2026, and May 3, 2026, be approved as presented.

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1.2 Adoption of Meeting Minutes

MOTION:
MOVED: Wendy
SECONDED: Marlene
RESOLVED:
THAT the minutes for the MNGA Governance Committee meeting of the April 2, 2026, meeting be approved as edited:

- Edit the spelling of Caitlin Bird's first name
- Correct the spelling of Charly Defouw's last name

- Edit the end time to 7:30 pm

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2. **TOR for the Senate Reform Committee**
The committee received a presentation from the Governance Manager regarding the Board of Directors request that the committee draft the Terms of Reference for the Senate Reform Committee. The Governance Manager sought from the committee to confirm their decision going forward as follows:

That the committee Accept, Decline or Refer back to the MNGA for direction on whether to accept the task to develop the Terms of Reference for the Senate Reform Committee:

VOTE:

- 8 - Decline the Request from the Board as per the Resolution which instructed a draft TOR be brought back to the board and to advise the MNGA.
- 3 - Decline and Seek Guidance from the MNGA.
- 1 – Abstention.

ACTION ITEM (20260503:01): That the Governance Manager prepares a draft response to the board and advises the MNGA that the request for the draft Terms of Reference has been returned to the Board.

3. **Chartered Community Act/Agreement Plans**
The Committee received a presentation from the Governance and Policy Analyst regarding the Chartered Community Act/Agreement and Conflict Resolution documents that outlined the next steps to move the project forward and the plan for Community Engagement. Seeking committee endorsement from the MNGA Governance Committee to move this plan forward per the suggested timeline.

The Governance Committee reviewed the documents and provided the following feedback and amendments:
Act:
Section 2.8 –

- Communities "respect and collaborate" with MNBC's authority
- Rewrite the autonomy principles based on Angel's "we" statement focusing on MNBC supporting Chartered Communities in advocating within their jurisdiction to carry community voices within their jurisdiction, respecting each other's autonomy with a joint goal of uplifting community and citizen voices.
- If Chartered Communities are sitting at provincial tables, then they are only representing their community; whereas MNBC represents all communities and the 'shared Metis voice'.
- MNBC holds a responsibility to inform Chartered Communities of their positions in provincial and federal discussions. Chartered communities have a responsibility to engage and collaborate with MNBC to any provincial and federal tables.
- To accompany shared goals MNBC will include interested communities (delegate) to participate in shared initiatives where they have capacity and desire to champion initiatives.
- Principles and mechanisms need to be clearly defined in the Act and can be specifically detailed by Chartered Community Agreement per community.

- The Committee flagged the Autonomy definition to be highlighted during community engagement efforts.

Section 5.5

- The committee requested to have the Information Sharing Agreement referenced in the Act; then a draft be prepared for further review by the MNGA Committee. This has been added as an action item in the Committee workplan.
- MNBC lawyer review the tensions between PIPA and MNBC Citizenship Act.
- The Committee requested the development of roles and responsibilities of appendices to add to the Chartered Community Agreement.

The Committee recessed for lunch at 11:50 AM and returned at 1:00 PM. Jamie-Lee Keith provided a Prayer.

Chartered Community Agreement:

Section 5.1A

- Add that the invitation will go "to **the Chartered Community President via the President or the Vice-President",** "**for**" at least.
- Item 6.9 - that MNBC agrees to send a final reminder to the Chartered Communities of pending deadlines at least 3 business days prior to the final submission date for required documents or representation as outlined in this agreement.
- 7.2 Edit – (b) **Upon changes to the Chartered Community bylaws, the Chartered Community agrees to provide copies of the updated community bylaws to MNBC for information. Bylaws must be shared with MNBC 60 days after confirmation of bylaw changes.**
- The committee suggested that Governance determine appropriate Registration of bylaws, minutes and financials.
- 7.2 of the Agreement should mirror 5.5 of the Act – both places should reference the Act.
- 7.2 (c) – add **"by mutual agreement of both parties."**
- 7.4 - this section will be reworded **"implementation and/or compliance with the Agreement through the Regional Director"**
- 8.2 – Add - In the event of Chartered Community board vacancies, MNBC will support regional and provincial representatives in help to fill and support new members to fill that seat.
- 9 – define what is the definition of Fiduciary Responsibility
- 9.5 Change the "**based on in-person conversation**".
- Mia - I would appreciate the inclusivity being spelled out. I like the approach of hope for the best, but plan for the worst, and with that lens it makes sense to be specific about expectations i.e. what if you have leadership who is of a mentality that does not have an interest in including 2S folks, for example? but it's part of the role of leadership to serve your whole community

4. Conflict Resolution Framework

Governance and Policy Analyst presented the Kwayaskastasowin Framework.

Section 3.1

- Edit - by submitting a formal "**notice**" to the appropriate elected representative.
- Edit - (community president, regional representative, "**or provincial chair**")

- Edit - “**the recipient**” – this puts the responsibility to hold the process on someone who potentially does not have the skills or training for resolution. - potential ombudsperson.
- Add an escalation Framework.

Section 7 - Legal and Policy Alignment:

- Remove “**needs to be collaborative**”.
- Edit – remove “**policies**” and replace with “**legislation**”.

Discussion ensued, and the following was noted:

- There is currently no mechanism for regional leadership to remove their representatives if the regional leadership believes the director’s behaviour is inappropriate.
- For Citizens who are not represented by the Provincial Governance Councils, an alternative, such as communicating with the President or Vice-President could be built in.
- Add – if deemed necessary, the “question of interpretation” can be referred to the MNGA.
- There is a need to solve our issues internally before escalation occurs.
- Remove MNBC language and change to MNGA in the Act and Agreement.
- The committee suggested adding a preliminary discussion process to examine the issues coming forward to be part of the Conflict Resolution process.
- Ethics Legislation for MNBC as a whole. Add: What should be confidential in a Conflict. In-Camera should be defined.
- Community Board Governance Supports - add MNBC will provide supports to help communities develop bylaws are inclusive for Youth, Women and S2 positions

Overview of next steps:

- The committee requested to separate the proposed Conflict Resolution Framework from the Act and Agreement. Separating the political from the operational.
- Add a clause in the Act and Agreement relating to disputes regarding the interpretation of clauses themselves and a path to bring that to the MNGA.
- The Governance and Policy Analyst will draft an Interpersonal Conflict Resolution Framework separate from the Act and Agreement.
- Create a Conflict Resolution Flow Chart.
- The committee wants to engage in broader engagement on Conflict Resolution.

ACTION ITEM (20260502:02): The Governance and Policy Analyst to work on a Conflict Resolution Policy separate from the Act and Agreement.

Section 7 - Legal and Policy Alignment:

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5. Adjournment

THAT the meeting adjourn by Consensus at 3:37 PM.

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