

MEETING MINUTES – DAY 2

Meeting:	MNGA GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE		
Date of Meeting:	May 3, 2026	Time:	9:00 AM
Minutes Prepared By:	Lynn Berry	Location:	Microsoft Teams

ATTENDEES

Participating Members:

Caitlin Bird, Region 1
 Patrick Harriott, MNBC Board
 Jamie-Lee Keith, Region 3
 Angel Robinson, 2SMBC
 Marlene Swears, Region 5
 Greg Stanwood, Region 2
 Wendy Schneider, Region 4
 Peggy Olanski, Region 7

Participating Staff:

Samantha Furlonger, Governance and Policy Analyst
 Lynn Berry, Board Committee Coordinator
 Nicole Ludwig, Governance Manager

Regrets:

Charly Defouw, MYBC

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 to everyone and Minister Harriott provided the Opening Prayer

2. Chartered Community Act and Agreement Package

Governance and Policy Analyst presented the edited Chartered Community Act and Agreement package to the committee, based on the discussion from May 2, 2026, for review, discussion and approval to move forward.

Act:

- It was confirmed that the Act was edited to reflect the requested changes outlined by the committee. The Governance and Policy Analyst reviewed the edits with the committee.
- 2.8 - edit **"respect and collaboratively work with"**
- 5.5 – edit **"including but not limited to applicable privacy legislation"**
- To confer with MNBC legal on the conflict between privacy act and societies act.
- 5.6 (i) and (ii) – **move to Menu Options**
 - Mia - The language of 'upon request' implies it is optional, and likely the request can be withdrawn if the community has concerns in the future regarding MNBC storing info. I think it's good as is.
 - (c) ADD Bylaws Registration to the Act.
- 5.8 Add a section about data sharing or privacy agreement as per request. The committee requests this matter be flagged for legal review regarding tensions/conflicts between societies act and privacy PIPA.
- 6.1 the committee agrees this accurately reflects the requested edits.

Agreement:

- 4.3 a, b & c - Flag legal for consideration in the privacy agreement and dispute resolution.
- Definition – add in Fiduciary Duty or Obligation. This will be flagged for MNBC Legal review.
- Governance Manager- On the board in a box side, we're working on an AGM checklist which will include follow-up requirements (like annual report, bylaws, etc.) with instructions on how to do it.
- 4.5 committee agrees this reflects the edit request.
- 5.1 – Changes to Notice procedures. Add to “attend an event”.
- 6.3 (d) - All invitations will go to the MNBC community by email accounts and then will be disseminated to the Chartered Community Board.
- 7.2 (a) capitalize Agreement
- 7.4 – **“MNBC staff agrees to reach out to remind”** the Chartered Communities of pending deadlines to review the Agreement and Menu of Options.
- 7.5 – Reword MNGA
- The Governance and Policy Analyst is preparing a plain language summary of the Agreement and the Act. These documents will accompany the official ones and assist with community engagement.
- 10.5 – change to **“irreconcilable interpretation”**.
- Add **Definitions** to the Agreement
- Dawn - does the agreement mention that the definitions are in the act? I think it's important that there's at least a reference to where the definitions can be found. Maybe a whole intro that the act is the foundation and the agreement is additional to it and weave the definition part into that
 - Governance Manager – we will add language regarding “the definitions in the Chartered Community Act apply” into the Agreement.

Menu of Options:

- Governance to prepare a list of suggested resources for the Menu of Options.
- 16 (b) – add the word **“resources”** and remove **“training”** and **“support”**.
- The committee requests to confirm potential ombudsperson/conflict resolution specialist.
- Mia - Not sure on exact wording, but can we include something to the effect of safe resources regarding conflict resolution. Thinking of how some folks may not access services if they anticipate it won't be safe, for example a 2SLGBTQIA+ safe mediator, etc.
- Mia - I'm also hoping overall with wording and consideration, we can include / highlight how we collectively specifically make space for the different voices in our community, i.e. Women, 2SLGBTQIA+, Youth While it's all high level, I think it's important to be specific with language. We have these councils because we as a Nation believe in inclusion and diversity, and I believe this Agreement should also reflect that.
 - It is referenced in the Agreement Section 2.1.
- That Good Standing and Fiduciary Responsibility definition is to be added to the Definitions

The Governance and Policy Analyst seek committee endorsement for approval of the Act and Agreement Package (without the conflict resolution framework) to move forward to MNBC legal review, then MNGA, then move forward with community engagement with all Chartered Communities.

- All in Favour:
 - Mia, Dawn, Wendy, Marlene, Peggy, Jaimie, Patrick, Angel, and Greg.

Abstain:

- Minister Harriott

3. Letter to the MNGA Board of Directors regarding ToR Senate Reform Commission

The Governance Manager presented a draft letter to the Board regarding the Senate Reform Commission on Terms of Reference.

The committee suggested some edits to wording as noted below:

- Edit - After discussing, add “the Committee respectfully declines”
- Edit - The committee also “has additional items assigned to it from the MNGA”.
- Edit - The committee receives direction from the MNGA, by way of resolution.
- Dawn McConnell offered to review the letter for wording and composition. The Governance Office forwards the letter to Dawn.

ACTION ITEM (20260503:01) Dawn McConnell review the letter for further editing and return to the committee for review and approval.

MOTION:

MOVED: Wendy Schneider

SECONDED: Caitlin Bird

RESOLVED:

THAT the MNGA Governance Committee approve sending a response letter to the MNBC Board regarding the Terms of Reference for the Senate Review Commission as presented and amended at the May 2-3, 2026, MNGA Committee Meeting.

4. MNGA Motions for Submission

The Governance Manager adds wording to the MNGA Act regarding the process of building, approving and determining motions for submission.

5. Work Plan

The Governance and Policy Analyst provided a high-level summary of the identified Work Plan for the MNGA Governance Committee. The committee provided initial input to prioritize the tasks outlined.

The committee received the MNGA Governance Committee Workplan for review and discussion. The purpose of this workplan is to review the action items and confirm the priorities. The committee was satisfied with the list of priorities and timelines.

The committee also suggested the inclusion of an AI use policy to be included in the data sharing agreement and privacy policies.

6. Out of Province Citizenship

The Governance Manager advised the committee that a request was made for consideration of Out of Province Citizenship to be operationalized. Data and information were gathered representing Métis Nations across Canada and the process for Citizenship to be shared with the committee.

ACTION ITEM (20260503:02) – The Governance Manager will circulate the Out of Province Citizenship document for the committee for review and input.

Discussion ensued, and the following was noted:

- How might we consider resources, and how would that interact with citizens outside of BC, particularly if these resources come from provincial partnerships? Example: if it's a counselling grant that MNBC is administering for its citizens, but coming from a provincial source that is intended for residents of BC and further to that, would that impact our ability to access province specific resources/ partnerships if our citizen registry is not BC specific?

7. Adjournment By Consensus

The meeting adjourned at 1:11 PM.