

## MEETING MINUTES

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| <b>Meeting:</b>             | MNGA GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE |                  |                 |
| <b>Date of Meeting:</b>     | June 25, 2026             | <b>Time:</b>     | 5:30 PM         |
| <b>Minutes Prepared By:</b> | Lynn Berry                | <b>Location:</b> | Microsoft Teams |

## ATTENDEES

| <b>Participating Members:</b>                | <b>Participating Staff:</b>                       |
|----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Caitlin Bird, Region 1                       | Nicole Ludwig, Governance Support Manager         |
| Marlene Swears, Region 5                     | Samantha Furlonger, Governance and Policy Analyst |
| Patrick Harriott, MNBC Board                 | Lynn Berry, Board Committee Coordinator           |
| Jamie-Lee Keith, Region 3                    |                                                   |
| Dawn McConnell, Region 6                     |                                                   |
| Peggy Olanski, Region 7                      |                                                   |
| Angel Robinson, 2SMBC                        |                                                   |
| Greg Stanwood, Region 2                      |                                                   |
| Wendy Schneider                              |                                                   |
| Mia Yule, MWBC                               |                                                   |
| <b>Guests:</b>                               |                                                   |
| Rachel Nelson, Director Community Engagement |                                                   |
| <b>Regrets:</b>                              |                                                   |
| Charly Defouw, MYBC                          |                                                   |

*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

#### 1.1 Adoption of Meeting Agenda

##### **MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Mia Yule

**SECONDED:** Wendy Schneider

##### **RESOLVED:**

THAT the agenda of the June 25, 2026 MNGA Governance Committee meeting be approved with the following additions:

- 1) Conflict of Interest Enquiry;
- 2) Visit from Community Engagement.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### 2. Visit from Community Engagement

The Director of Community Engagement demonstrated Social Point and explained how Community Engagement will support the Chartered Community Act and Agreement process. MNBC is using Social Point, a platform that brings together public participation tools, visual project pages, and built-in reporting. The platform will help MNBC manage engagement more effectively and make the process more transparent, from initial consultation through

final delivery. It will also allow MNBC to share project information, gather public feedback directly, keep citizens and communities informed, and support project reporting and analytics.

#### Discussion Summary

- Questions raised regarding how participants would self-identify, including whether citizenship numbers would be required. It was noted that some communities rely on active volunteers for day-to-day administration, including non-MNBC citizens with Métis partners or children who provide valuable community insight. The process is intended to allow their participation as well.
- Communications advised that the platform was intended to be open to all citizens and self-identified Métis participants.
- A question was raised about how to prevent people from outside British Columbia from accessing the platform, with a suggestion that participation be limited to citizens using a citizenship number. A concern was raised that collecting citizenship numbers would prevent the survey from being anonymous.
- A concern arose about distribution and if there's a way we could restrict distribution to citizens only or to certain groups of citizens? As we want to hear from our Métis community; not primarily citizens it would be important to allow all community members to participate in the engagement process.
- A suggestion was made to revise the wording to "all Métis citizens who meet the citizenship requirements outlined in MNBC legislation," with consideration for at risk groups and/or adding a non-resident marker. Instead of saying "any self-identified Métis people" say to the Métis citizens "we want to know what the relationship between MNBC and Communities should look like. We want to hear from you".
- It was noted that asking the question of citizenship or membership would allow responses to be filtered and analyzed by respondent type. This would help identify any differences in trends and allow citizenship status or citizens' perspectives to be considered separately from those of self-identified Métis participants, if appropriate.
- The Community Engagement Director confirmed that demographic questions will be included to identify respondent groups and separate the data for analysis and confirmed that these questions would be added to both surveys.

***Marlene Swears joined the meeting at 5:46PM***

### **3. Senate Review Commission**

#### Discussion on Conflict of Interest

- Angel Robinson advised that they may have a potential conflict of interest and asked how the committee assesses and manages conflicts, including whether a member should step away from a related discussion. They noted that they may know some members who could be assigned to the Senate Review Commission.
- The Governance Manager advised that the best practice for conflict of interest is identifying it and noting it. However, the decision ultimately rests with the member in question.
- It was suggested that Angel determine whether the potential conflict was manageable or could affect their work. If they feel they should step away from the matter, they have the right to do so. It was also suggested to take the concern to the 2SMBC for review and discussion and then share it with them.
- It was suggested that the Conflict-of-Interest Policy be reviewed for further guidance.

#### **Senate Review Commission**

The Governance Support Manager advised that a link to the Senate Review Commission application form had been circulated, and the form was reviewed briefly during the meeting. The purpose of the discussion is to seek approval of the proposed timeline.

The current proposal is to open applications on July 3, close on September 23, 2026, and call a Special Meeting of the MNGA Governance Committee on or about October 13, 2026, to determine nominations. This will give 10 days to compile all the information needed then an additional month to get resolutions together for the December MNGA which are due on November 14, 2026. Appointments will happen on December 5 at the Winter 2026 MNGA. There is an opportunity to be flexible with the October 13, 2026, date suggested on the proposed timeline.

It was noted that the application form online was simple and straightforward to fill out. There are seven regions and ideally, we will get one from each region. It was noted that the three councils should also be added to the application form. The platform will be updated and re-sent.

## **4. Out of Province Citizenship**

The Governance Support Manager provided background and an update on the draft Out of Province Citizenship resolution, expressing thanks for the work previously done by Jamie-Lee Keith on this matter. She noted that Citizenship has been consulted, and regardless if the Committee approves the resolution at this meeting, it will require legal review prior to being added to an agenda.

Discussion ensued, and the following was noted:

- The committee discussed if there would be a requirement for an out of province Métis Citizenship Card to show citizenship. The Governance Manager advised that the card would provide full recognition as a citizen for identity and registry purposes; an out of province card would not entitle one to vote, stand for office or access MNBC administered programs and services.
- It was suggested that MNBC consider issuing two different cards or using another clear visual indicator to distinguish in-province and out-of-province citizens. It was also noted that the citizenship database would need to identify a citizen's residency status, whether through the citizenship number, a different card design, or a separate database field. The committee agreed that providing a card was essential for the purpose of the proposal and that the matter should be referred to Citizenship for further review.
- The Governance Support Manager asked the committee to comment on the wording in the resolution "to include all Metis citizens primarily resident in British Columbia and Metis people living outside of British Columbia who can demonstrate ties to a chartered community". It was suggested to add the wording "kinship ties to charter communities".
- It was noted that none of the other provinces make you demonstrate in-province kinship connections.
- The committee suggested to remove "to include all Metis citizens primarily resident in British Columbia and Metis people living outside of British Columbia who can demonstrate ties to a chartered community" and to change it to read "all Metis citizens who meet the citizenship requirements outlined in MNBC Legislation".
- The Governance Support Manager advised that citizenship requirements are outlined in the Citizenship Act but will confirm if they are in the Constitution as well. It was suggested to keep the wording open-ended as this amendment relates to the Metis governance matters and is for the Societies Act. This

already aligns with the clause that's already in the bylaws about when there's a discrepancy between the MNBC constitution and the MPCBC bylaws, the MNBC constitution prevails.

- The Governance Manager will invite Citizenship to attend the next meeting and discuss these options.
- It was noted that access to programs, services, benefits and promising rights should be limited to the citizens who have primary residence, this would protect the nation from missing potential opportunities for grants or benefits to people who are connected to the nation but living out of province.
- If someone was applying for a grant or scholarship that required them to prove indigenous identity, that would be a different case than an MNBC administered program. If the opportunity arose to get funding, could funds be distributed to citizens who are living out of province?
  - The Governance Support Manager will reach out to the Grants team to ensure we are aligned with potential funding opportunities.

## 5. Conflict Resolution Framework

The Governance and Policy Analyst shared the draft Conflict Resolution Framework pathways flow chart for initial feedback.

Discussion ensued, and the following was noted:

- Question regarding who will be responsible for the administration of the process? What processes will be implemented to help community members, elders, and knowledge keepers, and how will these people be identified? A suggestion was provided to add an appendix on remunerating elders and knowledge keepers.
- The committee confirmed that having the information in an infographic format and a policy document would be extremely helpful.
- The Governance and Policy Analyst will continue to work on the conflict resolution policy and amend this and then bring it back to the committee for further review.

## 6. General Workplan

The committee received an updated Committee Workplan, which included the following changes:

- Ethics Act,
- Conflict of Interest Framework,
- Roles and Responsibilities of Elected Officials,
- The committee was asked to determine their priorities,
- The Information Data Sharing Agreement; this will be shared with the Privacy Officer for his review and comment.

Discussion ensued, and the following was noted:

- A comment was made that some of the workplan items fit together and have a natural progression. For example, the roles and responsibilities and the Boyer Governance Report review would be a natural connection.
- The committee agreed to review the workplan and discuss it at their next meeting to determine the next priority.
- The Out of Province Citizenship resolution is the next decision point, and the committee expressed interest in taking it straight to the 2026 AGM.
- The committee agreed for the next meeting to prioritize the workplan items with the Out of Province Citizen as top priority and vote on sending the resolution back to the AGM or MNGA, then discuss how to

organize ourselves for half of the next meeting and sort of sub tasks that we could, or groupings of conversations together.

## 7. Adjournment

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Caitlin Bird

**SECONDED:** Wendy Schneider

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the meeting adjourn.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.