

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting:	MNGA Governance Committee Meeting		
Date of Meeting:	March 27, 2025	Time:	5:30 PM PST / 6:30 PM MST
Minutes Prepared By:	Judit Nagy (<i>from recording</i>)	Location:	Microsoft Teams

ATTENDEES

Participating Members:

Dawn McConnell, Region 6 Representative, Chair
 Dave Allard, Region 3 Representative
 Travis Jobin, Region 4 Representative
 Caitlin Bird, Region 1 Representative
 Mia Yule, MWBC Representative
 Angel Robinson, M2SBC Representative

Staff and Guests:

Nicole Ludwig, Governance Manager
 Samantha Furlonger, Uvic Graduate Student

Regrets:

Marlene Swears, Region 5 Representative
 Pixie Wells, Region 2 Representative
 Patrick Harriott, Board Representative
 Peggy Olanski, Region 7 Representative

1. Welcome and Good Words

Dawn McConnell, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:34 PM and welcomed everyone. Chairperson McConnell provided opening Good Words and land acknowledgement.

Committee members shared land acknowledgements for their respective areas.

2. Approval of Meeting Agenda

MOTION:

MOVED: Caitlin Bird

SECONDED: Travis Jobin

RESOLVED:

THAT the MNGA Governance Committee meeting agenda of Thursday, March 27, 2025 be approved as presented.

CARRIED BY CONSENT

3. Adoption of Meeting Minutes

MOTION:

MOVED: Mia Yule

SECONDED: Caitlin Bird

RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes of the MNGA Governance Committee meeting of Thursday, February 20, 2025 be adopted as

presented.

CARRIED BY CONSENT

4. Chartered Community Agreement and Related Matters

Nicole Ludwig, Governance Manager, provided an overview of the notes from the previous meetings, pertaining to the Chartered Community Agreement drafts, noting the following:

- Pertaining to Section 4.10, there may be resistance from some Communities to share all notices, minutes, and financial reports with MNBC. Ms. Ludwig clarified that sharing the General Meeting Minutes with MNBC is important to ensure we have up to date information pertaining to who sits on the Community Board. The financial reporting serves as a way to ensure that MNBC can review as needed. It is noted that when financials are requested, the response time from volunteer Community leaders can be lengthy. Committee members requested that Section 4.10 be moved to the Information-sharing Agreement instead.
- Ms. Ludwig requested that Communities provide their Bylaws to MNBC, to ensure that if a Community has an interpretation question, Governance would have it on hand. MNBC can order the bylaws from the province, but it may be an unnecessary expenditure.
- The committee will discuss Section 4.3 at the in-person meeting, as five days might not be sufficient notice for Community Boards to attend Provincial engagements.
- Ms. Ludwig clarified, in regard to Section 4.9, that MNBC typically sponsors only one delegate for the MNGA, per Community. She committed to looking into the matter to see if it would be feasible to have two delegates attending in the future. The Committee recommended to have two delegates attend the MNGA for mentorship opportunities, and one delegate for the AGM, which is the inverse of current practice.
- At the April meeting, the Committee will be discussing better ways to accommodate MNGA members who are dealing with caring for an Elder or children.
- Upon review, Section 4.12, which outlines how the Agreement would be reviewed, committee members recommended to have a designate to the Regional Director for this process in case there is conflict between Communities and the Regional Director. Ms. Ludwig recommended bringing in the new Governance Director to the April meeting, as she has experience pertaining to negotiations in Indigenous settings and governments.
- Section 4.14, which outlines the requirement for Communities to uphold good financial accounting practices, will be discussed at the in-person April meeting. Governance Manager will discuss options and how this might look like with the External Finances Director.
- It was requested that the Appendix, pertaining to the timeline in which the elective Menu Items would be reviewed be discussed at the in-person meeting. It was flagged that a bi-annual review might not work for Communities who are holding staggered Board elections.
- The Menu Items will be shared with the members of the Governance Committee to share with their Regions for feedback.

Dave Allard, Region 3 Representative, shared the following thoughts on the *Chartered Communities Act*:

- Section 3.1 should be discussed at the in-person meeting to better define what the section pertains to, and how MNBC classifies what is a political relationship and what organizations are considered acceptable.
- The definition of autonomy should be discussed at the in-person meeting as well.

Committee members agreed that the values and how uphold respectful relationships should be added the *Act*, as it is a more permanent piece of documentation. Committee members agreed to discuss its addition it further detain in April, and potentially to incorporating the language into both the *Act* and the Agreement.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by consent.

6. Next In-Person Meeting: Saturday, April 12, 2025 – Confirmed