



MINUTES OF THE GARY SANITARY DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON **SEPTEMBER 19, 2025**

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

**DATE:** Friday, September 19, 2025  
**TIME:** 12:00PM, cst  
**LOCATION:** GSD, Boardroom

**TYPE:** Regular Meeting  
**NOTICE PROVIDED IN ADVANCE:** YES  
**QUORUM:** YES

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

William L. Allen, President  
Ola V. Morris, Vice President  
Willie Cook, Member  
Freida Graves, Member  
Lawrence Batiste, Member

**ABSENT MEMBERS**

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Jewell Harris, Jr., Attorney, Harris Law Firm  
Ragen Hatcher, Executive Director  
Jerome Foster, Finance Manager  
Brandon Comer, Comer Capital Group

**OTHERS ABSENT**

**I. Call to Order: 12:12 PM by Chairman Allen**

Chairman Allen began the Meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by Roll-Call. He then stated prior to the start of the September 19, 2025 Board Meeting, there was an Executive Session held and there was nothing discussed in Executive Session that was not indicated on the Posted Notice of the Executive Session; and being in compliance with Indiana Statues, there were no final votes held during the Executive Session. Chairman Allen asked if any Board member dissented to the certification. Hearing none, he proceeded with the meeting.

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**1. MINUTES**

**1.1 Executive Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of September 5, 2025**

Commissioner Cook gave the motion to for the approval / acceptance of the Executive Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of September 5, 2025 with any/all noted corrections. The motion for approval of the minutes was seconded by Commissioner Graves and passed without dissent.

The vote: Five (5)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No

**2. NEW BUSINESS**

**2.1 A Motion to Approve GSD Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: August 11, 2025 through August 24, 2025, in the amount of \$296,919.61.**

Overview: Finance Manager Jerome Foster recommended approval and ratification of GSD Agenda Item 2.1.

Chairman Allen called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 2.1. Commissioner Cook gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve GSD Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: August 11, 2025 through August 24, 2025 was seconded by Commissioner Graves and passed/approved.

The vote: Five (5)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No

**2.2 A Motion to Approve GSD Resolution No.: SD25-27, Establishing Compensation for Internal Committee Meetings for the Sanitary District Commissioners.**

Overview: Executive Director Hatcher recommended TABLING GSD Agenda Item 2.2.

Chairman Allen called for the Board's pleasure with respect to TABLING GSD Agenda Item 2.2. Commissioner Cook gave the motion to approve tabling GSD Agenda Item 2.2. The motion to table GSD Agenda Item 2.2 was seconded by Commissioner Graves and passed/approved.

The vote: Five (5)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No

**2.3 A Motion to Approve a Contract by and between Gary Sanitary District and Ian Anderson for Certified Mechanic Services.**

Overview: Executive Director Hatcher requested GSD Agenda Item 2.3 be withdrawn.



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- 2.4 **A Motion to Approve an Agreement by and between Gary Sanitary District and Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO) for electrical services (tariffs) supplied to Gary Sanitary District for Period Ending: July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.**

Overview: Executive Director Hatcher recommended approval of GSD Agenda Item 2.4.

Chairman Allen called for the Board's pleasure with respect to table GSD Agenda Item 2.4. Commissioner Cook gave the motion to approve tabling GSD Agenda Item 2.4. The motion to table GSD Agenda Item 2.4 was seconded by Commissioner Graves and passed/approved. The vote: Four (4)-Ayes / One (1)-Abstention (Batiste)

**3. CLAIMS**

- 3.1 **GSD Claims Nos.: 1771 through 1878, in the amount of \$2,217,982.08**

Overview: Finance Manager Jerome Foster recommended approval and ratification of GSD Agenda Item 3.1.

Chairman Allen called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 3.1. Commissioner Graves gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve GSD's Claims Nos.: 1771 through 1878 was seconded by Commissioner Cook and passed/approved.

The vote: Five (5)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No

**4. INFORMATION UPDATES**

- 4.1 **Superintendent's Report -**

Timothy Alston, GSD Plant Superintendent, was absent. No updates were provided.

- 4.2 **Construction Activities -**

Jabez Anderson, GSD Assistant Manager of Engineering, provided the Board with updates regarding GSD's Construction Projects.

**5. DISCUSSION**

There were no discussion items.

**6. REQUEST TO SPEAK**

There were no requests to speak.



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7. **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:22PM.



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ADOPTED BY THE BOARD DURING THE MEETING ON:

10/03/2025

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**WILLIAM ALLEN, PRESIDENT**

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Ola V. Morris, Vice President  
Willie Cook, Secretary  
Freida Graves, Member  
Lawrence Batiste, Member

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**WILLIE COOK, SECRETARY**