



MINUTES OF THE GARY SANITARY DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 2, 2026

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

DATE: Friday, January 2, 2026
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
Freida Graves, Member
Lawrence Batiste, Member

ABSENT MEMBERS

Willie Cook, Secretary/Treasurer

OTHERS PRESENT

Jewell Harris, Jr., Attorney, Harris Law Firm
Ragen Hatcher, Executive Director

OTHERS ABSENT

Jerome Foster, Finance Manager

I. Call to Order: 12:02 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 January 2, 2026 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 Cook asked if any Board member dissented to the certification. Hearing none, he proceeded with the meeting.

II. Election of Officers:

Chairman Allen called for nominations for Officers of the Board.
Commissioner Graves motioned to allow the Year 2026 Board Member Roster to remain the same:
William Allen, President – Ola Morris, Vice President – Willie Cook, Secretary/Treasurer

Chairman Allen call for the Board’s pleasure with respect to approving the Year 2026 Board Member Roster motioned by Commissioner Graves. The motion to approve the motioned 2026 Board Members was seconded by Commissioner Morris and passed/approved.

The vote: Four (4)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No

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1. MINUTES

1.1 Executive Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of December 12, 2025

Commissioner Graves gave the motion to for the approval / acceptance of the Executive Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of December 12, 2025 with any/all noted corrections. The motion for approval of the minutes was seconded by Commissioner Batiste and passed without dissent.

The vote: Four (4)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No

2. NEW BUSINESS

2.1 A Motion to Approve GSD Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: November 17, 2025 through November 30, 2025, in the amount of \$294,228.54.

Overview: Executive Director Hatcher 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 Graves gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve GSD Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: November 17, 2025 through November 30, 2025 was seconded by Commissioner Batiste and passed/approved.

The vote: Four (4)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No

2.2 A Motion to Approve GSD Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: December 1, 2025 through December 14, 2025, in the amount of \$274,137.10.

Overview: Executive Director Hatcher recommended approval of GSD Agenda Item 2.2.

Chairman Allen called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 2.2. Commissioner Graves gave the motion to approve GSD Agenda Item 2.2. The motion to approve GSD Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: December 1, 2025 through December 14, 2025, in the amount of \$274,137.10 was seconded by Commissioner Batiste and passed/approved.

The vote: Four (4)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No

2.3 A Motion to Approve GSD Resolution No.: SD26-01, Approving and Ratifying the Gary Sanitary District Establishing a Solid Waste Disposal Fund (Fund 6604).

Overview: Executive Director Hatcher recommended approval of GSD Agenda Item 2.3.



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Chairman Allen called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 2.3. Commissioner Graves gave the motion to approve GSD Agenda Item 2.3. The motion to approve GSD Resolution No.: SD26-01, Approving and Ratifying the Gary Sanitary District Establishing a Solid Waste Disposal Fund (Fund 6604) was seconded by Commissioner Batiste and passed/approved.

The vote: Four (4)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No

2.4 **A Motion to Approve a Waste Disposal Services Agreement by and between Gary Sanitary District and Republic Services.**

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

Chairman Allen called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 2.4. Commissioner Graves gave the motion to approve GSD Agenda Item 2.4. The motion to approve a Waste Disposal Services Agreement by and between Gary Sanitary District and Republic Services was seconded by Commissioner Batiste and passed/approved.

The vote: Four (4)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No

2.5 **A Motion to Approve a Scoping Agreement by and between Gary Sanitary District and Thieneman Construction for the Long-Term Control Plan (LTCP) Division B Improvements Project.**

Overview: Executive Director Hatcher recommended approval of GSD Agenda Item 2.5.

Chairman Allen called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 2.5. Commissioner Graves gave the motion to approve GSD Agenda Item 2.5. The motion to approve a Scoping Agreement by and between Gary Sanitary District and Thieneman Construction for the Long-Term Control Plan (LTCP) Division B Improvements Project was seconded by Commissioner Batiste and passed/approved.

The vote: Four (4)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No

3. **CLAIMS**

3.1 There were no claims presented for today's meeting.

4. **INFORMATION UPDATES**

4.1 **Superintendent's Report** – There was no Superintendent's Report presented today.

4.2 **Construction Activities** – There was no Construction Activity presented today.



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5. **DISCUSSION**

There were no discussion items presented today.

6. **REQUEST TO SPEAK**

There were no requests to speak today.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:11PM.

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ADOPTED BY THE BOARD DURING THE MEETING ON:

01/16/2026

WILLIAM ALLEN, PRESIDENT

WILLIE COOK, SECRETARY

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

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