



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**DATE:** Friday, January 2, 2026  
**TIME:** 12:30PM, 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: 12:12 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 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.  
Director 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 Director Graves. The motion to approve the motioned 2026 Board Members was seconded by Director 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**

Director 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 Director Batiste and passed without dissent.

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

**2. NEW BUSINESS**

**2.1 A Motion to Approve GSWMD Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: November 17, 2025 through November 30, 2025, in the amount of \$24,842.56.**

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 GSWMD Agenda Item 2.1. Director Graves gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve GSWMD Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: November 17, 2025 through November 30, 2025 was seconded by Director Batiste and passed/approved.

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

**2.2 A Motion to Approve GSWMD Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: December 1, 2025 through December 14, 2025, in the amount of \$36,818.36.**

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

Chairman Allen called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSWMD Agenda Item 2.2. Director Graves gave the motion to approve GSWMD Agenda Item 2.2. The motion to approve GSWMD Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: December 1, 2025 through December 14, 2025, in the amount of \$36,818.36 was seconded by Director 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 – There were no Informational Updates 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 12:17PM.

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ADOPTED BY THE BOARD DURING THE MEETING ON:

01/16/2026

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**WILLIAM ALLEN, PRESIDENT**

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

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**WILLIE COOK, SECRETARY**

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