

MINUTES
HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
DECEMBER 16, 2025
www.hammondsd.com

The Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana held a regular meeting at 4:02 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Administration Building located at 5143 Columbia Avenue, Hammond, Indiana.

President Dimopoulos called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. He stated that the Board held an Executive Session prior to the meeting to discuss personnel and litigation matters in accordance with Indiana Codes.

Commissioners Present: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller

Commissioners Absent: N/A

Commissioners Present via Zoom: Rubio

District Personnel Present: Milan Kruszynski, District Manager
Matthew Muta, Deputy District Manager
Joseph Allegretti, Attorney
Jeffrey Massey, HSD
Jack Smith, Sewer Department
Sharon Szany, HSD
Kaleigh Boyle, HSD
Jessie Amezcua, HSD

Others Present: N/A

Others Present via Zoom: Mike Hickey, MJHY
Natalie Cook, Donohue

President Dimopoulos said that the Board will be working off an amended agenda today. He asked if they needed a motion and vote on the amended agenda.

Attorney Allegretti responded that he does not think so. As long as it is noted that they are using one.

All votes taken today will be roll call votes since Commissioner Rubio is attending via Zoom.

2026 BOARD MEETING DATES

President Dimopoulos said they have the new meeting dates coming out for 2026. They will be sent out to them, but they have not received them yet. He does not think they need a motion on the new dates.

MINUTES
HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
DECEMBER 16, 2025
www.hammondsd.com

Vice-President Dye stated that Rachel did not send the board meeting invites like she usually does.

President Dimopoulos clarified that was what he was talking about earlier when he said he had not received meeting dates yet. They will move on and Rachel will send them invites when she returns.

President Dimopoulos stated the next order of business is the consideration of the November 18, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes.

Dye **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** to approve the November 18, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. Roll call votes taken.

FINANCIAL REPORT

President Dimopoulos commented that they have a financial report for today's meeting, but he knows Rachel is not in, so they will get that at the next meeting.

Kaleigh said there was a financial report included in the board packet for August and September 2025. If there are any questions, she can answer them.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

District Manager Milan Kruszynski stated that he wanted to let them know that last Tuesday at 2:45 in the afternoon the Hammond Sanitary Building Corporation met right here in the room for their annual meeting. All is well. They are going to pay the bond (lease) down and it will all be paid off in 2033. Milan joked that Jeff Massey would probably still be here.

Next, he will go over the department reports. First one he is going to do is Sewer Department and Jack. He let them know that in November, 9.8 miles of sewer were cleaned. The total for the year through November is 112.02 miles of sewer that have been cleaned. He is now going to jump to a different number. The total number of sewer locates that came in from January-December 14th is 9468. That is a lot of locates. Usually done by one person. Sometimes a second person will help out when the person is on vacation.

Vice-President Dye said for clarification purposes if he is digging a hole in his backyard and call 311.

Milan explained that this means they were requesting their services and these come in through the IUPPS email. Now, of the 9468, 457 of them were emergency locates that came in from what could have been water main breaks, sewer breaks, gas leaks or other utilities that need immediate service. It is really an important role. We have one person designated with other people filling in.

MINUTES
HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
DECEMBER 16, 2025
www.hammondsd.com

Water Department has two full-time employees. We had 9468 and they do the same thing because they are all a part of the same callout. Just to let them know where we all stand. That is a lot. He asked Jack if that was right.

Jack answered yes, Sir.

Milan moved on and said for the year so far there were 23 backflow water devices that have been installed. That is really good.

President Dimopoulos asked of the 9468 locates, if there is a breakout of what they were.

Jack responded that anytime you have to put a shovel in the ground, you are required by law to call IUPPS and they send out to the different communities (Water Department, Sewer, Nipsco, AT&T, etc.) to protect the infrastructure.

President Dimopoulos said okay and reiterated that of those there were the 457 emergency ones.

Milan added that means they get called out at 2 am.

The next report Milan is giving is from Dan in Maintenance. He said that primary tank #12 rebuild is going on. The basin across the street is waiting to be thawed so it can be cleaned out. They are hauling biosolids to both the landfill and the Wealing Brothers facility for land application. As you know, when we had the snow, they are doing plant removal, station removal, shoveling sidewalks, salting, taking care of the stairs. The Power building aeration tank #5 actuator is being reworked. Kennedy Avenue transfer switch is going to be done. The guys have been cleaning the plant and outlying stations, picking up screenings at stations and manually cleaning the rakes at Southside and Sohl Avenue.

Milan is moving onto Matt and the Safety report. There were no safety incidents within the last month. There was one safety incident for the entire year 2025. Not naming names, but a gentleman was moving some concrete and caught his thumb between the concrete and the bucket. It was an ouch, but that is really good in the large scheme of things. Congratulations to all the departments for helping out and making sure we are staying as safe as we possibly can.

Jeff in Operations reported to him that the plant is running well. No major issues from the cold spells that we have had. Flow is averaging about 28 MGD (million gallons a day) and we have had about one inch of rain across the District since the last board meeting. The land application report for October was submitted. He is working on the November report as we meet. He is also continuing to work on the biosolids land application permit renewal which is due in January 2026 for a ten-year period. That is very crucial and important to us. Jeff is also working on a bi-annual hazardous waste disposal report which is due in February. Jeff has been out to the industrial users and doing their annual inspections. October and November MRO has been submitted to IDEM and EPA. The chlorine system annual maintenance has been completed.

MINUTES
HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
DECEMBER 16, 2025
www.hammondsd.com

The last report he has is from IT. Downstairs in IT, they replaced two battery backups for the servers. They also had AT&T replace an issue they had with the phone server, so they did that at their expense.

Vice-President Dye asked if we have backup internet. Like if our T1 goes down.

Jessie answered yes. Our main is Comcast and if that is down, we have AT&T.

Milan said lastly, he wanted to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and healthy start to the New Year. Thank you.

PERSONNEL REPORT

The board did receive a Personnel report for today's meeting.

Dye **moved** and Miller **seconded** for the approval of the Personnel Report.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. Roll call votes taken.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

President Dimopoulos asked if there was anything other to say or add to what the District Manager reported for them today.

Safety

No questions or comments.

Sewer Department

No questions or comments.

CONSULTANT REPORTS

MJHY

Mike Hickey stated that the Board should have a copy of his status report. The main activity last month was preparing and distributing the consent decree status report. He would be happy to take any questions.

Donohue

Natalie Cook was attending via Zoom but lost her voice and was unable to speak.

Board members wished her well and told her to feel better.

MINUTES
HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
DECEMBER 16, 2025
www.hammondsd.com

RESOLUTIONS

The Board considered Resolution No. 21-2025: RE: A Resolution by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana Authorizing the Permanent Transfer of Money Between Certain Funds.

Dye **moved** and Miller **seconded** for the approval of Resolution No. 21-2025.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. Roll call votes taken.

The Board considered Resolution No. 22-2025: RE: A Resolution by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana Fixing Salaries and Wage Rates for the Hammond Sanitary District for the Year 2026.

Vice-President Dye commented that on the agenda this resolution is 22-2025, but the on the actual resolution it is marked as 20-2025.

Kaleigh answered that the correct resolution number is 22-2025. She knows Rachel had initially put this in folder as 20-2025, but that was supposed to be corrected, and they must have kept the wrong one in folder.

Vice-President Dye said that he would just like to make a note of this for the record that the number will be corrected on the resolution from 20-2025 to 22-2025.

Dye **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** for the approval of Resolution No. 22-2025.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. Roll call votes taken.

The Board considered the Bank Reconciliation Document dated August 31, 2025.

Miller **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** for the Bank Reconciliation Document dated August 31, 2025.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. Roll call votes taken.

MINUTES
HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
DECEMBER 16, 2025
www.hammondsc.com

The Board considered the Bank Reconciliation Document dated September 30, 2025.

Dye **moved** and Miller **seconded** for the Bank Reconciliation Document dated September 30, 2025.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio
Nays: None
Motion **carried** 5-0. Roll call votes taken.

The Board considered the Bank Reconciliation Document dated October 31, 2025.

Dye **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** for the Bank Reconciliation Document dated October 31, 2025.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio
Nays: None
Motion **carried** 5-0. Roll call votes taken.

The Board considered the Bank Reconciliation Document dated November 30, 2025.

Miller **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** for the Bank Reconciliation Document dated November 30, 2025.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio
Nays: None
Motion **carried** 5-0. Roll call votes taken.

The Board considered the Revised Claims Approval Docket 12-16-25.

Dye **moved** and Miller **seconded** for the approval of the Revised Claims Approval Docket 12-16-25.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio
Nays: None
Motion **carried** 5-0. Roll call votes taken.

President Dimopoulos called for Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

President Dimopoulos called for New Business

There was no new business to discuss.

MINUTES
HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
DECEMBER 16, 2025
www.hammondsd.com

President Dimopoulos called for Reports from Commissioners

There were no reports from Commissioners.

President Dimopoulos called for Public Expression

There was no public expression.

President Dimopoulos stated that before he moves for adjournment, he would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year. A healthy new year, of course. That is most important.

President Dimopoulos called for a motion to adjourn the meeting

Dye **moved** and Miller **seconded** for adjournment.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. Roll call votes taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

MINUTES
HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
DECEMBER 16, 2025
www.hammondsd.com



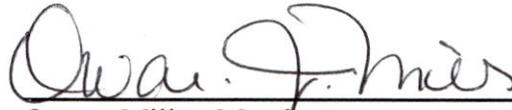
Sam Dimopoulos, President



Michael Dye, Vice-President



Michael Hawkins, Sr., Member



Owana Miller, Member

Monica Rubio, Member

ATTEST:



Rachel Montes, Secretary

Kaleigh Boyle, Assistant Secretary

Board Minutes Prepared By: Kaleigh Boyle