

Garden District Security District
Minutes
July 21, 2026

The regular meeting and public hearing of the Board of Commissioners of Garden District Security District convened on at 6:00pm at Trinity Episcopal School. Commissioners present included Barksdale, Charpentier, LeGardeur, Makk, Schmidt, Shugar, and Wolf. A quorum was present. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner LeGardeur as president. NOPD Lt. Boudreaux was in attendance. As were Brian Hunter, Daron Wilson and Adinas Allen, representatives from Allied. Todd Tournillion, GDSD legislative auditor from Richard CPAs was in attendance. Executive Director Landrieu was present. Three neighbors attended as well. The meeting notice was properly posted.

Approval of Minutes

Upon a motion to approve the minutes of March 30, 2026 made by Commissioner Schmidt and duly seconded by Commissioner Shugar the minutes were approved without objection.

Camera Report

Mr. LeGardeur reported that not much had changed regarding the cameras. No new installations had been made since the last meeting. Mr. Hunter noted that the alerts feeds were not showing up for the patrol. Mr. LeGardeur noted that he would have this corrected. Lt Boudreau noted that he would need to get permission from the NOPD to receive the alerts. He would do this and inform Mr. LeGardeur and Ms. Landrieu.

Updated App

Mr. LeGardeur noted that the upgraded reporting app from SDT was due for installation in the coming weeks. Lt Boudreau said that he would train his officers as soon as it was installed. He noted that he was familiar with it since it was already in place in the 8th district. The officers with Alliance would need the training as well. Mr. Hunter would make sure this occurred.

NOPD Report

Lt. Marc Boudreau of the NOPD Sixth District and as the GDSD/NOPD gave a brief report noting that crime was down in the area. Most shifts for the GDSD patrols were consistently staffed and a good contingent of officers was available. He acknowledged that the billing from the city had been very delayed and that he and Ms. Landrieu had been pushing the city to get on a more appropriate schedule. Ms. Landrieu explained to the Board that all officers were paid different rates depending on their rank and overtime situation, so a cross checking by the GDSD office could not be effective. Ms. Landrieu asked if Lt. Boudreau would sign off on all invoice s prior to payment by the GDSD since he was the one who approved the hours for all officers. All agreed. Lt. Boudreau noted that the monthly expense to the GDSD would be between 15,000-16,000/ month based on the past several months.

Lt. Boudreau noted that he had been accepted into the FBI Academy and would be out of town from September 30 til December 10 for training. He will return to this position following that stint. Sgt. Ladarius Johnson, the persons crimes supervisor for NOPD will handle his GDSD tasks in the meantime.

Commissioner LeGardeur noted that the one-year GDSD contract with the NOPD was expiring at the end of July. Another contract would need to be signed. He asked for a motion to renew the contract under the same terms for another one -year period. Upon a motion by Ms. Schmidt, seconded by Mrs. Makk, the matter passed without objection.

GDSD Patrol Report

Officer Daron Wilson, daytime supervisor for GDSD, gave a brief report of his 5 ½ years in law enforcement and answered questions re the GDSD officers thwarting a car theft by an illegal tow truck driver, and capturing a graffiti artist in the act. He noted that the homelessness issue was more active recently. He also noted that the incidents of porch pirates had decreased. Officer Wilson left the meeting.

Mr. Brian Hunter, GDSD allied manager, presented his case for an increase in pay for Officer Wilson noting that when the GDSD Board voted to have only two officers on duty at all times, with no supervisor, that Officer Wilson had stepped up to fill that role with no increase in pay. He reminded the Commissioners that when the new staffing was put into place, the Board agreed not to reduce pay for any officers making more, but to let it work out through attrition. Mr. Hunter noted that several officers left Allied thus he proposed that Officer Wilson get a raise that would cost the GDSD only .55 per hour for 40 hours/ week more than the current invoice. Upon a motion by Ms. Makk, seconded by Mrs. Schmidt, all voted in favor of this raise.

Financial Report

Ms. Landrieu reviewed the financial reports that were distributed including the 6/30/ 26 BOL statements, Balance Sheets, P&L vs Previous Year, and the Annual Budget vs YTD Actual. She noted that the expenses for the NOPD did not show because of the billing issues previously mentioned.

Legislative Auditor

Todd Tournillion with Richard CPAs, the GDSD Legislative Auditor, gave a brief report on the 2025 submission to the State. He noted that the GDSD report was positive and in compliance but mentioned that a Sexual Harassment policy would need to be adopted by the Board and training by all commissioners, required. This would be due in February each year.

Election of Officers

Ms. Landrieu noted that the following slate of Commissioners had agreed to serve as officers if approved by the Board: Wendell LeGardeur, President Mary Schmidt and Vice president, David Barksdale and Treasurer and William Wolf and Secretary. Upon a motion by Commissioner Charpentier, seconded by Commissioner Shugar, the slate was approved without objection.

He also noted that the P&L and budget should show the city collection as a separate fee rather than as a net number.

Renewal Election

Ms. Landrieu reported that the measure passed voter approval with 84 % of the vote. The next renewal would be in 8 years.

Adjournment

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned.