



GUAM SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY

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RE: FY2024 1st Quarter GSWA Board of Directors Attendance Report

Pursuant to 5GCA Ch43 §43107, the Guam Solid Waste Authority is submitting the attendance report for the GSWA Board of Directors for 1st Qtr. of FY2024.

Meeting Dates	Andrew Gayle Jr.	Minakshi Hemlani	Margaret J. Denney	James Oehlerking	Corazon Montellano
4th Qtr.					
10/26/2023	Present	Present	Present	Present	absent
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12/19/2023	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present

Please contact 671-646-3215 if you have any questions.


ANDREW GAYLE
 Board Chairman



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Thursday, October 26, 2023
1:04 pm – 2:33 pm
Guam Solid Waste Authority Via Video Conference**

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II. Roll Call

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Minakshi Hemlani	Vice Chairwoman
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Jim Oehlerking	Member

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2nd Publication with Guam Daily Post, Tuesday, October 24, 2023.

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