

MISSISSIPPI WIRELESS COMMUNICATION COMMISSION

November 6, 2025

MS Wildlife, Fisheries, & Parks, Conference Room
1505 Eastover Drive, Jackson, MS

Commission Members	Commissioner	In
MS Department of Public Safety	Davis, Mandy (Chairman)	Yes
MS Department of Transportation	Jordan, Jim (Vice-Chairman)	Yes
MS Fire Chiefs Association	Bailey, Matt	No
MS Association of Supervisors	Gray, Steve	Yes
MS Office of Homeland Security	Kruger, Baxter	No
MS Highway Safety Patrol	Loper, Donald	Yes
MS Department of Corrections	McAfee, Audrey	Yes
MS Emergency Management Agency	McCraney, Stephen	No
MS National Guard	McMillan, Maj. William	Yes
MS Municipal League	Moore, Glen	Yes
MS Sheriff's Association	Mullins, Paul	Yes
MS Department of Environmental Quality	Sanders, Chris	Yes
MS Department of Information Technology	Savorgnan, Holly	Yes
MS Association of Chiefs of Police	Scarber, Ernie	No
MS Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks	Skipworth, Curtis	Yes
MS Department of Health	Windham, Teresa	No
Advisory Members		
House of Representatives Appropriations Committee	Bounds, Scott	Yes
Senate Appropriations Committee	Michel, Walter	Yes
House of Representatives Public Utilities Committee	Powell, Brent	Yes
House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee	Steverson, Jody	Yes

Chairman Mandy Davis called the November 6, 2025 meeting to order at 1:31 PM and welcomed all including commissioners, legislative advisors, staff, and visitors to the meeting. Chairman Davis asked Mrs. Karana Carroll to conduct a roll call of those Commissioners and legislative advisors who may be joining the meeting via conference call. Chairman Davis called for the review of and a motion to approve the October 2, 2025, minutes. Commissioner Donald Loper made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Jim Jordan. Chairman Davis called for any discussion. With no discussion, Chairman Davis called for unanimous consent, with no objection heard, the motion carried.

Chairman Davis called on Mrs. Carroll to provide the MSWIN Staff Report for October 2025. Mrs. Carroll provided a presentation on new and renewed MOUs, law enforcement events, local events, and special event talk groups assigned. Additional information included site maintenance and repairs. The number of radio IDs in October totaled 67,959 subscribers, push-to-talks for October totaled 11.1M and the number of busies totaled 636. Mrs. Carroll also reported MSWIN Top 10 state agency system usage and Top 10 local/other agencies system usage for the month.

Mrs. Carroll then provided a review of the staff activities in October where the staff manage 161 of the 184 MSWIN sites. They worked with USSS/TSA/Ole Miss on communications for the Turning Point USA/Vice President visit,

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worked with MMD and Motorola on Camp Shelby/Camp McCain project, conducted internal response plan exercise, made repairs to co-ax cables at the Sillers Building, and continued asset management across WCC sites. Staff attended Southern MS/Southern LA Tech Roadshow, met with county and municipal representatives in Stone County regarding coverage needs, and met with USM Gulf Park Campus staff for case study/solution for coverage. The WCC deployed a SOW to the campus in 2019 for temporary assistance with portable/inbuilding coverage. The case study will examine current coverage provided by the temporary SOW with solutions for permanent coverage that is cost effective and beneficial to the campus and public safety officers. The staff also continued to work with contractors to co-locate equipment on MSWIN towers.

Mrs. Carroll gave an update on the Green River site in DeSoto County and the Bogue Chitto site being built by the MS Band of Choctaw Indians. These sites will be part of the MSWIN network.

Mrs. Carroll reported no change in the Contract Status Report. Chairman Davis called for any questions or comments about the staff report presented. Hearing none, Chairman Davis thanked Mrs. Carroll for the report.

Chairman Davis called for the report of the Procurement Committee. Commissioner Donald Loper reported there were six procurement requests this month. The first procurement request was from the University of Southern Mississippi to purchase 2 wireless dispatch consoles and 4 APX1500 radios with accessories and installation for an amount not to exceed \$146,332.68 from state contract 3429. USM is replacing older consoles that are no longer supported. This will allow for connectivity from the Hattiesburg campus to the Gulf Coast campus. Official board minutes are not required and the request received technical approval. Commissioner Loper reported USM's request received approval from the committee and requires no further action from the commission.

The second procurement request was from the City of Gulfport Police Department to purchase 6 AXS dispatch consoles including installation, implementation, and warranty for \$785,000.00 from state contract 3429. The Gulfport Police Department is transitioning equipment to P-25 compatible equipment for use on MSWIN. Official board minutes are pending and the request received technical approval. Commissioner Loper made a motion to approve the City of Gulfport Police Department's procurement request, seconded by Commissioner William McMillan. Chairman Davis called for any discussion. With no discussion, Chairman Davis called for unanimous consent, with no objection heard, the motion carried.

The third procurement request was from the City of Richland Police Department to purchase 45 APX N70 portable radios, 35 APX1500 mobile radios, and 12 APX6500 mobile radios with accessories for an amount not to exceed \$522,547.62 from state contract 3429. Richland Police Department is upgrading radios from models that are being discontinued. Official board minutes have been received and the request received technical approval. Commissioner Loper made a motion to approve the City of Richland Police Department's procurement request, seconded by Commissioner Curtis Skipworth. Chairman Davis called for any discussion. With no discussion, Chairman Davis called for unanimous consent, with no objection heard, the motion carried.

Commissioner Loper reported the following three procurement requests are from agencies under the Department of Public Safety and as a representative of this department, he is abstaining from presenting these to the commission and voting on them. He stated Commissioner Audrey McAfee will be presenting these procurement requests to the

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commission today. Chairman Davis thanked Commissioner Loper and stated that as a representative of DPS, she is abstaining from voting on these procurement requests, as well.

Commissioner McAfee reported the first request is from Capitol Police for 30 APX6500 mobile radios with accessories for \$139,584.00 from state contract 3429. This request is part of a previous procurement request approved by the commission in September 2025 for \$136,394.40 and therefore requires approval of the commission as the total of the project exceeds the \$250,000.00 threshold. Official board minutes are not required. Capitol Police need additional radios due to agency growth. The request has received technical approval. Commissioner McAfee made a motion to approve Capitol Police's procurement request, seconded by Commissioner Jordan. Chairman Davis called for any discussion. With no discussion, Chairman Davis called for unanimous consent vote, with Chairman Davis and Commissioner Loper abstaining, no objection was heard and the motion carried.

Commissioner McAfee reported the second request is from the Department of Public Safety for 160 APX N70 portable radios with accessories for \$1,568,116.80 from state contract 3429. Official board minutes are not required and technical approval has been received. The Department of Public Safety is replacing obsolete radios for the central district. This request is funded by a special fund for wireless communications. Commissioner McAfee made a motion to approve the Department of Public Safety's procurement request, seconded by Commissioner McMillan. Chairman Davis called for any discussion. With no discussion, Chairman Davis called for unanimous consent vote, with Chairman Davis and Commissioner Loper abstaining, no objection was heard and the motion carried.

Commissioner McAfee reported the final request is from the Department of Public Safety for 70 APX N70 portable radios with accessories for \$686,051.10 from state contract 3429. Official board minutes are not required and technical approval has been received. The department is seeking to order radios for the incoming MS Highway Patrol cadet class in January. This request is funded by a special fund for MHP Cadet Class 70. Commissioner McAfee made a motion to approve the Department of Public Safety's procurement request, seconded by Commissioner Skipworth. Chairman Davis called for any discussion. With no discussion, Chairman Davis called for unanimous consent vote, with Chairman Davis and Commissioner Loper abstaining, no objection was heard and the motion carried. Commissioner McAfee stated this concluded the Procurement Committee's report. Chairman Davis thanked Commissioner McAfee and Chairman Loper.

Chairman Davis reported there was no report of the Governance and Interoperability Committee. Chairman Davis announced on behalf of the committee the FirstNet Authority Meeting scheduled for October has been postponed to December 11, 2025, at MS Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks from 10-noon. All commissioners and FirstNet users are invited to attend.

Chairman Davis called on Commissioner Audrey McAfee for the report of the Emerging Technologies Committee. Commissioner McAfee reported there was no report this month.

Chairman Davis called for the approval of the October expenditures. Commissioner Holly Savorgnan presented the FY2026 financial report for October for the general operating fund as provided on the WCC Detail of Monthly Expenses and the WCC Activity Reports. Commissioner McMillan motioned to accept the report, seconded by

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Commissioner Jordan. Chairman Davis called for any discussion. With no discussion, Chairman Davis called for unanimous consent, with no objection heard, the motion carried.

Chairman Davis called for any Other Business to come before the Commission today. Hearing none, Chairman Davis moved on to MSWIN in Action and asked Mr. Dent Guynes to introduce the guest speaker, Major Rob Williams, Operations Commander at the Pearl River County Sheriff's Department. Maj. Williams is a carpenter by trade who joined his local Volunteer Fire Department and went on to become an EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) then was hired on for EMS (Emergency Medical Services) by the Pearl River Sheriff's Department. It was at this time he went to the Academy and became a full-time deputy with the sheriff's office. Maj. Williams started as a Patrolman, and rose through the ranks to Narcotics Investigator, SWAT, Narcotics Supervisor, Administration, Interim Chief Deputy, and is currently the Operations Commander. Maj. Williams said the county is 819 square miles bisected by Interstate 59/Highway 11 splitting the deputies on duty by northern and southern portions of the county. He said with the extensive size and most of the area is county, not municipal, first responders learn the importance of communication and how to de-escalate situations because back up could be 30 minutes away. When he began in the late 1990s, they had in car high band and low band radios. Now, through MSWIN, radios can track officers in manhunts and in foot chases with GPS. The sheriff's department has started working on ways to replace the current radios that are outdated and no longer being serviced. They have applied for grants, met with elected officials, and successfully lobbied for a MSWIN tower to increase coverage. Maj. Williams stressed the importance of the radios and good communication being a lifeline to the officers. He recalled a situation where clear communications proved to be vital when an officer was killed in the line of duty. On behalf of Sheriff David Allison and all the deputies at the Pearl River County Sheriff's Department, Maj. Williams thanked the WCC staff and commissioners for all the work that helps keep first responders safe. Chairman Davis thanked Maj. Williams for coming and giving an excellent presentation.

Chairman Davis announced the next monthly meeting of the Wireless Communication Commission will be held at 1:30 PM, on Thursday December 4, 2025, at MS Wildlife, Fisheries & Parks. Chairman Davis then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Chris Sanders motioned to adjourn the meeting seconded by Commissioner McMillan. With no discussion and none opposed, the motion carried.

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Attested: Executive Director

November 25, 2025

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Approved: Chair or Vice Chair

December 4, 2025

Date