

MISSISSIPPI WIRELESS COMMUNICATION COMMISSION

April 2, 2026

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	Yes
MS Office of Homeland Security	Clanton, David	Yes
MS Association of Supervisors	Gray, Steve	No
MS Highway Safety Patrol	Loper, Donald	Yes
MS Department of Corrections	McAfee, Audrey	Yes
MS Emergency Management Agency	McCraney, Stephen	Yes
MS National Guard	McMillan, Maj. William	Yes
MS Municipal League	Moore, Glen	Yes
MS Sheriff's Association	Mullins, Paul	No
MS Department of Environmental Quality	Sanders, Chris	Yes
MS Department of Information Technology	Savorgnan, Holly	Yes
MS Association of Chiefs of Police	Scarber, Ernie	Yes
MS Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks	Skipworth, Curtis	Yes
MS Department of Health	Windham, Teresa	Yes

Chairman Mandy Davis called the April 2, 2026, meeting to order at 1:30 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 March 5, 2026, minutes. Commissioner David Clanton made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Ernie Scarber. Chairman Davis called for any 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 February 2026. 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 equipment repairs. The number of radio IDs in March totaled 69,060 subscribers, push-to-talks for March totaled 12.4M and the number of busies totaled 742. 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 March where the staff presented at the 2026 Partners in Preparedness (PIP) Conference and in February at the MS ESF 8 Healthcare Coalition quarterly meeting, worked with MDOT on reorganization of agency talkgroups, met with MEMA, FEMA, and State Insurance on Winter Storm Fern damage assessment, visited counties for WCC outreach and radio training, loaned cache radios to state and local agencies, and asset management continues at WCC tower sites. The staff also continued to work with contractors to co-locate equipment on MSWIN towers.

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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 on Commissioner Donald Loper for the report of the Procurement Committee. Commissioner Loper reported there was one procurement request this month. The procurement request was from the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks to purchase 48 APX N50/N30 portable radios with accessories for \$214,997.76 from state contract 3429. The department is replacing APX7000 radios that are at end of life. The request received technical approval. Commissioner Loper reported the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Park's request received approval from the committee and requires no further action from the commission.

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

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

Chairman Davis said there are two items on the agenda under Other Business today. The first is the appointment of Karana Carroll as the authorized Application Agent to sign documents related to disaster #FEMA-4899-DR-MS for Winter Storm Fern. Commissioner Clanton made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Chris Sanders. Chairman Davis called for any discussion. With no discussion, Chairman Davis call for unanimous consent, with no objection heard, the motion carried.

The second item under Other Business is the FY2027 Funding update. Mrs. Carroll provided an update on funding for the MS Wireless Communication Commission including additional funds for Equipment. This will allow improvement to aging environmental equipment at MSWIN sites. Mrs. Carroll also provided an update on the MSWIN platform upgrade that will require funding no later than 2032. This update required no action from the commission. A copy of the first quarter MS Wireless Communication Commission newsletter was distributed to commissioners to review.

Chairman Davis moved on to MSWIN in Action and asked Mr. Mark Russell to introduce the speaker, Mr. Tim James, retired Police Chief from the Walnut Police Department. Mr. James thanked the commission and said how excited he was to come to speak today. Mr. James got his start with the Walnut Police Department in 1996 as a patrol/deputy. He went on to change positions in Patrol, to Captain, Assistant Chief, and then Police Chief. Mr. James said when he started in law enforcement, they used low band radios and was uncertain how far the signal would reach. They went on to use high band and CB radios. In 2014, he called Mr. Dent Guynes with the WCC about getting on MSWIN. The town bought their first radios with a grant from Homeland Security. Mr. James said the Walnut area is rural and the MSWIN coverage is excellent. He is semi-retired now, but Mr. James continues assisting the police department, town hall, and fire department with IT and radio communications. Mr. James thanked the commission for the opportunity to speak today. Chairman Davis thanked Mr. James for sharing with the commission.

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Chairman Davis announced the next monthly meeting of the Wireless Communication Commission will be held at 1:30 PM, on Thursday May 7, 2026, at MS Wildlife, Fisheries & Parks. Chairman Davis then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Curtis Skipworth motioned to adjourn the meeting seconded by Commissioner Stephen McCraney. With no discussion and none opposed, the motion carried.

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Attested: Executive Director

4/30/2026

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Approved: Chair or Vice Chair

5/7/2026

Date