

MISSISSIPPI WIRELESS COMMUNICATION COMMISSION

August 6, 2026

MS Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, & Parks
1505 Eastover Drive, Jackson, MS

Commission Members	Commissioner	In
MS Department of Public Safety	Davis, Mandy (Chairman)	Yes
MS Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks	Skipworth, Curtis (Vice-Chairman)	Yes
MS Fire Chiefs Association	Bailey, Matt	Yes
MS Office of Homeland Security	Clanton, David	Yes
MS Department of Information Technology	Gibbs, Mark	Yes
MS Association of Supervisors	Gray, Steve	Yes
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	No
MS Sheriff's Association	Mullins, Paul	Yes
MS Department of Transportation	Randolph, Casey	Yes
MS Department of Environmental Quality	Sanders, Chris	Yes
MS Association of Chiefs of Police	Scarber, Ernie	Yes
MS Department of Health	Windham, Teresa	Yes
Advisory Members		
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 August 6, 2026, 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 July 2, 2026, minutes. Commissioner David Clanton made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Vice-Chairman Curtis Skipworth. 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 July 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 highlighting staff visits to locals across the state, site maintenance, and equipment repairs. Mrs. Carroll stated that the number of radio IDs in July was 70,423 subscribers. Push-to-talk activity for the month totaled 11.3 million transmissions, with 595 busies recorded. The statewide communications system maintained a reliability rate of 99.999%.

Mrs. Carroll also reported MSWIN Top 10 state agency system usage and Top 10 local/other agencies system usage for the month.

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Mrs. Carroll then provided a review of the staff activities in July where the staff monitored the system for effects from Tropical Storm Bertha, lowered the mast on SOW at USM-Long Beach campus in preparation of Tropical Storm Bertha, delivered cache radios and assisted with training for MLEOTA cadet class, submitted the FY 2028 budget to the Legislative Budget Office, and continue to work with FEMA/MEMA on Winter Storm Fern damages. Additionally, asset management efforts continued at WCC tower sites, and staff worked with contractors to facilitate the co-location of equipment on MSWIN towers.

Mrs. Carroll reported in the Contract Status Report noting the FY2027 contract with Butler Snow is complete. Chairman Davis called for any questions or comments regarding the staff report. Hearing none, she thanked Mrs. Carroll for her report.

Chairman Davis called for the report of the Procurement Review Committee. Commissioner Donald Loper reported two procurement requests this month. The first request is from the Mississippi Department of Wildlife Fisheries and Parks for the purchase of 78 APX N30 portable radios with accessories for \$358,188.34 from state contract 3429. The Mississippi Department of Wildlife Fisheries and Parks are replacing their current radios that are approaching end of life. The request received WCC staff technical approval. With approval from the Procurement Review Committee, Commissioner Loper motioned for the full commission to approve the request, seconded by Commissioner Clanton. Vice-Chairman Skipworth abstained from this vote as he represents the Mississippi Department of Wildlife Fisheries and Parks. Chairman Davis called for any discussion. With no discussion, Chairman Davis called for unanimous consent, with no objection heard, the motion carried. The second request is from Harrison County for the purchase of a 5 Site Simulcast Radio System, 20 AXS dispatch consoles, 5 channel 800MHz NPSPAC Mutual Aid Subsystem, 15-year lifecycle and maintenance agreement with accessories and installation from state contract 3429 for an amount not to exceed \$22,251,200.00. The official board minutes have been received, and it has received technical approval. Harrison County is establishing a new P25 Simulcast trunked radio network that will operate from 5 county owned tower sites to support 4 county and city dispatch centers and 13 county and municipal public safety agencies with radio coverage throughout Harrison County. This new network will be connected to the statewide MSWIN system. With approval from the Procurement Review Committee, Commissioner Loper motioned for the full commission to approve the request with the caveat that the WCC be included throughout the implementation process to ensure it is integrated in line with MSWIN technical system requirements and with the understanding that the final design may change based on the availability and structural capacity of MSWIN towers, 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 welcomed Harrison County to the MSWIN system. Commissioner Loper said this concluded the report. Chairman Davis thanked Commissioner Loper for his report.

Chairman Davis called on Commissioner Audrey McAfee for the report of the Governance Committee. Commissioner McAfee reported the committee will be working with the WCC staff to bring forward some new governance policies this term that will strengthen the already existing policies that protect the MSWIN system and its users. We will also be working with staff to update and create interoperability policies. Chairman Davis thanked Commissioner McAfee for the report.

Chairman Davis called on Vice-Chairman Skipworth for the report of the Technology Committee. Vice-Chairman Skipworth reported the committee will be looking at modernized communication technology for additional tools that

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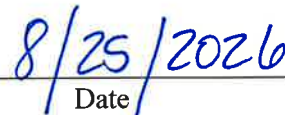
could be utilized. He said he would like to see presentations of land mobile radio equipment, and he commended WCC staff for providing technical training to users across the state. He also emphasized the importance of cybersecurity and testing. Vice-Chairman Skipworth said he would like for the WCC to display the SOW (Site on Wheels) and Tower Truck for the commission to view, in the future. Chairman Davis thanked Vice-Chairman Skipworth for the report.

Chairman Davis called on Commissioner Mark Gibbs to present the FY2026 lapse period and FY2027 financial report for July for the General Operating Fund and Capital Expense Fund as provided on the WCC Detail of Monthly Expenses and the WCC Activity Reports. Commissioner Matt Bailey motioned to accept the report, seconded by Commissioner Clanton. Chairman Davis called for any discussion. With no discussion, Chairman Davis called for unanimous consent, with no objection heard, the motion carried.

Under Other Business, Chairman Davis asked WCC Technical Advisor Mr. Karl Arndt to provide an overview of the modernization of MSWIN. Mr. Arndt provided details on upcoming system and site requirements and keeping the system safe with cybersecurity. Chairman Davis thanked Mr. Arndt for his presentation.

Chairman Davis called for any Other Business to come before the Commission today. Hearing none, Chairman Davis announced the next monthly meeting of the Wireless Communication Commission will be held at 1:30 PM, on Thursday September 3, 2026, at MS Wildlife, Fisheries & Parks. Chairman Davis then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chairman Skipworth motioned to adjourn the meeting seconded by Commissioner McMillan. With no discussion and none opposed, the motion carried.


Attested: Executive Director


Date


Approved: Chair or Vice-Chair


Date