

MISSISSIPPI WIRELESS COMMUNICATION COMMISSION

February 5, 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	No
MS National Guard	Causey, Lt. Col. (Retired) Ray	Yes
MS Municipal League	Moore, Glen	No
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	Yes
MS Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks	Skipworth, Curtis	Yes
MS Department of Health	Windham, Teresa	Yes

Chairman Mandy Davis called the February 5, 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 January 8, 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 January 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 January totaled 68,689 subscribers, push-to-talks for January totaled 11.8M and the number of busies totaled 1403. 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 January where the staff presented the FY2027 WCC Budget Request to the House and Senate appropriations sub-committees. Staff monitored and responded to Winter Storm Fern, loaned cache radios to a federal agency, and asset management continues at WCC tower sites. The staff also continued to work with contractors to co-locate equipment on MSWIN towers.

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, and she thanked the WCC staff for the extra work put in during the storm.

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Chairman Davis called on Commissioner Donald Loper for the report of the Procurement Committee. Commissioner Loper reported there were two procurement requests this month. The first procurement request was from the City of Madison Fire Department to purchase 19 APX6000 portable radios, 11 APX N70 portable radios, Command Central, and training for a total of \$219,441.23 from state contract 3429. The City of Madison Fire Department is upgrading radios to more user-friendly radios and updating the paging system to operate on MSWIN. Official board minutes have been received and the request received technical approval. Commissioner Loper reported the City of Madison Fire Department's request received approval from the committee and requires no further action from the commission.

The second procurement request was from Lamar County Emergency Management to purchase 7 dispatch consoles and 17 APX4500 mobile radios with accessories and installation for \$341,182.41 from state contract 3429. Lamar County's dispatch consoles are no longer supported. This project will upgrade the equipment to wireless consoles that utilize MSWIN. The official board minutes have been received and the request received technical approval. Commissioner Loper made a motion to approve Lamar County Emergency Management's procurement request, 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.

Chairman Davis reported there was no report of the Governance and Interoperability Committee.

Chairman Davis called on Commissioner Audrey McAfee for the report of the Emerging Technologies Committee. Commissioner McAfee reported there was no committee report this month. Commissioner McAfee gave remarks on the WCC staff. She said she was grateful for Nathan Williams and Dent Guynes meeting with and training end users on radio and MSWIN system capabilities. She encourages all users to make use of these training services offered by the WCC. Chairman Davis thanked Commissioner McAfee for her comments.

Chairman Davis called for the approval of the January expenditures. Commissioner Holly Savorgnan presented the FY2026 financial report for January for the general operating fund as provided on the WCC Detail of Monthly Expenses and the WCC Activity Reports. Commissioner Scarber 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.

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 Mrs. Carroll to introduce the speakers. Mrs. Carroll introduced WCC staff, Mr. Dent Guynes and Mr. Mark Russell, to give an overview of what WCC staff did to prepare for Winter Storm Fern and how the MSWIN system was used during the storm. Mr. Guynes said preparation began the week before the storm with briefings from the National Weather Service-Jackson, staff meetings to review duties, internal communications plan and contacting vendors to prep sites. Based on storm predictions, the Motorola Emergency Response Team (MERT) or a scaled version was called for possible assistance, if needed. Mr. Guynes worked with MEMA, made calls to CISA and our FEMA Region IV emergency communications coordinators. The staff also worked with neighboring states to interop between our systems should the need arise for leadership or responders to communicate between states. Mr. Russell spoke about the response and actions taken to keep the sites operational. He said 57 sites switched to generator power when the electricity went out. Many of these generators ran for days and required refueling of the propane tanks and monitoring oil and coolant levels to ensure the generators didn't cut off. Mr. Bobby Pugh monitored

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and tracked fuel and oil usage at each site. The staff worked with local and state agencies to help clear roads for vendors and technicians to have access to MSWIN sites. The staff monitored the system hourly for any issues that arose and had them addressed in a timely manner. WCC leadership was kept aware with regular briefings and calls. As the WCC is one of the ESF-2 (Emergency Support Functions-Communications) support agencies designated by the federal government, Mr. Guynes monitored MSWIN and other communication systems and reported any issues up to state leadership, including MEMA, and our federal partners. The immediate take aways from the storm included: MSWIN worked as designed, infrastructure (specifically generators) is key, relationships with vendors and partner agencies make a difference, site inspections will be performed after the storm, and our infrastructure is aging. The staff thanked the commission, Lampton-Love Propane/Ergon, MS Forestry Commission, county EMA's, Sheriff's Offices, MDOT, and all the local municipalities for helping us get access and fuel to the sites. Additional thanks were extended to Motorola, Jackson Communications, and Integrated Communications (Tupelo) for repairing site equipment before, during, and after the storm. Commissioner Curtis Skipworth said he appreciated the WCC staff. Colonel Ray Causey added that MSWIN is critical infrastructure as demonstrated during Winter Storm Fern. Chairman Davis thanked all the WCC staff for their hard work and for keeping the lines of communication open for those most heavily impacted by the winter storm.

Chairman Davis announced the next monthly meeting of the Wireless Communication Commission will be held at 1:30 PM, on Thursday March 5, 2026, at MS Wildlife, Fisheries & Parks. Chairman Davis then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Skipworth motioned to adjourn the meeting seconded by Commissioner Scarber. With no discussion and none opposed, the motion carried.

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Attested: Executive Director

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Approved: Chair or Vice Chair

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