

MISSISSIPPI WIRELESS COMMUNICATION COMMISSION

July 10, 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	Yes
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 Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks	Mann, Doug	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	No
MS Department of Health	Windham, Teresa	No
Advisory Members		
Senate Finance Committee	Barrett, Jason	Yes
House of Representatives Appropriations Committee	Bounds, Scott	Yes
House of Representatives Public Utilities Committee	Lancaster, Jon	Yes
House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee	Steverson, Jody	Yes
Senate Appropriations Committee	Williams, Bart	Yes

Chairman Mandy Davis called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM and welcomed all including commissioners, legislative advisors, staff, and visitors to the meeting. Chairman Davis thanked the MS Public Broadcasting for allowing the use of their facility today. 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 June 5, 2025, minutes. Commissioner Donald Loper made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Doug Mann. 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 June 2025. Mrs. Carroll provided a presentation on MOU renewals, law enforcement events, local events, special event talk groups assigned, and activities staff participated in during June. Additional information included site maintenance and repairs, the generator paint project, and the number of radio IDs in June totaled 66,733 subscribers. Push-to-talks for June totaled 11.5M and the number of busies were 293 with the reliability of the statewide communications systems at 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 June to include monitoring severe weather throughout the state. The staff also worked with Motorola during completion of the refresh to the MSWIN system and staff participated in the installation and training on the new Motorola AXS console. Mr. Dent Guynes participated in the planning meeting for the FEMA Region IV regional communications exercise. Spring preventative maintenance was completed for ground maintenance, generators, and HVAC systems at each site.

Mrs. Carroll provided a Coverage Expansion Project update about the MS Band of Choctaw Indian's Bogue Chitto site and DeSoto County continues moving forward with their Green River tower site. She also gave a MSWIN \$22M Refresh Project update. Staff continued to meet with Motorola on the completion of the SUA and close out meetings. The project was completed on schedule on June 30, 2025. Mrs. Carroll thanked the legislature for their ongoing commitment to and investing in MSWIN to provide the best coverage.

Mrs. Carroll reported in the Contract Status Report that Butler Snow and Cindy Crocker contracts are finalized and the 5-year contract with SBA Towers is in process. 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 was one procurement request this month. The procurement request is from Tishomingo County School District to purchase 65 APX1500 mobile radios and 9 N30 portable radios for \$196,880.67 from state contract 3429. The school district will be installing radios in the county school buses for student safety. Official board minutes have been received and the request received technical approval. Commissioner Loper reported Tishomingo County School District's request received approval from the committee and requires no further action from the commission. Chairman Davis called for any questions or comments about the committee report presented. Hearing none, Chairman Davis thanked Commissioner Loper for the report.

Chairman Davis called for a report of the Governance and Interoperability Committee. Commissioner Mann reported the Push to Talk (PTT) over Long Term Evolution (LTE) on the MSWIN system policy is still under review by the Committee. Chairman Davis called for any questions or comments about the committee report. Hearing none, Chairman Davis thanked Commissioner Mann.

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 June expenditures. Commissioner Holly Savorgnan presented the FY2025 financial report for June including general funds, local project funds, and capital funds as provided on the WCC Detail of Monthly Expenses and the WCC Activity Reports. Commissioner Mann motioned to accept the report, seconded by Commissioner Stephen McCraney. Chairman Davis called for any discussion. With no discussion, Chairman Davis called for unanimous consent, with no objection heard, the motion carried.

In Other Business, Chairman Davis stated there were three items to come before the Commission today. Chairman Davis called on Mrs. Carroll to present the proposed tower lease renewal from SBA Towers. This is the third 5-year term renewal with SBA. These towers were built for MS WCC to our specifications to lease. Most of the towers are in Zone 2. The lease agreement is for a five-year term, with a staggered 10% increase. The lease is not to exceed

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\$12,888,272 extending through December 31, 2029. Commissioner McAfee made a motion to approve the continuation of and increase to the lease agreement for 24 sites with SBA Towers VIII, LLC through December 31, 2029, in an amount not to exceed \$12,888,272, seconded by Commissioner Jim Jordan. Chairman Davis called for any discussion. With no discussion, the motion carried with none opposed.

Chairman Davis called on Mrs. Carroll to present the WCC Budget Request proposal for FY2027. Mrs. Carroll thanked the Legislature and Legislative Advisors for their continued support and funding of the Commission. The budget categories include salaries of \$895,141.00 and 9 positions, travel for \$10,000.00, contractual services \$10,815,575.00, commodities for \$121,600.00, and equipment for \$250,000.00. The operating funds request for FY2027 totaled \$12,092,316.00. Ms. Carroll provided a detailed review of the increases and zero change line items from FY2026 to FY2027 in contractual services, commodities, and equipment. Commissioner Mann made a motion to approve the FY2027 Budget Request proposal for \$12,092,316.00 for operating funds, seconded by Commissioner Jordan. Chairman Davis called for any discussion. With no discussion, the motion carried with none opposed.

Chairman Davis called on Mr. Dent Guynes to present an overview of the Statewide Emergency Communication Response. Mr. Guynes spoke about how communication is a strategic component in emergency response. He explained how Mississippi communications stay in a ready state of preparedness for emergency events. This is achieved through inter-agency and intra-agency exercises. Chairman Davis called for any questions or comments about the Statewide Emergency Communication Response presentation. Hearing none, Chairman Davis thanked Mr. Guynes for the informative update.

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. Guynes to introduce the speaker, Chief Trevell Dixon from the Jackson International Airport Authority Police Department. Chairman Davis welcomed Chief Dixon to the commission meeting. Chief Dixon has been in law enforcement since 2009 and has seen how law enforcement agencies use the MSWIN system. Chief Dixon worked with the Reservoir Police Department that covers the 33,000-acre reservoir in Scott, Leake, Hinds, and Madison Counties. MSWIN made it easy to communicate with the tower at the spillway dam from any location across the reservoir. He relied on the MSWIN system for connection with other agencies and counties and is thankful for the safety it provides for officers. Interoperability was key for all situations, from boat accidents to hosting special events. Chief Dixon has been at Jackson Airport for one year and uses MSWIN as the first line of communication to keep people safe. Internally the system is used to direct traffic, operations, and building maintenance. By using MSWIN, the dispatchers have contact with others at their fingertips. They receive alerts with aircraft and can respond with the airport fire department. They have used MSWIN to respond to in-flight medical emergencies. The Jackson International Airport, including Hawkins Field, is a part of national security and it is important to be able to communicate with each other. Chief Dixon runs tabletop drills with other agencies in the event of an emergency. These drills include active shooter drills, plane crashes, or any other catastrophe and there is a plan in place for communications among the responding agencies. Chief Dixon said the WCC is essential, and the commissioners do an amazing job. Chief Dixon thanked the Commission for their continued work.

Chairman Davis announced the next monthly meeting of the Wireless Communication Commission will be held at 1:30 PM, on Thursday August 7, 2025, at MS Wildlife, Fisheries & Parks. Chairman Davis then entertained a motion

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to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Mann motioned to adjourn the meeting seconded by Commissioner McCraney. With no discussion and none opposed, the motion carried.



Attested: Executive Director

7/31/25

Date



Approved: Chair or Vice Chair

9/4/25

Date