

MISSISSIPPI WIRELESS COMMUNICATION COMMISSION

July 2, 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	No
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	No
MS Department of Transportation	Randolph, Casey	Yes
MS Department of Environmental Quality	Sanders, Chris	No
MS Association of Chiefs of Police	Scarber, Ernie	No
MS Department of Health	Windham, Teresa	Yes
Advisory Members		
House of Representatives Appropriations Committee	Bounds, Scott	Yes
House of Representatives Public Utilities Committee	McKnight, Jay	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 July 2, 2026, meeting to order at 1:31 PM and welcomed all including commissioners, legislative advisors, staff, and visitors to the meeting. Chairman Davis welcomed the new designee from the Mississippi Department of Transportation, Casey Randolph. 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 4, 2026, minutes. Commissioner William McMillan made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Teresa Windham. 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 June 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 June was 70,207 subscribers. Push-to-talk activity for the month totaled 11.2 million transmissions, with 298 busies recorded. The statewide communications system maintained a reliability rate of 99.999%.

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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 June where the staff attended the MS Association of Supervisors Conference in Biloxi, presented at the MS Chief's of Police Conference in Biloxi, spoke at the MS Association of Pupil Transportation Conference in Tupelo, deployed the Site on Wheels (SOW) to the Neshoba County Fair, deployed the tower trailer to the Central MS Amateur Radio Association's ARRL Field Day, 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 in process and the contract worker agreement 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 on one procurement request this month. The request was from Warren County for the purchase of 7 AXS dispatch consoles with accessories and installation for \$465,000.00 from state contract 3429. Warren County is replacing their current dispatch consoles 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 McMillan. Chairman Davis called for any discussion. With no discussion, Chairman Davis called for unanimous consent, with no objection heard, the motion carried. Commissioner Loper said this concluded the report. Chairman Davis thanked Commissioner Loper for his report.

Chairman Davis called on Commissioner Mark Gibbs to present the June FY2026 financial report for review and approval of expenditures. Commissioner Gibbs reported on the general operating fund expenses, remaining balance, and revenue as provided on the WCC Detail of Monthly Expenses and the WCC Activity Reports. Commissioner David Clanton motioned to approve the expenses, seconded by Commissioner Windham. Chairman Davis called for discussion. With no discussion, Chairman Davis called for unanimous consent, with no objection heard, the motion carried.

Under Other Business, Chairman Davis called on Mrs. Carroll to present the WCC Budget Request proposal for FY2028. Mrs. Carroll thanked the Legislature and Legislative Advisors for their continued support and funding of the Commission. The budget categories include salaries of \$921,995.00 and 9 positions, travel for \$10,000.00, contractual services \$20,937,004.00, commodities for \$161,00.00, and equipment for \$13,069,582.00. The operating funds request for FY2028 totaled \$35,104,581.00. Ms. Carroll provided a detailed review of the increases and zero change line items from FY2027 to FY2028 in contractual services, commodities, and equipment. Commissioner Clanton made a motion to approve the FY2028 Budget Request proposal for \$35,104,581.00 for operating funds, seconded by Commissioner Randolph. Chairman Davis called for any discussion. With no discussion, the motion carried with none opposed.

Representative Scott Bounds expressed gratitude to the commission for providing a Site on Wheels for use at the Neshoba County Fair in June. He said the mobile unit brought peace of mind to first responders, ensuring a quick and effective response if needed. Chairman Davis thanked Representative Bounds for his kind words.

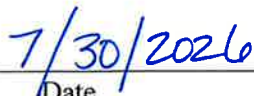
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Chairman Davis called for any Other Business to come before the Commission today. Hearing none, Chairman Davis moved on to MSWIN in Action and asked Mr. Dent Guynes to introduce guest speaker Mr. Daniel Cole, EMA Director of Panola County. Mr. Cole has been serving his community since 1990, starting as an emergency services volunteer, he served in the Mississippi Army National Guard from 1992-2000, and worked as a career firefighter and EMT from 1998-2005. In 2005, he served as Deputy Director of the Panola County Emergency Operations Center before being appointed Director of Emergency Operations in 2008. Mr. Cole also serves as Panola County's Emergency Management and Homeland Security Director, E-911 Coordinator, Fire Coordinator, and Co-Coordinator for Land and Water Search and Rescue with the Panola County Sheriff's Department. Panola County is 710 sq. miles, one of the largest in the state, with multiple state and local agencies operating daily throughout the county. Before joining MSWIN in 2016, nothing was working to meet the county's communication needs. With I-55 and Highway 51 bisecting the county, the county works with the Mississippi Highway Patrol and Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) often and MSWIN makes coordinating with them invaluable. Mr. Cole said during Winter Storm Fern, he became trapped in a truck for hours due to fallen trees, but he was able to reach MDOT for aid because of his radio. The interoperability of MSWIN was extremely useful during two train derailments in the county. All Panola County School Resource Officers (SRO's) use MSWIN. The Sheriff's Office sends escorts with school buses when traveling. Mr. Cole said that we know when they leave the school and arrive on location because of MSWIN-even up to north Memphis, TN. Being able to relay information back home is important. MSWIN works down to the Mississippi Gulf Coast for prisoner transport. He said they share talkgroups with MDOT to report accidents in construction season. Mr. Cole said this system works. If you aren't on it, then you don't know what you're missing-it is awesome! Chairman Davis thanked Mr. Cole for coming and speaking to the Commission.

Chairman Davis announced the next monthly meeting of the Wireless Communication Commission will be held at 1:30 PM, on Thursday August 6, 2026, at MS Wildlife, Fisheries & Parks. Chairman Davis then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Clanton 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