

MISSISSIPPI WIRELESS COMMUNICATION COMMISSION

March 5, 2026

MS Wildlife, Fisheries, & Parks, Conference Room  
1505 Eastover Drive, Jackson, MS

<b>Commission Members</b>	<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>In</b>
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	No
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	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 March 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 February 5, 2026, minutes. Commissioner Donald Loper made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Steve Gray. 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. Mrs. Carroll highlighted the highest generator run times at MSWIN sites during Winter Storm Fern. The number of radio IDs in February totaled 68,958 subscribers, push-to-talks for February totaled 11.1M and the number of busies totaled 273. 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 February where the staff presented to the First Responders Caucus Meeting, conducted post Winter Storm Fern after action meeting, 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 DeSoto County Emergency Management to purchase 29 AXS dispatch consoles with accessories and installation for \$1,531,862.64 from state contract 3429. DeSoto County's dispatch consoles are approaching end of life and being replaced. Approval of the procurement request is contingent on the receipt of the official board minutes. The request received technical approval. Commissioner Loper made a motion to approve DeSoto County Emergency Management's procurement request, contingent on the receipt of the official board minutes, seconded by Commissioner Ernie Scarber. 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 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 February expenditures. Commissioner Holly Savorgnan presented the FY2026 financial report for February for the general operating 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 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 called for any Other Business to come before the Commission today. Hearing none, Chairman Davis moved on to MSWIN in Action and asked Mr. Bobby Pugh to introduce the speaker, Mr. Richard Kappenman. Mr. Kappenman is the Equipment and Fleet Manager for MDOT's District 2 Batesville office. MDOT District 2 covers 17 counties and is one of the biggest districts in the state with 5,537 miles. He also handles the purchasing and distribution of radios in the district. Mr. Kappenman said he used the state's old radio system where an operator would pass along messages, a satellite radio system, and cellphones, but MSWIN is superior to all the other systems. MDOT District 2 has 8 base stations, 12 portable radios, and 173 mobile radios installed in work trucks, dump trucks, and lowboy trucks. MDOT can talk to individual trucks quickly and instantly with the radio system across District 2 including areas without cellular coverage. The MSWIN system was vital during Winter Storm Fern providing continuous, reliable communication between the supervisor's trucks and the snowplows. Drivers from other MDOT districts came to help during the storm and used MSWIN radio communication to help guide them on unfamiliar roads. Mr. Kappenman said MSWIN reliability and need was proven during this emergency. Mr. Kappenman said MSWIN is used for day-to-day activities, aside from storms. Often MDOT and the MS Highway Patrol facilitate traffic flow by using MSWIN's interoperability. Communicating by radio allows an easy change of plans when moving people and equipment around the district as needed. He thanked the commissioners and legislators for the MSWIN system. Chairman Davis thanked Mr. Kappenman 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 April 2, 2026, at MS Wildlife, Fisheries & Parks. Chairman Davis then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Savorgnan motioned to adjourn the meeting seconded by Commissioner Scarber. With no discussion and no one opposed, the motion carried.

*Larana Canall*

Attested: Executive Director

*3/26/26*

Date

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Approved: Chair or Vice Chair

*4/2/26*

Date