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## Classroom to Commission: Bridging Education & Industry with Commissioner Stamps

**Jackson, MS (September 16, 2025)** - Central District Public Service Commissioner De'Keither Stamps has announced the launch of *Classroom to Commission*, a new initiative designed to bridge the gap between the Mississippi Public Service Commission (PSC) and educational institutions. The program seeks to expose high school and college students to career opportunities within the utility industries, government, and public service. Hinds Community College will be the first institution to start the program this upcoming docket on October 16, 2025, and he will work with other schools throughout the year.

"Investing in our young people is investing in the future of Mississippi," said Commissioner Stamps. "*Classroom to Commission* will open doors for students to explore careers in fields that power our communities—from utilities and infrastructure to public policy and economic development."

The mission of *Classroom to Commission* is to empower students by providing them with direct access to industry leaders, critical resources, and clear pathways to success. By fostering these connections, the program aims to build stronger communities and prepare the next generation of leaders to innovate, serve, and strengthen Mississippi's economy.

Implementation of the program will include:

- Laying the groundwork for Commissioner Stamps' upcoming Summit and workforce development agenda to advance innovation.
- Establishing meaningful relationships with schools, colleges, and universities to engage key investors and stakeholders.
- Creating consistent engagement opportunities with students interested in STEM, public policy, and the utility sector.
- Highlighting the PSC's critical role in community building and economic development.

"This program is about showing students that they can be part of the solutions shaping Mississippi's future," Stamps added. "We want them to see that there's a place for their talent, their ideas, and their leadership within public service."

For more information about *Classroom to Commission* or to learn how your school can participate, please get in touch with our Policy Analyst, Nayla McClure, at [nayla.mcclure@psc.ms.gov](mailto:nayla.mcclure@psc.ms.gov).