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Mississippi Public Service Commissioners Host Mississippi's ENERGY WORKFORCE & EDUCATION SUMMIT

Highlighting the critical role of workforce development in ensuring Mississippi's energy future

Exclusive Breakout Session for Students only immediately following the summit 12:00-12:30 p.m.

Central District Commissioner De'Keither A. Stamps

Northern District Chairman Chris Brown

Southern District Commissioner Wayne Carr

Tuesday, January 27

MPSC Courtroom Woolfolk Building 501 N West Street, Jackson

9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

WORKING FOR YOU: ENERGY WORKFORCE & EDUCATION SUMMIT

The Mississippi Public Service Commission will host the Energy Workforce & Education Summit bringing together leaders from education, industry, and workforce development to address the evolving needs of Mississippi's energy sector and explore strategies for preparing the next generation of skilled workers. The Energy Workforce & Education Summit will highlight workforce development and collaboration, featuring Dr. Courtney Taylor on aligning education with industry needs, Patrick Sullivan on bridging skills gaps, and a panel of leaders sharing innovative training models. The summit is scheduled for Tuesday, January 27, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at MPSC Courtroom in the historic Woolfolk Building in Jackson. The summit will conclude with an exclusive breakout session where students will have the opportunity to engage directly with the Commissioners.

[Register for the summit here.](#)

Upcoming at the Commission

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Commission's January Open Meeting 11:00 a.m.
Commission's Hearing Room

ENERGY EXPO & JOB FAIR

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2026
9AM - 1PM

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578 Howard Ave, Biloxi, MS

DECEMBER OPEN MEETING

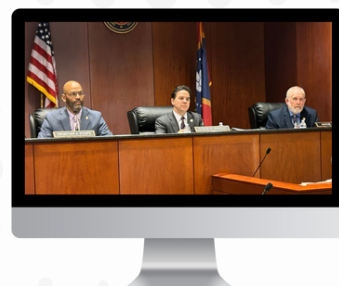
The Commission conducted its December Open Meeting Tuesday, December 2 to consider items on the docket.



AGENDA



WATCH NOW



LEARN MORE ABOUT THE FUNCTIONS OF THE MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



Find helpful holiday safety reminders and more by visiting our [Facebook page](#).

Commission staff member, Jody Ray, took home top honors in the Commission's Christmas Door Decorating Contest, earning first place for a festive and creative design that helped bring holiday cheer to the office.



De'Keither A. Stamps
Commissioner
Central District

Commissioner Chris Brown
Chairman
Northern District

Wayne Carr
Commissioner
Southern District



The Mississippi Public Service Commission extends warm birthday wishes to Southern District Commissioner Wayne Carr! December 2



CHAIRMAN

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Chris Brown

Northern District



Highlights from the Northern District:



December 19: HSUD Lineman Critically Injured

My office received news that a lineman was critically injured by electric shock while working within the Holly Springs Utility District. He was airlifted to a hospital for emergency care. We are grateful to the community which joined us in prayer for his recovery and for the well-being of his family during this difficult time, and we are standing by for updates.



December 13: Wreaths Across America

I was honored to join the Corinth community for Wreaths Across America, a meaningful day of remembrance for the men and women of our armed forces who gave their lives in service to our nation. It was a powerful reminder of the sacrifices made for our freedom and the importance of passing on gratitude and remembrance to the next generation. You can watch our video message commemorating the event [here](#).



December 12: Saltillo Christmas Parade

We had a lot of fun participating in the Saltillo Christmas Parade! It was encouraging to see so many families come together to celebrate the season and enjoy the small-town Christmas spirit that makes Mississippi special. I especially appreciated sharing the evening with my son, Gabriel, and PSC team member Taylor Kelly.



December 10: Mississippi's 208th Birthday

This year marked Mississippi's 208th birthday! I wanted to take the opportunity to reflect on our state's rich history, strong communities, and the hardworking people who continue to shape its future. Watch this short [video message](#) we shared to honor our heritage and look ahead with optimism for the opportunities before us.



December 9: Republican State Central Committee Meeting

I participated in a meeting of the Republican State Central Committee. As the first Republican elected to represent the Northern District on the Public Service Commission, it was an honor to continue serving in this role and to represent the values of North Mississippi: faith, hard work, and commitment to community.



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De'Keither Stamps

Central District



Highlights from the Central District:

Building for Mississippi's Future

As we close out the year, I want to take a moment to reflect on the progress we've made together across the Central District and throughout Mississippi. From strengthening our energy infrastructure to investing in economic growth and supporting families during the holiday season, this year has been defined by forward momentum and service.

A Major Step Forward for Mississippi's Energy Future

This month in Vicksburg, we marked a historic milestone with the demolition of the former **Baxter Wilson Steam Electric Station**, clearing the way for the **Vicksburg Advanced Power Station**, scheduled to come online in 2028. This transition reflects Mississippi's growing energy needs and the importance of **modern, reliable infrastructure** to support economic development, grid resilience, and long-term growth. Building for the future means making thoughtful decisions today—and this project represents exactly that kind of progress.

Investing in the Delta & Rural Communities

The **Delta Regional Authority (DRA)** recently announced nearly **\$37 million** in investments through the States' Economic Development Assistance Program (SEDAP), supporting critical infrastructure, transportation, workforce development, and business growth across the Delta and Black Belt regions. Mississippi alone received **\$5.7 million**, funding projects in communities large and small—from water systems and workforce training to municipal and economic development initiatives. This represents a **94.7% increase** in DRA SEDAP funding from last year, demonstrating a renewed commitment to ensuring our rural communities thrive.

Workforce & Economic Opportunity

Economic growth is strongest when people can see themselves in it. This year, we highlighted career opportunities across Mississippi—from economic development and disaster recovery to marketing, communications, and digital strategy—helping connect Mississippians with meaningful pathways into public service and community development.

Showing Up for Our Communities

Public service is about more than policy—it's about presence.

- I had the honor of serving as keynote speaker at the **NAACP Vicksburg Branch Freedom Fund Banquet**, sharing a message rooted in hope, urgency, and progress.
- In Holmes County, we recognized **Mr. James Anderson, age 102**, a military veteran honored for a life of service and strength.
- Our Central District team spent time volunteering with **Stewpot Community Services**, ensuring families had access to quality food and support during difficult times.

These moments remind us why the work matters.

Supporting Families This Holiday Season

As the holidays approach, we worked to ensure families across the Central District are aware of utility assistance programs available to help manage energy costs, including:

- MDHS LIHEAP & ECIP programs**
- Mississippi Power Customer Assistance**
- CenterPoint Energy Payment Assistance**
- Entergy Mississippi Bill Help Programs**

No family should have to choose between comfort and celebration—especially during the holiday season.

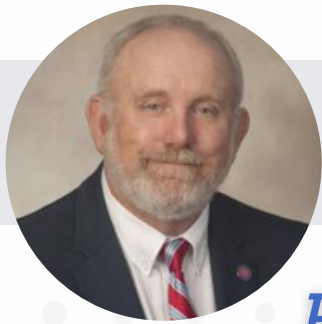


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Wayne Carr

Southern District



Highlights from the Southern District:



> **Working Together for Reliable Energy** December 1

I had a great meeting with Entergy Mississippi, where we discussed reliability, strengthening our electric grid, and ensuring Mississippi families and businesses continue to receive the dependable service they deserve. Partnerships like these are critical as we work toward a stronger, safer, and more efficient energy future for the Southern District. I'm proud to work alongside Entergy Mississippi to keep our communities powered and prepared for the future.

> **Recognizing Excellence in Night-Work Operations** December 4

I want to highlight the incredible team at Mississippi Power for their outstanding night-work operations. Through strong planning, a commitment to safety, and exceptional coordination, crews were able to complete essential work with no power interruptions to customers.

This level of excellence and professionalism ensures our communities continue running smoothly—even while most of Mississippi is asleep. I sincerely thank the Mississippi Power team for putting safety first and delivering reliable service to the people of our great state. I am proud of the work being done every day to keep Mississippi moving forward.

> **Investing in a Stronger Energy Future** December 10

I was proud to be at the ribbon cutting this month celebrating Mississippi Power's Bayou Casotte Substation rebuild. This important project represents a major investment in reliability, resilience, and the long-term future of South Mississippi.

Strong infrastructure builds strong communities, and Mississippi Power continues to lead the way in keeping our homes, businesses, and families powered with excellence. I am grateful for their continued commitment to serving the Mississippi Gulf Coast and our entire state.

> **Southern District Celebrates Christmas** December 20

It was a pleasure spending time with our incredible team at the PSC during our Christmas luncheon. Moments like these are a reminder that public service is about people working together, supporting one another, and staying focused on delivering results for the communities we represent. I'm grateful for this team and truly honored to serve our district. Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a blessed holiday season.



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Chairman Chris Brown NORTHERN DISTRICT

As we celebrate Christmas, we are reminded of the birth of Jesus Christ: the fulfillment of God's promise. His coming brought hope to a weary world, light into darkness, and the promise of redemption through God's love and grace. This holy season calls us to reflect on His message of love, humility, and peace, and to carry that spirit forward in service to others. May the joy of Christ's birth fill your hearts and homes with faith, gratitude, and renewed purpose. I wish you a blessed and Merry Christmas.

Commissioner Chris Brown, Chairman

Commissioner De'Keither Stamps CENTRAL DISTRICT

As we celebrate Christmas, I want to extend my heartfelt wishes to you and your loved ones. May this season bring peace, joy, and time to reflect on what truly matters—faith, family, and community.

Thank you for the trust you place in me and for allowing me to serve as your Commissioner. Together, we are building a stronger, more resilient Mississippi—one community at a time. From my family to yours, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. With gratitude and commitment,

Commissioner De'Keither A. Stamps

Commissioner Wayne Carr SOUTHERN DISTRICT

As we celebrate the Christmas season, I want to extend my warmest wishes to families across our state. Christmas is a time to reflect on our faith, cherish our loved ones, and give thanks for the many blessings we enjoy. It is also a time to remember those who are serving others, those facing challenges, and those spending the holidays away from home. May this season bring peace to your heart, joy to your home, and hope for the year ahead.

Commissioner Wayne Carr