



MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

From Recovery to Resilience

Mississippi Storm Preparedness Summit
June 23–24, 2025 · Tupelo Performing Arts Center

DAY 1

Tuesday, June 23

9:00 9:10a	<p>OPENING</p> <p>Welcome & Summit Overview Public Service Commission Chairman</p>
9:10 9:40	<p>KEYNOTE</p> <p>Weather as the Foundation of Preparedness Matt Laubhan — Chief Meteorologist, Mississippi LIVE Weather <i>9:15 — 9:30 a.m. Speaking; 9:30 — 9:45 a.m. Q&A</i></p>
9:40 10:00	<p>TOPIC</p> <p>Sunup to Sign-Off: The Frankie Show and the Fight to Restore Power Frankie Moorman — General Manager, Pontotoc Electric Power Association</p>
10:00 10:30	<p>PANEL</p> <p>Mutual Aid Action: How Partnerships Accelerated Restoration Moderator: Gerald Gordon, VP — Electric Cooperatives of Mississippi PANELISTS – Kurt Brummett — United Way of Oxford-Lafayette County – Kirby Mayfield — Mississippi Rural Water Association – Danette Scudder — Executive VP & Chief Strategy Officer – Brian Trascher — VP & Spokesperson, United Cajun Navy</p>
10:30 11:00	<p>PANEL</p> <p>Communication Challenges During Winter Storm Fern Moderator: Richard Stone — District Director, Northern District PSC PANELISTS – Tom Booth — EMA Director, Webster County – Ralph Dance — Mayor of Corinth – Paul Katool — Public Affairs Deputy Director, MDOT</p>
11:00 11:30	<p>PANEL</p> <p>Water Systems in Crisis Moderator: Dr. Jason Barrett — Water Resources Research Institute, MSU PANELISTS – Brad Braddock — East Lowndes Water Association – Kirby Mayfield — Mississippi Rural Water Association – Bill Moody — Bureau of Public Water Supply, MS Dept. of Health</p>
11:30 1:00p	<p>■ Lunch Break</p>
1:00 1:30	<p>TOPIC</p> <p>NOAA: Storm Preparedness from a National Perspective Michael Hill & Todd Beal — Warning Coordination Meteorologists, National Weather Service</p>
1:30 2:00	<p>PANEL</p> <p>Chainsaws, Trucks, and Time: The County's Fight to Recover Moderator: Chris Brown PANELISTS – Chad Coffee — Supervisor, Union County – Jimmy Gunn — Supervisor, Tippah County – Wayne Carr — Southern District Public Service Commissioner – Donnie Wood — President, Itawamba County Board of Supervisors</p>
2:00 2:30	<p>PANEL</p> <p>What Fern Exposed: A Faith-Based Response Moderator: Shular Griffin PANELISTS – Braxton Coombs — CEO, Coombs Gas – Steve Tybor — President & CEO, 8 Days of Hope – Hubert Yates — Mississippi Baptist Disaster Relief Director</p>
2:30 2:45	<p>■ Break</p>
2:45 3:15	<p>PANEL</p> <p>Beyond the After-Action Report: Brutal Lessons in Crisis Leadership Moderator: Summer Gibens — Tippah County EMA PANELISTS – Kurt Brummett — United Way of Oxford-Lafayette County – Bill Mattox — New Albany Light, Gas & Water – Sean McGrath — GM & CEO, Alcorn County Electric Power Association</p>
3:15 3:45	<p>TOPIC</p> <p>Strengthening Coordination: Utilities, Emergency Management & Local Governments Glenn McCullough — Fmr. Executive Director MDA; Fmr. Chair TVA; Fmr. Mayor, Tupelo <i>9:15 — 9:30 a.m. Speaking; 9:30 — 9:45 a.m. Q&A</i></p>
3:45 4:15	<p>CLOSING</p> <p>Public Service Commissioners: Closing Remarks</p>



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DAY 2

Wednesday, June 24

9:00 9:10a	<p>OPENING</p> <p>Recap and Day 2 Overview Wayne Carr — Southern District Public Service Commissioner</p>
9:10 9:40	<p>KEYNOTE</p> <p>Voice of the Field Danny Raines — Former Lineman, National Lineman Hall of Fame Inductee</p>
9:40 10:20	<p>PANEL</p> <p>Critical Cyber Infrastructure Vulnerabilities Moderator: James Brinson — Interim Director, MS Office of Homeland Security PANELISTS – Max Fenn — Protective Security Advisor, MS-DHS / CISA – Bobby Freeman — Director, Mississippi Cyber Unit – Greg Mallette — Cyber Security Specialist, MS Dept. of Homeland Security</p>
10:20 10:50	<p>PANEL</p> <p>Recovery Ready: What Every County Needs Before the Next Storm Moderator: Suzy Bowman PANELISTS – Mike Clayborne — President, CREATE Foundation – Kim Rushing — Community Development & Outreach Coordinator, City of Tupelo</p>
10:50 11:20	<p>TOPIC</p> <p>Strengthening Emergency Preparedness and Response Josh Vance — Emergency Preparation and Response Manager, Entergy</p>
11:20 11:50	<p>TOPIC</p> <p>How Emergency Power Teams Get Staged Marc Gerald — MVK Emergency Management, USACE · Sean Pezeshk — USACE National TEP Program SME</p>
11:50 1:30p	<p>■ Lunch Break</p>
1:30 2:00	<p>TOPIC</p> <p>Applying Lessons from Winter Storm Fern Steven McCraney — Director, Mississippi Emergency Management Agency</p>
2:00 2:30	<p>PANEL</p> <p>Municipal Emergency Aid / Storm Shelters Moderator: Todd Jordan — Mayor of Tupelo PANELISTS – Emily Mord — Mayor of Fulton – Jon Grisham — Mayor of Ripley – Hal Ferrell — Mayor of Batesville</p>
2:30 2:45	<p>■ Break</p>
2:45 3:15	<p>TOPIC</p> <p>Policy That Protects: State Leadership in Times of Crisis Philip Gunn — Fmr. Speaker of the House</p>
3:15 5:00	<p>CLOSING</p> <p>Public Service Commissioners: Honors & Closing Remarks</p>