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WORKING FOR YOU:

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE REGULATION (AIR) TASK FORCE

The Artificial Intelligence Regulation (AIR) Task Force, established by Senate Bill 2426 during the 2025 Mississippi Regular Session to study AI applications, risks, state-government use, potential code revisions, and funding considerations, met July 13 in Jackson to hear from several presenters, including Mississippi Public Service Commissioners De'Keither Stamps (pictured right) and Wayne Carr (pictured left), along with MDEQ Executive Director Chris Wells (pictured middle). Commissioner Stamps emphasized prudent, principle-based governance over any pro- or anti-data-center stance, calling for fair cost sharing, ratepayer protection, and infrastructure investment ahead of incentives, while urging a renewed focus on skilled trades education to prepare Mississippians for AI-driven workforce shifts. Commissioner Carr offered a historian's perspective, drawing on lessons from his family's sharecropper generation and warning that water, not oil, may define future resource conflicts – underscoring the tight link between water and electricity infrastructure. Both commissioners called for collaboration across government and utility partners, including recent coordination with MISO/Entergy on grid readiness, to ensure Mississippi approaches data center growth thoughtfully and unified. [Watch the full session.](#)

Upcoming at the Commission

**Aug
4**

Commission's August Open Meeting

Commission's
Hearing Room

**Oct
8**

MPSC's "From Recovery to Resilience – Mississippi Coastal Hurricane Preparedness Summit"

MS Gulf Coast Community
College, Hospitality Resort
Management Center,
420 Debuys Road, Biloxi

JULY OPEN MEETING

The Commission conducted its July Open Meeting Tuesday, July 7 to consider items on the docket.

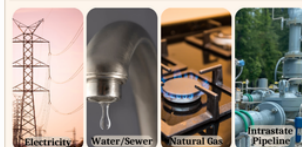
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Chris Brown

Northern District



Highlights from the Northern District:

> **Serving the People of Mississippi**

This month, my office assisted 105 customers with utility-related questions and concerns. Each call gave us an opportunity to listen, help ratepayers understand their rights, and work toward solutions regarding the utility issues affecting their homes and families. Whether someone contacts our office with a question, a concern, or a need for guidance, we want every ratepayer to know that their voice matters. These conversations also help us better understand the challenges customers are experiencing throughout the Northern District. That direct communication allows our office to remain connected to the people we have been entrusted to serve. Providing accessible, responsive service to the people of Mississippi remains one of our office's highest priorities.

> **Holly Springs Utility District Receivership**

The Holly Springs Utility District (HSUD) receivership case continues to move forward in Marshall County Chancery Court. The City of Holly Springs has confessed to all allegations regarding service quality, meaning the only matter remaining before the court is the selection of a receiver. A receivership hearing is scheduled for August 10, and our office is finalizing the materials to be presented to the judge. We're grateful for the continued collaboration of the PSC General Counsel, the Mississippi Attorney General's Office, and our staff throughout this process. Our focus remains squarely on moving this matter forward for the residents served by the Holly Springs Utility District.

> **Regulators' Roundtable**

This month, I had the opportunity to participate in a Regulators' Roundtable with fellow public service commissioners and utility leaders. Our discussion focused on the issues facing the utility industry and the responsibility regulators have to protect the people we serve. These conversations allow us to exchange ideas, learn from one another, and consider how decisions made today will affect ratepayers in the years ahead. I was proud to share Mississippi's perspective and discuss the work being done across our state. I remain committed to ensuring that Mississippi families and businesses have access to safe, reliable, and affordable utility service.

> **Celebrating Independence Day**

This Fourth of July, we joined Americans across the country in celebrating the freedom and independence that make our nation strong. Independence Day reminds us that the liberties we enjoy were secured through courage, sacrifice, and an unwavering belief in the promise of America. We are grateful for the brave men and women who have served and who currently serve, protecting those freedoms throughout our nation's history and today. May we never take our liberty for granted, and may we always remember our responsibility to preserve it for future generations.



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De'Keither Stamps

Central District



Highlights from the Central District:

▶ Fireside Chat – Flint, Michigan

Commissioner Stamps participated in a Fireside Chat in Flint, Michigan, joining leaders and community members for a discussion on utility regulation, energy affordability, water, economic development and public trust. He emphasized the importance of transparent, effective governance and ensuring communities have a meaningful voice as emerging technologies and infrastructure investments shape the future. Commissioner Stamps reaffirmed his commitment to leadership that prioritizes accountability, collaboration and long-term opportunities for the people of Mississippi.

▶ NBC-LEO Summer Conference – Birmingham, Alabama

Commissioner Stamps attended the National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials (NBC-LEO) Summer Conference in Birmingham, Alabama, where leaders from across the country gathered to exchange ideas and strengthen communities through effective governance. The conference provided an opportunity to build meaningful partnerships, share best practices and collaborate on innovative solutions that enhance public service and improve the quality of life for the communities they serve.

▶ Action News 5 Digital Desk Interview – Atmospheric Water Generator

Commissioner Stamps joined Capt. Moses A. West (Ret.) on Action News 5's Digital Desk to discuss the transformative potential of Atmospheric Water Generator (AWG) technology and its ability to provide clean, sustainable drinking water by capturing moisture directly from the air. The interview highlighted innovative solutions that could strengthen water infrastructure and expand access to safe drinking water while reinforcing the Commissioner's commitment to exploring forward-thinking technologies that benefit communities across Mississippi.

▶ Legislative AIR Task Force Hearing – Mississippi State Capitol

Commissioner Stamps appeared before the Legislative Artificial Intelligence Regulation (AIR) Task Force to discuss the future of artificial intelligence, data centers and responsible economic development in Mississippi. During the hearing, he presented his Six Principles for protecting the public interest, emphasizing transparency, accountability, infrastructure planning and workforce development as essential to ensuring innovation benefits all Mississippians.

▶ 52nd Annual Jackson Music Awards – Jackson, Mississippi

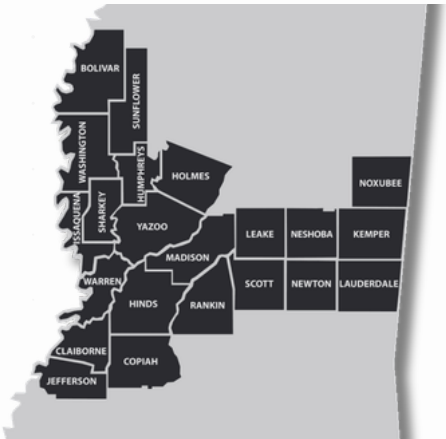
Commissioner Stamps attended the 52nd Annual Jackson Music Awards at the Jackson Convention Complex, celebrating more than five decades of honoring the artists, musicians and cultural trailblazers who have shaped Mississippi's rich musical legacy. The evening also provided an opportunity to strengthen community partnerships and recognize the lasting impact of music in bringing people together and enriching communities.

▶ Midcontinent Clean Energy Summit – Indianapolis, Indiana

Commissioner Stamps served as a panelist at the Midcontinent Clean Energy Summit in Indianapolis, participating in a discussion on aligning federal, state and regional energy policy within MISO. The conversation focused on grid reliability, long-term energy planning and collaborative policymaking, while reinforcing Mississippi's role in shaping a reliable, resilient and affordable energy future.

▶ Extra Table "Good on the Go" Award – Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Commissioner Stamps was recognized with a 2026 Good on the Go Award by Extra Table for his commitment to serving Mississippi communities and supporting efforts to combat food insecurity. The recognition celebrates individuals making a meaningful impact across the state and reflects the Commissioner's continued dedication to public service, community partnerships and improving the quality of life for Mississippians.

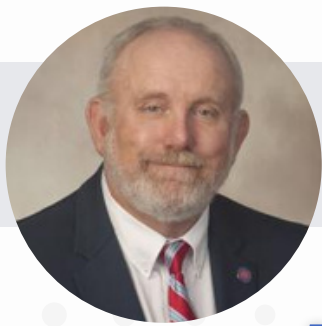


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Wayne Carr

Southern District



Highlights from the Southern District:



➤ As America celebrates its 250th anniversary, we proudly honor the courage, sacrifice, and unwavering spirit of those who built and defended this great nation. For two and a half centuries, generations of Americans have risen to meet challenges with resilience, determination, and an enduring belief in liberty and justice for all. This historic milestone reminds us that while our journeys may differ, we are united by the ideals that define our nation and the shared hope for a brighter tomorrow. Together, with gratitude for our past and faith in our future, let us stand as one people—strong, free, and committed to preserving the blessings of freedom for generations yet to come. May God continue to bless the United States of America.

➤ As residents of the Mississippi Gulf Coast, we know hurricane season is a part of life, making preparedness essential for protecting our families and communities. Take time to review your emergency plan, assemble a disaster supply kit, secure important documents, and stay informed through trusted weather and local emergency officials. By preparing before a storm threatens, we can respond with confidence, support our neighbors, and help keep our Gulf Coast strong and resilient.



Our district is excited to announce that we will be hosting a **"From Recovery to Resilience – Mississippi Coastal Hurricane Preparedness Summit"** on **Thursday, October 8, 2026** at the MGCCC Hospitality Resort Management Center located at **420 Debuys Road in Biloxi**, commencing at **9:00 a.m.** Please mark your calendar, and [make plans to attend](#). We look forward to seeing you there!

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