

MISSISSIPPI EXECUTIVE BRANCH

Governor TATE REEVES

As the 65th Governor of Mississippi, Tate Reeves continues to build on his strong record as a steadfast conservative leader who is fiercely committed to making Mississippi the best state in the nation to live, work, and raise a family.

Since 1972, the most federally declared disasters in Mississippi in any one year was four. In Governor Reeves' first 14 months in office, there were 14. During his tenure, Mississippi has faced down historic flooding and tornadoes, a worldwide pandemic, and the failure of the capital city's water system. Through multiple crises, Governor Reeves brought a steady hand and common-sense driven leadership to protect the lives and livelihoods of Mississippians.

Mississippi is in the best fiscal and financial shape ever and its economy is thriving thanks to Governor Reeves' fiscally conservative leadership. He delivered the largest tax cut in Mississippi history, returning over half a billion dollars to its rightful owners – taxpayers. During his tenure as governor, Mississippi reached record-low unemployment rates and collected billions in excess revenue. In 2021, Mississippi had the largest annual increase in employees since the last century. From June 2021 to June 2022, employment increased by another 30,000 jobs.

In 2022 alone, Mississippi saw \$6 billion in new capital investment into the state – a record that vastly outpaces the ten-year average of \$900 million per year before Governor Reeves assumed this office. This includes the single largest economic project in Mississippi history: a \$2.5 billion corporate investment that will create 1,000 new jobs with an average salary of \$93,000.

Academic achievement in Mississippi has also reached historic levels under Governor Reeves' leadership and students of all backgrounds are having academic success. Mississippi's high school graduation rates hit an all-time high and dropout rates hit an all-time low. The state was top of the nation in 4th grade reading gains for black students. And while some states stayed shuttered, Governor Reeves reopened schools and ensured students got the in-person education they deserve. Recognizing this success, Governor Reeves was proud to sign into law the single largest teacher pay raise in Mississippi's history.

A Rankin County native, Governor Reeves is a graduate of Florence High School and an honors



graduate of Millsaps College, where he earned a bachelor's degree in economics. Governor Reeves and his wife, Elee, are the proud parents of three daughters, Tyler, Emma, and Maddie.

Duties: The Governor is the Chief Executive Officer of the state, charged with executive direction and supervision of the general administration of the State. In this capacity, he or she sees that the laws are faithfully executed, supervises the official conduct of

executive officers, acts as commander-in-chief of the state militia, and appoints officials as prescribed by law.

The Governor is responsible for the presentation of a balanced budget to the Legislature and approval or veto of legislation passed by the Legislature. He or she may call extraordinary sessions of the Legislature when he or she deems it necessary, and may issue pardons, executive orders, and extraditions of fugitives from other states.

The office provides staff assistance and liaison in all areas of state government administration and researches agency programs and policies.

The Governor appoints numerous executive agency heads, as well as members to various executive and administrative boards and commissions. The Governor serves a term of four years and may be re-elected for an additional term. Miss. Const. 1890, Article 5, §§ 116-125. Miss. Code Ann. § 7-1-1 et seq. (1972).

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Lieutenant Governor
DELBERT HOSEMANN

Elected in November 2019 with more than 60 percent of the vote, the Honorable Delbert Hosemann is serving as Mississippi's 33rd Lieutenant Governor. He previously served as Secretary of State. Lt. Governor Hosemann is committed to serving the public with open and fair government. He advocates for increasing state government transparency, growing small businesses, shoring up Mississippi's roads and bridges, providing better access to healthcare, and ensuring every child receives a high-quality education. As the President of the 52-member state Senate, he remains committed to making Mississippi an even better place for our children and grandchildren.



Beginning his tenure amidst the global COVID-19 pandemic, the Mississippi Legislature appropriated \$1.25 billion in federal relief funds to purchase personal protective equipment, create a small business grant program, expand broadband to rural communities, and increase ICU-bed capacity. The Legislature limited liability for businesses and healthcare entities related to COVID-19 exposure. Under his leadership, the Senate has consolidated workforce development efforts, increased training opportunities for high-skill jobs, and retooled economic development incentives to be competitive and performance-based. In two years, the Legislature has doubled its investment in pre-K, raised teacher pay, increased funding for classroom supplies, and provided every student with a computer or tablet. Legislators also respectfully retired the state flag and allowed citizens to vote on a new design.

Raised in Warren County, Lt. Governor Hosemann comes to the position with substantial experience in the private sector as a businessman and tax lawyer. He is a former partner of Phelps Dunbar, LLP. He received his undergraduate degree in Business from the University of Notre Dame, a law degree from the University of Mississippi, and a Master of Laws in Taxation from New York University. Prior to attending law school, Lt. Governor Hosemann served his country in the United States Army Reserve. Lt. Governor Hosemann's tenure as Secretary of State was marked by several major accomplishments including requiring 16th Section land, a revenue source for public schools, to be leased for fair value. By the end of his third term, the Office raised more than \$1 billion for public education. He was also instrumental in acquiring over 20,000 acres of now public land.

As Secretary of State, Lt. Governor Hosemann revised Mississippi's business laws, automated legal filings, and fought to enact a constitutional Voter ID law. While other states are still embroiled in expensive litigation related to Voter ID, Mississippi's law has increased security in elections and remains unchallenged. Lt. Governor Hosemann also advocated to provide better access to health insurance for children with autism and other developmental disorders. Autism Speaks, the nation's leading autism science and advocacy organization, named Lt. Governor Hosemann Executive of the Year in 2018.

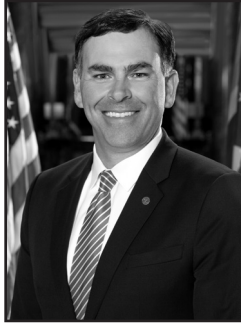
In his spare time, Lt. Governor Hosemann is an avid hunter and runner. He belongs to the National Rifle Association and is a past recipient of the NRA's Kirk Fordice Freedom Award. He is also a member of the Delta Wildlife Foundation and Ducks Unlimited. He has completed both the New York Marathon and the Boston Marathon. He and Lynn, his wife of 50 years, are members of St. Richard Catholic Church. They are extremely proud of their three children: Kristen, Chad, and Mark; and grandchildren Grace, Nora Lynn, Carson, Charlie, Manse, Charlotte, and Howard Delbert.

Duties: In addition to the Governor, the Mississippi Constitution makes provision for a Lieutenant Governor who acts as president of the state Senate. The Lieutenant Governor presides over the Senate, rules on points of order, appoints standing committees of the Senate, appoints all select and conference committees as ordered by the Senate, and refers all bills. He or she serves as a member of the Senate Rules and Joint Legislative Budget Committees, votes only in cases of ties, speaks from the floor while the Senate is in Committee of the Whole, and signs all finally approved bills and resolutions.

The Lieutenant Governor serves a term of four years and may be re-elected for an additional term. Miss. Const. 1890, Article 5, §§ 128-132, and 136. Miss. Code Ann. §§ 5-1-13, 5-1-43, and 5-1-47 (1972).

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Secretary of State **MICHAEL WATSON**



Secretary of State Michael David Watson, Jr., was born and raised in Mississippi. He is a husband to his loving wife Lauren, father of three beautiful young daughters, the son of a shipyard worker and bank teller. After his work as a pipefitter, Michael's father entered the ministry and continues to serve as pastor at Liberty Church in Gautier. His mother passed away shortly before Michael became Mississippi's thirty-sixth Secretary of State. A graduate of Pascagoula High School and the University of Mississippi, where he earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree and a law degree, Michael began his work in public service in the summer of 1999, serving as an intern for then U.S. Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott. That experience strengthened his desire to one day enter public service in order to improve the quality of life for all Mississippians.

Prior to taking office as Secretary of State in January 2020, Michael served three terms in the State Senate, where he represented District 51 in Jackson County. He authored the Fetal Protection Act, which strengthened the penalties for injuring an unborn child. He also wrote Mississippi's first comprehensive law to tackle illegal immigration, as well as legislation to allow alternate-track diplomas—one of the first efforts to return a focus to career and technical training for high school students. More of Michael's proposals came to fruition in the State Senate, including the Catastrophe Savings Accounts and the Equal Opportunity for Students with Special Needs Act. In addition, former Governor Phil Bryant asked Michael to introduce the legislation adding "In God We Trust" to our state seal. During his time in the State Senate, Michael became known as a conservative fighter for his work to preserve Mississippians' rights and religious liberties and to limit government overreach and spending. Michael brings these same conservative principles to the Secretary of State's Office.

As Secretary of State, Michael is focused on protecting the integrity of our elections by emphasizing the importance of clean voter rolls and continuing strong enforcement of Mississippi's Voter ID law. Since taking office, he's fought to push legislation to ensure only United States citizens are registered to vote in Mississippi. Michael is also dedicated to bringing about a more efficient and effective state government by working to reduce regulations and red tape so small businesses can grow and flourish in a free market economy. During his first year as Secretary of State, he launched the Tackle the Tape initiative, which aims to help increase economic opportunities for all Mississippians by promoting competition and encouraging innovation and job growth.

As a native of the Mississippi Gulf Coast, Michael understands the importance of properly managing Tidelands and other public lands. He is committed to keeping the decisions in the hands of local officials as much as allowed by law while monitoring these decisions to ensure Mississippians receive fair value. During his time in the private sector, Michael opened his own firm where he focused on business law, construction law, and probate law. He is a member

of the National Rifle Association (NRA), the American Council of Young Political Leaders, the Mississippi Bar Association, the Ole Miss Alumni Association, and the Ole Miss Hall of Fame. He and his family spend time volunteering with the American Heart Association, American Cancer Society, and the Dream Program. As a dedicated family man, Michael and his wife, Lauren, have three daughters—Gracie Pierce, Annie, and Cora Elizabeth. The Watsons are members of First Presbyterian Church in Pascagoula and enjoy visiting church families all over Mississippi.

Duties: The Secretary of State directs a service and information agency with major statutory functions: administration of the Mississippi Corporation Law, the Uniform Commercial Code, the Uniform Securities Law, and the Elections Code; administration and supervision of the 16th Section School Trust Lands, the Tidelands Trust, lieu lands, and tax-forfeited property; and issuance of documents and publications of the state, including those for the executive and legislative branches; investigation of charities and securities fraud; regulation and enforcement of the statutes governing seller's of pre-need funeral products, perpetual care cemeteries, scrap metal dealers, and athlete agents; enforcement of campaign finance and lobbyist reporting requirements. Other responsibilities include issuing notary commissions, registering correspondence schools, administering the state's trademark and service mark laws, service of process, and publishing the Administrative Procedures Act Bulletin and Code. The Constitution also designates the Secretary of State as the "keeper of the Capitol."

The Secretary of State is elected to a four-year term and may be re-elected. Miss. Const. 1890, Article 5 §§ 133 and 136. Miss. Code Ann. § 7-3-1 et seq. (1972).

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Attorney General LYNN FITCH

Lynn Fitch was sworn in as Mississippi's 40th Attorney General and first ever woman Attorney General on August 9, 2020.

Raised in Holly Springs, Mississippi, Attorney General Fitch earned both a Bachelor of Business Administration and a Juris Doctorate at the University of Mississippi. At the age of 23, she began her legal career as a Special Assistant Attorney General at the Mississippi Attorney General's Office. She continued her career in private practice as a bond lawyer, accumulating more than 35 years of legal experience both in private practice and public service.

Before becoming the State's chief legal officer, Attorney General Fitch served as Mississippi's elected State Treasurer for eight years, from January 2012 to January 2020. Prior to that, she was selected by Governor Barbour to serve as Executive Director of the Mississippi State Personnel Board (MSPB), and she served as Deputy Executive Director at the Mississippi Department of Employment Security (MDES) and as Counsel for the Mississippi House of Representatives Ways and Means and Local and Private Legislation Committees.

General Fitch was active on the national level as State Treasurer, serving as Vice President for the National Association of Treasurers and as Chair of the State Financial Officers Foundation. She has already served on the Executive Committee of the National Association of Attorneys General, and she is currently serving as Co-Chair of the National Association of Attorneys General Human Trafficking Committee.

In 2022, TIME named General Fitch to its list of the 100 most influential people in the world and Worth Magazine named her to its Worthy 100 for her work protecting women and children. She was recognized as one of Mississippi's Top 50 Most Influential in 2017, 2022, and 2023; selected as Outstanding Woman Lawyer of 2012 and a Woman Trailblazer by the Mississippi Bar Association; and honored with the prestigious Susie Blue Buchanan award by the Mississippi Bar Association's Women in the Professional Committee. General Fitch was also named a Mississippi Business Journal Leader in Finance in 2016 and Leader in Law in 2010, as well as a 2015 Honoree of the Women in Government Leadership Program by Governing Magazine.



Attorney General Fitch has also been active in her community, serving as a member of the boards of several charitable organizations including First Responders of Mississippi, the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Goodwill Industries, and the American Red Cross.

Duties: The Attorney General is the Chief Legal Officer and Advisor for the State of Mississippi on both criminal and civil matters.

The office's responsibility is

to represent public officials and government agencies and to issue legal opinions that interpret state law. Most importantly, the Attorney General represents the people of the State of Mississippi.

The Attorney General serves on several boards and commissions including, but not limited, to the State Bond Commission, the Tort Claims Board, the License Tag Commission, the State Board of Election Commissioners, and the Occupational Licensing Review Board.

General Fitch also serves as the Chairperson of Governor Reeves' Mississippi Cybersecurity Task Force.

The Attorney General is elected to four-year term and may be re-elected. Miss. Const. 1890, Article 6, § 173. Miss. Ann. § 7-5-1 et seq. (1972).

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State Treasurer **DAVID MCRAE**

David McRae is a fourth-generation Mississippian. His great-grandfather, Sam McRae, grew up on a farm in Rankin County and opened his first S.P. McRae department store in Jackson at the turn of the century. Dedicated to customer service, the store remained one of the premier department store chains in the southeast for more than 100 years. That same customer-service mindset is at the center of what McRae is working to accomplish as State Treasurer. His primary responsibility is to manage the cash flow that keeps state agencies operating on a daily basis, but it also comes with a seat on more than a dozen different boards and commissions.

McRae has prioritized the distribution of Unclaimed Money, returning more than \$65 million to Mississippians since taking office. McRae has also protected the state's strong credit ratings, resulting more than \$100 million of savings for taxpayers through debt refinancing deals. Additionally, he oversees College Savings Mississippi, helping lift the financial burden of a college education for thousands of young people. Prior to serving as State Treasurer, McRae was involved in the family business, serving as Managing Partner of McRae Investments. He is active in civic and community organizations, including Habitat for Humanity, Friends of Children's Hospital, and the American Heart Association. McRae earned his Bachelor's degree from Southern Methodist University and his law degree from Mississippi College. He lives in Ridgeland with his wife, Katherine, and their three children. They attend Christ United Methodist Church in Jackson.



Duties: The Office of the State Treasurer has many different divisions, including Cash Management, Investments, Bonds, Collateral, Unclaimed Money, and College Savings Mississippi. Among the Treasurer's duties and responsibilities are maintaining all the state's financial records including receipts, deposits, and disbursements of funds that flow through the state's coffers. Those funds come from multiple sources including the federal government, proceeds from the issuance of

bonds, interest payments, and income and sales tax.

The Treasurer also is responsible for investing state funds, serves as custodian of securities held by other agencies, pays state warrants, manages the Unclaimed Property Program, and administers Mississippi's two 529 College Savings Programs: MPACT, Mississippi's Prepaid Affordable College Tuition Program and MACS, Mississippi's Affordable College Savings Program.

The Treasurer serves as a member of more than a dozen boards, including Mississippi Windstorm Underwriting Association Board, Mississippi Guaranty Pool Board, State Bond Commission, Public Employees Retirement Board, Mississippi Business Finance Corporation, Development Bank Board, License Tag Commission, Tort Claims Board, Economic Development Strategic Planning Task Force, State Prison Emergency and Management Board, Private Nonprofit Institutions of Higher Learning (MEFA), the Historic Properties Trust Fund Advisory Committee, and Chairman of the College Savings Plan of Mississippi Board.

The Treasurer is elected to a four-year term and may be re-elected. Miss. Constitution 1890. Article 5.SS 125, 134 and 136. Miss. Code Ann. § 7-9-1 et seq. (1972)

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State Auditor **SHAD WHITE**

Shad White, a Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE), grew up in Sandersville, Mississippi, population 731, in a blue-collar family. His father and grandfather were oilfield pumpers, and his mother and grandmother were public school teachers. On the weekends, his father was music minister at their small country church, and his mother played the organ. Shad went on to earn degrees from the University of Mississippi, the University of Oxford, where he studied as a Rhodes Scholar, and Harvard Law School.

In his time as State Auditor, Shad White's team has stopped the largest public fraud in state history, made the largest civil recovery after an auditor's investigation in the history of the office, and concluded cases that, collectively, led to hundreds of years of prison sentences for fraudsters.

White was appointed the 42nd State Auditor of Mississippi in July 2018 and won election to the office after establishing a tough, no-nonsense reputation. Prior to becoming Auditor, White served as a special prosecutor, won ethics cases against politicians who broke the law, and earned a certificate in forensic accounting (the use of accounting to discover fraud) from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. He also serves in the military as a captain in the Mississippi National Guard.

Today Shad, his wife Rina, and their children live in Rankin County and are faithful members at St. Richard Church.



Duties: The State Auditor is responsible for auditing state agencies, county governments, school districts, community and junior colleges, and universities; conducting investigations into abuse of public funds and violations of law; providing best practices for all public offices of regional and local subdivisions of the state, systems of accounting, budgeting and reporting financial facts relating to said offices in conformity with legal requirements and with generally

accepted accounting principles; conducting inventory audits of all state property; and auditing the quality of data and data controls in public schools. The State Auditor is elected to a four-year term and may be re-elected. Miss. Const. 1890, Article 5, § § 113, 115, 134, and 136. Miss. Code Ann. § 7-7-1, et seq. (1972).

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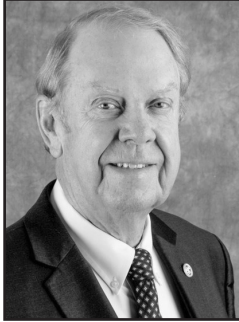
Commissioner of Insurance **MIKE CHANEY**

Mike Chaney, Mississippi's 11th Commissioner of Insurance and State Fire Marshal, is currently serving his fourth term in office. First elected in 2007, Chaney brought extensive business knowledge and experience to the office combined with 15 years of service in the Mississippi House and Senate. His priorities throughout his terms in office remain steadfastly committed to consumer protection and application of technology for efficiency of the department to serve the state and consumers.

He is leading the department in making strides in healthcare reform; disaster recovery from flood, tornado and hurricane events; bail bond industry reform; and reductions in state fire deaths. An active member of the NAIC, Chaney serves on numerous committees, task forces and working groups. Among the issues he is involved in addressing are examination oversight, accounting practices, producer licensing, health insurance and managed care, senior issues, catastrophe and property and casualty insurance. As Commissioner, he was inducted into the Insurance Hall of Fame at his alma mater, Mississippi State University.

He received the Distinguished Service Award from the University of Mississippi Risk Management and Insurance program and its professional society. He has been named one of the top insurance professionals by Insurance Business America Magazine, and was named a Healthcare Hero by the Mississippi Business Journal. Commissioner Chaney has served on numerous community development entities and corporate boards. He is also a Rotarian and Paul Harris Fellow.

He is a veteran of the United States Army, serving in Vietnam. Chaney and his wife, Mary have three children and eight grandchildren.



Duties: The Insurance Commissioner is charged with execution of all laws relative to insurance companies, corporations, associations and fraternal orders, their agents and adjusters. This office licenses and regulates the practices of all insurance companies, agents, burial associations, fraternal societies, bail bondsmen, and other entities engaged in the business of insurance.

The Insurance Commissioner licenses manufacturers and dealers of mobile homes and regulates their practices, including inspecting their manufacturing techniques and standards. The office enforces the liquefied compressed gas inspection program. The State's standard fire code is administered by the Commissioner through the department's State Fire Marshal Division.

The Insurance Commissioner also serves as State Fire Marshal and Chairman of the State Fire Academy. The Insurance Commissioner is elected to a four-year term and may be re-elected. Miss. Code Ann. § 83-1-1 et seq. (1972)

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Commissioner of Agriculture & Commerce
ANDY GIPSON

J. Andrew (“Andy”) Gipson serves as Mississippi’s eighth Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce. He was elected in 2019 following an appointment by Governor Phil Bryant in March 2018. As Commissioner, Gipson successfully launched Genuine MS®, the Agricultural Workforce Development Initiative, the County Correspondents Program, and the Wild Hog Control Program. He also created an office to promote and expand forestry and timber markets.



Gipson serves as President of the Southern United States Trade Association and Past President of the Southern Association of State Departments of Agriculture. He is an active member of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture, the Mississippi Cattlemen’s Association and the Simpson County Development Foundation. Prior to serving as Commissioner, Gipson served District 77 (Simpson and Rankin counties) in the Mississippi House of Representatives for 10 years. Gipson chaired the House Judiciary B Committee and the Ethics Committee. Gipson served as Treasurer for the Mississippi Legislative Conservation Coalition and the Mississippi House Republican Conference.

Gipson was named Conservative Legislator of the Year by Mississippi Legislative Conservative Coalition, Legislator of the Year by Mothers Against Drunk Driving, and Pro-Life Legislator of the Year by Pro-Life Mississippi. He received the Defender of Freedom Award from the National Rifle Association, the Kirk Fordice Freedom Award from the Central Mississippi Friends of NRA, and the Braves Pioneer Award by the Alcorn State University School of Agriculture and Applied Sciences. Gipson was named as one of Mississippi’s Top 50 Most Influential.

Gipson received a Bachelor of Arts in political science from Mississippi College and a juris doctorate from Mississippi College School of Law. He has been in private law practice since 2002. Gipson is an ordained Baptist minister, having served as a pastor and evangelist. He and his wife, Leslie, have four children — Joseph, Benjamin, Abigail and Sarah. They reside on their small working cattle and tree farm in Simpson County.

Duties: The Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce was created in 1906 by the Mississippi Legislature to foster and promote the business of agriculture under the management and control of the Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce.

The Department’s Market Development division promotes Mississippi agricultural products, both nationally and internationally, through such programs as

Genuine MS® and the Agritourism Registration Program. This division also publishes the Mississippi Market Bulletin. The Department operates the Mississippi State Fairgrounds, Mississippi Farmers Market and the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum.

The Department performs regulatory functions in the areas of aquaculture inspection for all non-native species of fish and game fish for stocking and food consumption purposes; agricultural theft; meat, fruit, and vegetable inspection; feed, seed, fertilizer, and soil and plant amendment inspection; weights and measures; grain dealer and grain warehouse licensing; pulpwood measurement; insect and plant disease inspection and quarantine; pesticide inspection; egg inspection; retail food inspections; sanitation excluding food services; rendering plant inspection; syrup labeling inspection; honey and honey product labeling inspection; and catfish and catfish product labeling inspection. The Department operates a seed testing laboratory and a metrology laboratory.

In addition to overseeing the Department, duties of the Commissioner include leadership through service on the following state boards: Mississippi Board of Animal Health, Mississippi Land, Water, and Timber Resources Board, Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality Permit Board, State Seed Board, and State Soil & Water Conservation Committee.

The Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce is elected to a four-year term and may be re-elected. Miss. Code Ann. § 69-1-1 et seq. (1972).

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Public Service Commissioner - Central District (1)

BRENT BAILEY

Brent Bailey was elected to serve his first term as Public Service Commissioner for the Central District of Mississippi beginning in January 2020. Commissioner Bailey is a graduate of Carthage High School. He attended East Central Community College before transferring to Mississippi State University to earn his degree in Agricultural and Biological Engineering in 1994, while earning a letter and scholarship as a football walk-on. He received the MSU College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Alumni Achievement Award for contributions to the economic viability of the state agriculture and forestry sectors. Prior to taking office, Commissioner Bailey served as State Activities Coordinator with the 25x25 Initiative. He began in October 2006, working with a broad cross-section of Mississippians and Southeastern stakeholders to mobilize support for energy efficiency and renewable energy solutions, and to convey consumers' role in a new national energy strategy. Before joining the 25x25 Initiative, he worked at private companies and nonprofit organizations, including Pickering, Inc. and the Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation. Prior to being elected, Commissioner Bailey participated in numerous dockets and rule-making proceedings at the Mississippi Public Service Commission. Today, he continues to represent the interests of consumers while advancing the economic development of the state.

Commissioner Bailey currently serves on three committees of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC): the Subcommittee on Nuclear Issues-Waste Disposal, the Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment, and the Committee on Critical Infrastructure. Commissioner Bailey is a member of the Nuclear Energy Partnership launched by NARUC and the Department of Energy, representing 17 states and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Commissioner Bailey also represents Mississippi as a member of the Board of Directors of the Organization of MISO States, which includes 15 states, the City of New Orleans and the province of Manitoba, Canada.



During the early stages of the COVID-19 outbreak, Commissioner Bailey worked with utility providers to assist customers in a time of economic distress by maintaining access to critical utility services. Following the extreme winter events in February 2021, Commissioner Bailey led an investigation by the Commission into the resiliency of our utility systems, ensuring critical components are adequately winterized and prioritizing power flow to essential facilities — such

as hospitals, police stations, fire stations and long-term care facilities. Commissioner Bailey also approved a settlement with the state's largest electric utility to return approximately \$300 million to customers through refunds and rate mitigation. The action was the largest cash settlement in the Public Service Commission's history. As a strong consumer advocate, Commissioner Bailey's primary goal is ensuring transparency in government for the everyday citizen. Through his weekly newsletters, he keeps the public informed on the issues that impact constituents and makes sure their interests are being served.

A sixth generation Mississippian, Commissioner Bailey has lived in Madison County with his wife Rhonda for the past 20 years.

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Public Service Commissioner - Southern District (2)

DANE MAXWELL

Chairman Dane Maxwell is a graduate of Pascagoula High School and obtained an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice from Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. He also attended and completed the University of Southern Mississippi/ Harrison County law enforcement program. Maxwell obtained a Bachelor's of Science degree in Business Management from the University of Phoenix and has attended courses and obtained various certifications from numerous law enforcement training programs throughout his career.

Chairman Maxwell is a Marine Corps veteran, retired law enforcement officer, businessman, and the former Mayor of Pascagoula, Mississippi. As a successful entrepreneur of two national businesses, Maxwell has decades of experience in solving problems in the private sector and has brought this experience to the Mississippi Public Service Commission spearheading numerous economic development initiatives that have made a significant impact for the State of Mississippi.

Maxwell was elected Public Service Commissioner in 2019 and was selected by his



fellow Commissioners to serve as Chairman during the first meeting with the Commission in January of 2020. He has been appointed to numerous roles as part of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) including Vice Chair of the Washington Action Committee and member of the Clean Coal Subcommittee. Maxwell previously served as President Trump's Mississippi State Director, West Virginia State Director, Southeast Regional Political

Director, and was the SEC Strike Force Team Leader for the 2016 campaign. He most recently served as Mississippi's State Director for Trump Victory 2020.

He and his wife, Donna, live in Pascagoula. Together they have three daughters, Lyndsey, Shannon, and Taryn, and four grandchildren.

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Public Service Commissioner - Northern District (3)

BRANDON PRESLEY

Commissioner Brandon Presley was elected Public Service Commissioner for the Northern District of Mississippi in 2007, re-elected in 2011, 2015 and most recently in 2019 without opposition. Elected to the Public Service Commission at age 30, he was the youngest Commissioner ever elected in Mississippi. Prior to his election to the Public Service Commission, he served as Mayor of Nettleton from 2001 to 2007, having been elected at the age of 23, making him one of the youngest mayors in Mississippi history.

In 2020, Commissioner Presley was appointed by the Federal Communication Commissioner (FCC) to serve on the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service. He is one of four state commissioners in the nation to serve on the board.

In November 2019, he was elected to serve as the President of the National Association of



Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), which is composed of regulatory commissioners from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

He has also served as President of the Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, which is composed of Public Service Commissioners from the eleven (11) Southern States and Puerto Rico. He is a member of the board of directors of NARUC and serves on multiple NARUC boards and committees.

Commissioner Presley currently serves on the advisory committee for the New Mexico's State University Center for Public Utilities and is serving his second term on the Electric Power Research Institute's (EPRI) Advisory Council. He is also a member of the Financial Research Institute Advisory Board. He is a graduate of Harvard University's Kennedy School program for State and Local Government Executives.

Commissioner Presley, 44, is a lifelong resident of Nettleton, where he is a member of the Enon Primitive Baptist Church. He is past-President and current member of the Nettleton Lions Club, Friends of Nettleton Main Street Program, and is a member of the Nettleton Civitan Club.

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Public Service Commissioners

Qualifications: A qualified elector and resident of the Supreme Court district from which he seeks election, at least 25 years old, and a citizen of the state five (5) years preceding the day of election. A commissioner shall not operate, own any stock in, or be in the employment of any common or contract carrier by motor vehicle, telephone company, gas or electric utility company, or any other public utility that shall come under his jurisdiction or supervision. The qualifying fee is \$500.

Duties: Communication, electric, gas, water, and sewer utilities are under the supervision and regulations of this Commission. It is the Commission's responsibility to ensure rates and charges for service are just and reasonable, the approved rate schedules are adhered to, the service rendered is reasonably adequate, and that facilities constructed or acquired are required for the convenience and necessity of the public. In carrying out its responsibility, the Commission must answer complaints, make investigations, and conduct both formal and informal meetings.

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Transportation Commissioner - Central District (1)

WILLIE SIMMONS

Willie Simmons is in his first term as Central District Transportation Commissioner which covers 22 counties with a population of approximately one million people.

Simmons served as a Mississippi State Senator for more than 26 years. For the last eight years as a senator, he served as Chairman of the Senate Highways and Transportation Committee. Under his leadership in the Senate, over \$5 billion was spent throughout the state on the construction and upgrade of federal and state roads, county and municipal streets and bridges; also, millions of dollars on public transit, ports, railroads, airports, and other infrastructure support systems. He played an integral role on projects such as the repair of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge in Jackson; the upgrade and repair of Highway 8 in Cleveland; and the Highway 82 Bypass in Leland, among many others. He



also served as Chairman of the Corrections Committee and Vice Chairman of the Public Health and Welfare Committee.

Simmons served as Deputy Commissioner of Corrections prior to joining the Mississippi Senate. Before that time, he served as a combat veteran of the Vietnam War. He is a graduate of Alcorn State University and received his M. S. Degree and Ed.S. Degree from Delta State University. He is married to Rose Sibley Simmons and they have four children, 11 grandchildren, and eight great grandchildren.

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Transportation Commissioner - Southern District (2)

TOM KING

Tom King is serving his third term as Southern District Transportation Commissioner and is the Chairman of the Mississippi Transportation Commission. He previously served as a state lawmaker from 1993, when he was elected to the House of Representatives where he remained until 1999. In 2000, he began his tenure in the Senate, where his leadership brokered many bills designed to better the lives of Mississippians. As Chairman of the Senate Highways and Transportation Committee, King authored resolutions that honored the achievements of persons throughout his district and the state. Most notably, King authored Senate Bill 3181—the \$300 million bond bill for highways and bridges and Senate Bill 3014, known as the John Paul Frerer Bicycle Act, which promotes safety for cyclists on the roadways.

King also authored Senate Bill 2514 that created the Mississippi Wireless Communications Commission, which ensures that the state's emergency responders and law enforcement have the means to communicate regardless of any disaster that may occur.

Commissioner King is a veteran of the Vietnam



War, having served his country in the Air Force as an Air Policeman. He is affiliated with the Chamber of Commerce, Rotary, American Legion and VFW. He has received many professional awards and honors including—2011 Mississippi Municipal League Legislator of the Year, 2010 Hattiesburg's Veteran of the Year, American Legion Meritorious Service Award in 2007 and Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers Legislator of the Year in 2002.

Commissioner King is no stranger to South Mississippi, as he was born in Hattiesburg. He attended Petal High School and graduated from the University of Southern Mississippi with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1973. He currently lives in Hattiesburg with his wife, the former Susan Lynn Patterson, and has two children and two grandchildren.

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Transportation Commissioner - Northern District (3)

JOHN CALDWELL

Born the seventh of nine children to Elizabeth and Joe Caldwell, John Caldwell lives in Nesbit just a few miles from land once farmed by his family. John is married to Lee Perkins Caldwell. The couple has four children and eight grandchildren.

John is a Marine combat veteran of Desert Storm and Iraqi Freedom. He was awarded the Bronze Star and Legion of Merit, among other awards. He retired from the Marine Corps Reserves as a Colonel with extensive operational and logistical experience over land, air, and sea.

As a small business owner in Southaven, John was elected to consecutive terms as a Desoto County Supervisor serving from 1996 through 2003. After that, he served 14 years as the Transportation Director for the largest school district in Mississippi managing a fleet of over 350 buses, drivers, mechanics, and staff. While director, 20,000 students were transported



each day safely logging over two million miles annually. He worked in the transportation industry in the months that followed gaining experience in heavy truck and bus dealership operations, railroad operations, heavy truck and off-road vehicle maintenance, GPS/ELD/DOT compliance, and more.

Commissioner Caldwell has accumulated multiple decades of experience in leadership, transportation, fleet management, and logistics. He has a Bachelor of Science from Arkansas State University and an MBA in Public Administration from Columbia Southern University.

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Transportation Commissioners

Qualifications: A qualified elector and a resident of the Supreme Court District from which he seeks election for five (5) years immediately preceding the day of the election. The qualifying fee is \$500.

Duties: The Transportation Commissioner, in accordance with state statute, has the authority and responsibility for the control and supervision of all modes of transportation in the state dealing with aeronautics, highways, public transit, and rail safety. The Transportation Commission appoints an Executive Director of the Department of Transportation whose duty is to carry out the policies set by the Commission.

The Department of Transportation has full and general supervision over all matters relating to airport development, highway construction and maintenance, weight enforcement, public transit, and rail planning. The Department also works with state colleges, universities, and other state agencies in transportation related matters.

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