



AGENDA

Mississippi Airports Association Annual Conference
Wednesday, September 18 – Friday, September 20, 2024
Cadence Bank Conference Center
Tupelo, MS

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 18

9:00 am – 5:00 pm: Exhibitors set up - Conference Center - Exhibitors Room
11:00 am: Golf and Lunch, Tupelo National Golf Club
6:00 pm: Opening Reception – Conference Center

THURSDAY, SEPT 19

6:30 – 7:45 am: Breakfast - Exhibitors Room
8:00 – 8:08 am: “Welcome & Introductions,” Wes Kirkpatrick, President, Mississippi Airports Association
8:08 – 8:18 am: Sponsor Presentation - Airport Management Solutions
8:18 – 9:00 am: “MDOT and Your Airport,” Brad White, Executive Director, Mississippi Department of Transportation
9:00 – 10:00 am: “Wetlands Issues Raised by the Sackett Case,” Keith Turner, Attorney, Watkins & Eager
10:00 – 10:10 am: Sponsor Presentation – ProAm Steel Buildings
10:10 – 10:40 am: Break – Exhibitors Room
10:30 am: Spouses/Guests depart for Toyota Plant Tour and Lunch
10:40 – 11:40 am: “Identifying and Dealing with Venomous Snakes,” Emily Field, Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries & Parks
11:40 – 11:42 am: Sponsor Presentation – JBHM Architecture
11:45 am – 1:15 pm: Lunch, Matt Wyatt, Matt Wyatt Media - Exhibitors Room
1:15 – 2:15 pm: “Airport Security - Physical and Virtual,” Tara Ford, Federal Bureau of Investigation
2:15 – 2:17 pm: Sponsor Presentation – Rebel Services
2:17 – 2:45 pm: Break - Exhibitors Room
2:45 – 3:25 pm: “UAS Updates & New Considerations for Ag Spraying,” Madison Dixon, Associate Director, MSU Agricultural Autonomy Institute
3:30 – 5:00 pm: FAA One on Ones
3:30 – 4:45 pm: Board Meeting
5:30 – 8:00 pm: Party at Tupelo Airport – Buses departing from Hotel Tupelo and Hilton Garden Inn

FRIDAY, SEPT 20

- 6:30 – 7:45 am:** Breakfast - Exhibitors Room
- 8:00 – 8:30 am:** General Membership Meeting
- 8:30 – 8:40 am:** Mississippi Transportation Commissioner John Caldwell
- 8:40 – 8:42 am:** Sponsor Presentation – Michael Baker International
- 8:42 – 9:25 am:** “Elevating Mississippi: The Future of Aerospace and Defense,” Sara Doss, Aerospace and Defense Alliance of Mississippi
- 9:25 – 10:10am:** “AOPA’s Aviation Advocacy,” Stacey Heaton, Southern Regional Manager, Airport Owners and Pilots Association
- 10:10 – 10:20 am:** Sponsor Presentation – Jackson Municipal Airport Authority
- 10:20 – 10:40 am:** Break - Exhibitors Room
- 10:40 – 11:10 am:** “Leveraging Funding Opportunities for GA Airports,” Mike Forster, President, Louisville-Winston County Airport Board
- 11:10 – 11:25 am:** “What the Airport Cooperative Research Program (ACRP) Can Do for Your Airport,” Mike Hainsey, ACRP Ambassador
- 11:25 – 11:40 am:** “MDOT Aeronautics Report,” Josh Stubbs, Director of Aeronautics and Rails, Mississippi Department of Transportation
- 11:40 – 11:55 am:** “FAA Report,” Will Schuller, Assistant Manager, Jackson ADO, Federal Aviation Administration
- 11:55 am – 12:10 pm** “Legislative Report,” Jeff Wagner, Shareholder, Baker Donelson
- 12:10 – 12:25 pm:** “TSA Report,” Kim Jackson, Federal Security Director in Mississippi, Transportation Security Administration
- 12:25 – 12:30 pm** “Closing Remarks,” Wes Kirkpatrick, President, Mississippi Airports Association