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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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**What:** Mississippi Hemp Cultivation Task Force Meeting

**Who:** Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce Andy Gipson;  
Members of the Mississippi Hemp Cultivation Task Force

**When:** Wednesday, September 25, 2019, at 10:00 a.m.

**Where:** Mississippi State Capitol; Room 113

### **Mississippi Hemp Cultivation Task Force to Convene September 25**

**JACKSON, Miss.** — The Mississippi Hemp Cultivation Task Force will convene Wednesday, September 25, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 113 of the Mississippi State Capitol for its second meeting. The meeting will be open to the public.

The Task Force, chaired by Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce Andy Gipson, was established by the Mississippi Legislature to consider the potential of hemp cultivation, market potential and potential job creation in Mississippi. The Task Force formed four committees to research the various areas of hemp production during its initial meeting in July: Regulations and Monitoring; Economics, Marketing and Job Creation; Hemp Agronomy; and Law Enforcement. During this upcoming meeting, Task Force members from each of the four committees will give updates on their respective subject areas.

“Our present focus is to examine all of the issues surrounding the cultivation of hemp in the state. We are committed to keeping the interests of Mississippians, including farmers, law enforcement and other stakeholders, as well as the general public, at the center of our mission,” said Commissioner Gipson.

The meeting, which is open to the public, can also be viewed through livestreaming on the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce’s Facebook page. The public can submit comments by emailing [MSHempTaskForce@mdac.ms.gov](mailto:MSHempTaskForce@mdac.ms.gov).

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**Meeting agenda is attached.**

**Media Note – Commissioner Gipson will be available to speak with members of the media immediately following the conclusion of the meeting.**

**HEMP CULTIVATION TASK FORCE MEETING**

**September 25, 2019**

**Time: 10:00 am – 12:30 pm**

**Location: Mississippi Capitol, Room 113**

10:00 – 10:05	Introductory Remarks
10:05 – 12:05	Hemp Cultivation Task Force Committee Reports
12:05 – 12:20	Open Discussion
12:20 – 12:25	Action Items
12:25 – 12:30	Confirmation of Next Meeting
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