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### **Mississippi Hemp Cultivation Task Force Holds Final Meeting**

**JACKSON, Miss.** —The Mississippi Hemp Cultivation Task Force convened at the State Capitol today for its final scheduled meeting. Members of the Task Force discussed and approved its final report, which will be submitted to the Mississippi Legislature on December 2, 2019.

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 has developed a fact-based, balanced report that examines all of the issues surrounding the cultivation of hemp in Mississippi. The report presents findings that indicate both the positive potential as well as the significant risks of hemp cultivation,” said Commissioner Gipson. “We have been transparent through this process, and I feel that we are providing the members of the Legislature with the necessary information they can use to craft meaningful hemp policies in the future.”

The meeting was available for viewing through livestreaming on the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce’s Facebook page. A recorded video from the meeting will be made available at <https://www.mdac.ms.gov/hemp-cultivation-task-force/> in the coming days. The final report will also be made available to the public in the coming days. The public can submit comments by emailing [MSHempTaskForce@mdac.ms.gov](mailto:MSHempTaskForce@mdac.ms.gov). Comments submitted by today will be included in the report provided to the Legislature.

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**Photo attached.**



**Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce Andy Gipson led the final scheduled meeting of the Mississippi Hemp Cultivation Task Force today at the State Capitol as members discussed and approved the report to be submitted to the Mississippi Legislature on December 2, 2019.**