

# Mississippi Engineering Society Jackson Convention Complex 2025 Winter Meeting - February 26-28

WEDNESDAY, February 26, 2025		
1:00 PM—4:00 PM	EXHIBIT SET UP - MAIN LOBBY	
1:00 PM—4:00 PM	REGISTRATION OPEN - MAIN LOBBY	
3:30 PM—5:00 PM	MES BOARD MEETING - BOARDROOM B	
THURSDAY, February 27, 2025		
7:00 AM—8:00 AM	BREAKFAST - BALLROOM C	
7:00 AM—4:30 PM	REGISTRATION & EXHIBIT HALL OPEN— MAIN LOBBY	
ROOM	BALLROOM D & E	
8:00 AM— 8:50 AM	The Science of Persuasion: 7 Proven Principles to Ethically Influence and Inspire Vered Kogan, CEO, The Momentum Institute	
9:00 AM- 9:50 AM	Importance of Economic Development- Panel Discussion Joseph Deason, Executive Director, Madison County EDA Pablo Diaz, President & CEO, The Vicksburg-Warren County Partnership Justin Hall, Executive Director, Marshall County Industrial Development Authority	
ROOM	BALLROOM A	BALLROOM B
9:00 AM— 9:50 AM	MDOT Leveraging Research to Build Better Roads Jim Poorbaugh, P.E., MDOT	Introduction to GCCM Information & Applications William Powell, Inland Tarp and Liner
10:00 AM— 10:30 AM	BREAK IN EXHIBIT HALL - MAIN LOBBY	
10:30 AM—11:20 AM	Communication and Coaching in Construction Craig Watson, M.S., LPC-S, Watson Consultants	A New Approach to Accelerate Transportation Project Delivery for State DOTs and MPOs - at NO Additional Cost Ted Devens, PE, MCE, CPM, Stantec
11:30 AM—1:00 PM	AWARDS LUNCHEON- BALLROOM C	
1:10 PM—2:00 PM	Roadway Challenges and Solutions – The Importance of Data for Roadway Design and Maintenance Steven Aertker, Jr., P.E., Tensar, A Division of CMC	Removing Forever Chemicals in Water Harry D. Gong, Jr., P.E., F.NSPE, MSDH
2:10 PM—3:00 PM	America’s River Crossing-Bridge Replacement over MS River Lina Khoury, P.E., CPESC, CFM, Arcadis Justin Corbitt, P.E., Arcadis	Waters of the State– Update Chris Wells, P.E., MDEQ
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM	BREAK IN EXHIBIT HALL- MAIN LOBBY	
3:30 PM—4:20 PM	MS 811 Update: Big Changes for 2024 & 2025 Charles Stallings, MS 811, Inc.	Downstream Effects of Culvert and Bridge Replacements Rachel Westerfield, P.E., CFM, Gresham Smith
4:30 PM—5:30 PM	RECEPTION (BAR & HORS D’OEUVRES)- MAIN LOBBY	

**FRIDAY, February 28, 2025**

7:00 AM—8:00 AM

**BREAKFAST - BALLROOM C**

7:00 AM—11:30 AM

**REGISTRATION & EXHIBIT HALL OPEN—MAIN LOBBY**

**ROOM**

**BALLROOM A**

**BALLROOM B**

8:00 AM— 8:50 AM

Federal Waters: Regulations & Permitting  
Jim Baxter, Terracon

Discovering Large Precast Modular Retaining Walls  
Matt Guynes, Redi-Rock DSP

9:00 AM— 9:50 AM

MS Board of Licensure Update  
Steve Twedt, P.E., F.NSPE, Neel-Schaffer, Inc.  
Monica Gilmore, MS Board of Licensure

Study of Impact of Neonicotinoid Insecticides on Soil Environment  
Yadong Li, PhD, P.E., Jackson State University

10:00 AM– 10:30 AM

**BREAK IN EXHIBIT HALL - MAIN LOBBY**

**ROOM**

**BALLROOM D & E**

10:30 AM—11:20 AM

Expert Testimony and Ethics, How far is too far?  
Blake Mendrop, P.E., P.S., Mendrop Engineering Resources

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for a chance to win

**\$350 cash**

**\$100 cash or \$50 cash.**

Proceeds go to the MES Scholarship Fund.

**Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5.**