



## Georgia Public Service Commission

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### **Georgia Public Service Commission to Hold Portrait Hanging Ceremony for Former Commissioner Burgess**

October 13, 2021 – (ATLANTA) The Georgia Public Service Commission will hold a portrait hanging ceremony for David Burgess, the first African American PSC Commissioner, at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday Oct. 14. The unveiling of the portrait will take place in the hallway outside the Commission Hearing Room, 244 Washington Street, Room 110.

Commissioner Lauren “Bubba” McDonald served with Former Commissioner Burgess for five years.

“David Burgess was a dedicated director of the PSC Telecom unit when he was appointed to be a Commissioner,” McDonald said. “He served admirably as a respected Commissioner during his tenure.”

“Earlier this year, Commissioner McDonald brought the idea of honoring Commissioner Burgess’ service to Georgia to the PSC,” said Commission Chairman Tricia Pridemore. “Unfortunately, the idea was delayed because of the pandemic. I’m thrilled to see this ceremony is finally able to happen.”

Gov. Roy Barnes appointed David Burgess to the Commission in April 1999. No African American had previously served as a Commissioner. In November 2000, he won election statewide to serve a full six-year term.

Burgess graduated from Georgia Tech in 1981 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering. Prior to his appointment as Commissioner, Burgess was a member of the PSC staff for 17 years. Burgess began as a public utilities engineer, rose through the ranks in six years to become the Commission's Director of Rates and Tariffs, and served as the Director of the Commission's Telecommunications Unit. He effectively resolved various electric, gas and telephone issues during his tenure at the Commission. He also served as a member of the National Association of Regulatory Utilities Commissioners' Subcommittees on Communications and Finance and Technology.

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