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### NEWS RELEASE

## Bubba McDonald Named PSC Vice Chairman

January 8, 2026 – (ATLANTA) The Chairman of the Georgia Public Service Commission has named Commissioner Lauren “Bubba” McDonald Jr. to serve as Vice Chairman.

“I’ve served on the Commission for several years,” McDonald said. “I hope my experience will help ensure this body is able to perform this important work for Georgia’s citizens.”

Chairman Jason Shaw said his choice for Vice Chairman reflects not only Commissioner McDonald’s deep knowledge of the energy industry but his experience as a leader.

“Bubba has been a businessman, a legislator, a civic leader and even a fire chief,” Shaw said. “He has served on the Commission since 1998, far longer than any other Commissioner. He has dedicated his life to public service and I’m glad we can benefit from his experience.”

After serving six years in the Georgia Air National Guard and graduating from the University of Georgia with a business degree, McDonald was elected to the Jackson County Commission. He later served 20 years in the Georgia General Assembly before Governor Zell Miller appointed him to the Public Service Commission in 1998.

The Vice Chairman of the PSC serves the same term as the Chairman who made the appointment. The Vice Chairman presides over committee meetings and can preside over other meetings when the Chairman is not present. Likewise, the Vice Chairman can perform the duties of the Chairman in the Chairman’s absence, including signing orders.

For Commissioner McDonald’s bio, follow this link: <https://psc.ga.gov/about-the-psc/commissioners/lauren-mcdonald/>

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