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FROM THE OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER TIM ECHOLS

Commissioner Echols to Give Remarks at S.T.E.M. Forum and Panel Discussion at Savannah State University on October 15

October 11, 2018 – (ATLANTA) – Commissioner Tim Echols, Vice-chair of the Georgia Public Service Commission, is proud to partner with Georgia Power, Gulfstream, Savannah State University, the Georgia Port Authority and the Georgia Bureau of Investigation to host a S.T.E.M. related panel for Savannah State students and faculty. The event will be Monday October 15, 2018 at 9 a.m. at the Student Union Ballroom of Savannah State University. "I am on a mission to help college students see the lucrative job opportunities in the Science, Technology and Engineering fields," said Echols. "Showcasing successful African-American engineers at Savannah State will be a powerful recruiting opportunity for the state."

Echols said that he conceived the idea of this program on a recent visit to Savannah State's campus and a subsequent conversation with State Representative Carl Gilliard of Savannah. The program is outlined below.

"I think this upcoming discussion on STEM is important because in the 21st century scientific and technology innovations have become increasingly important as we face the benefits and challenges of both globalization and knowledge based highly technological society. Students need to develop their capabilities and S.T.E.M. I think this forum will provide an excellent platform to elevate all our students into viable and lucrative careers," said Representative Gilliard.

Agenda

Welcome	Dr. Cheryl Dozier, President Savannah State University
Introduction of Guest	Rep. Carl Gilliard, District 162 State House Representative
Opening Remarks	Tim Echols, Vice Chairman Georgia Public Service Commission
Company Overview	
Georgia Power Company	Wayne Grimes
Gulfstream	Al Wright
Georgia Ports Authority	Stacy Watson
Georgia Bureau of Investigation	Deno Deveaux

Panel Discussion

Moderator Cedric Beamon, Outreach Program Manager Savannah State University

Panelist

Shawn Welch – Georgia Power, *Area Transmission Maintenance Manager*
Ralph Dorsainvil – Gulfstream, *Product Assurance Engineering Specialist*

Stacy Watson – Georgia Ports Authority, *GM Economic and Industrial Development*

Deno Deveaux – Georgia Bureau of Investigation, *Senior Forensic Chemist*

Closing Remarks **Michael J. Laney**, *Provost and VP for Academic Affairs* Savannah State University

This is commissioner Echols' second term on the Georgia Public Service Commission, having been re-elected statewide in November 2016. You can find his complete biography and photo on the commission web site at <http://www.psc.state.ga.us/pscinfo/bios/echols.asp?tab=tab2>

Representative Gilliard is from Garden City and represents District 162 in Chatham County in the Georgia General Assembly. He was elected in 2016. His biography and photo is available at <http://www.house.ga.gov/Representatives/en-US/member.aspx?Member=4881&Session=25>.

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