Founded in 2018 by Mississippi Speaker of the House Philip Gunn, The Speaker’s Commission on Public Policy provides a platform for exploration of public policy issues and solutions through a series of forums called the Speaker’s Summit Series.

The third summit in the series will be held on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at the Westin in Downtown Jackson, and examine the topic: “Turning Brain Drain into Brain Gain: Retaining Mississippi’s Talent.”

This no-cost event is underwritten by sponsors and open to the public.

8:30am – Registration
8:55am – Welcome and Introduction
   Speaker Philip Gunn
9:00am – Morning Keynote: “A Practical Approach to Retention”
   Bill Rayburn, CEO, mTrade
9:45am – Morning Break
10:00am – Panel Discussion: “A Three-Pronged Approach to Policy, Planning, and People.”
   Tim Mask, Moderator
   Jeffrey Rupp, eCenter at MSU
   Trey Lamar, State Representative
   Joey Havens, Horne LLP
   Ashley Edwards, Gulf Coast Business Council
   Leon Collins, MINACT
11:00am – Break
   Roberto Gallardo, Ph.D., Assistant Director, Purdue Center for Regional Development
12:30pm – Breakout Sessions: What Can We Really Do?
   Be Entrepreneurial: A Tale of Two Startups
   Eric Hill, MSU Center for Entrepreneurships and Research
   DueT Technology and WISPr Systems
   Be Creative: A Look at Creative Placemaking
   Thor Juell, Crooked Letter Picture Company
   Be Resourceful: Alternative Funding Sources
   Josh Edwards, Horne Capital Strategies
   Be Generous: Incentives that Work
   Kristy Simms, UMMC
2:00pm – Closing

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