

Public Service Commission – District 5

Craig Cupid (D)

Energy

- Supports recommending renewables as a key component in energy planning.
- Believes the PSC should ask whether a utility proposal is the most cost-effective approach and whether better alternatives exist.
- Will bring engineering rigor to decisions and refuse to rubber-stamp utility requests.

Utility Costs

- Will push for large energy users like data centers to pay their fair share rather than passing costs onto everyday Georgians.
- Supports applying rigorous cost-benefit analysis before approving utility proposals.
- Will demand transparent cost estimates from utilities.

Public Services

- Pledges to provide independent oversight of utility companies and fight for lower energy bills for Georgia families.

Economy

- Believes the PSC has allowed corporations to receive massive tax cuts while Georgia families pick up the energy tab.

Climate Change

- Supports cost-effective renewables as a smart energy solution and pledges to identify and recommend them where appropriate in energy planning.



Sheila Edwards (D)

Energy

- Supports accelerating Georgia's clean energy transition.
- Has previously supported a move to wind and solar.
- Has called for proper disposal and monitoring of coal ash.

Utility Costs

- Pledges to end the era of rubber-stamping rate hikes.
- Wants to hold large corporate energy users like data centers accountable rather than passing their costs onto communities.
- Will vote to stop endless utility rate increases on Georgia families.

Public Services

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- Wants to hold large corporate energy users like data centers accountable rather than passing their costs onto communities.
- Will vote to stop endless utility rate increases on Georgia families.

Economy

- Supports ensuring data centers and other major corporate energy users pay their fair share rather than burdening communities.

Climate Change

- Supports accelerating Georgia's transition to clean energy.
- Has previously supported wind and solar energy and called for proper disposal and monitoring of coal ash.



Angelia Pressley (D)

Energy

- Supports a balanced energy portfolio including solar, battery storage, and wind.
- Supports net metering as part of a modern, diversified grid.
- Will advocate for grid considerations that respect green spaces and minimize environmental impact.

Utility Costs

- Advocates for rigorous reviews of infrastructure costs so that shareholders, not just ratepayers, share responsibility for project cost overruns.
- Advocates for sensible rate structures and expanded energy-efficiency and weatherization programs that help households lower their monthly bills.
- Will ensure large energy users including data centers contribute their fair share to grid maintenance

Public Services

- Committed to following the data, respecting expert staff recommendations, and making the commission's decision-making process transparent and accessible.

Economy

- Supports renewable energy expansion to create high-paying local jobs while protecting Georgia's air, land, and water.

Climate Change

- Pledges to make decisions that protect Georgia's water, air, and land.
- Will advocate for clear environmental monitoring for data center developments including noise, water, and air quality standards for surrounding communities.



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Bobby Mehan (R)

Energy

- Supports responsible investment in next-generation energy technologies only after vetting them for cost, scalability, and risk.
- Supports a balanced and diverse mix of generation technologies.
- Supports ensuring natural gas delivery systems keep pace with economic growth.

Utility Costs

- Supports applying rigorous cost-benefit analysis before ratepayers pay a dime.
- Will ensure costs are borne by those who create them rather than shifted onto families or small businesses.
- Will safeguard residential, rural, and small-business customers from disproportionate rate impacts.
- Will make sure companies locating in Georgia pay their fair share of utility costs.

Public Services

- Pledges to bring a business lens to resource planning, demanding accountability and timelines from utilities equal to or exceeding private sector standards.

Economy

- Will champion policies that keep utility costs competitive while maintaining service quality.
- Will make Georgia's regulatory environment predictable so job creators can plan with confidence.

Climate Change

- Opposes what he calls reckless Green New Deal policies that would risk grid reliability.



Carolyn Roddy (R)

Energy

- No information listed

Utility Costs

- No information listed

Public Services

- No information listed

Economy

- No information listed

Climate Change

- No information listed



Josh Tolbert (R)

Energy

- Believes utility decisions must be built on engineering analysis and not optimistic forecasts, especially when new loads like data centers are involved.
- Will evaluate all energy technologies including renewables based on cost, scalability, and technical merit.

Utility Costs

- Supports ensuring risks are aligned with those who create them rather than shifted onto families or small businesses.
- Will hold data centers to clearly enforceable cost agreements.
- Will demand that utility proposals be evaluated for realism and cost accuracy before ratepayers absorb the impact.

Public Services

- Will ensure the people of Georgia have access to reliable, affordable energy.
- Will bring technical expertise and independent judgment to commission decisions.

Economy

- Supports ensuring new large energy loads including data centers pay their fair share.
- Believes planning must be grounded in engineering, financial discipline, and responsibility to ratepayers.

Climate Change

- Will evaluate all energy technologies based on cost, scalability, and technical merit.

