

# FCC2024Q1BIRMWAGGAM

## LIST OF SIGNIFICANT PROGRAMMING

### WAGG-AM RADIO FOR THE FIRST QUARTER BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2024 AND ENDING MARCH 31, 2024

All programming discussed in this report aired during  
The 610 WAGG talk shows featuring

*“The Valerie Hicks Powe Show”* series with the host Attorney Valerie Hicks Hale, Esq.

**Through regular ascertainment process, WAGG(AM) SUMMITMedia, LLC. has determined that the following issues are important to the Birmingham, AL community:**

African American Issues  
Arts and Culture  
Community Focus  
Family Focus  
Finances  
Health Care  
International Concerns  
Legal Issues

Politics  
Relationships  
Religious  
Senior Programs  
Women Issues  
Youth-related

This report contains WAGG-FM/Summit Media, LLC's most significant treatment of these community issues during the *first* quarter of 2024.

**Program: The Valerie Hicks Powe Show**

**Date: January 12, 2024**

**Time: 6a**

**Issue: Religious**

**Duration of Discussion: 28 Minutes—No Guest—**The Host discussed the strange decision of a mega church pastor and gospel artist, William Murphy's decision to conclude New Year's Eve service with the erratic hip hop song "Walk It Out". The Host discussed how many churches mimic the local dance club.

**Program: The Valerie Hicks Powe Show**

**Date: January 12, 2024**

**Time: 6a**

**Issue: Legal Issues/Politics**

**Duration of Discussion: 20 —No Guest—**The Host discussed the recent developments in the Donald Trump election interference case in Atlanta. The prosecutor Fannie Willis has come under scrutiny for allegedly having an affair with a married special prosecutor she hired to assist on the Trump RICO case. The Host discussed the legal implications regarding the pros and cons of keeping the special prosecutor.

**Program: The Valerie Hicks Powe Show**

**Date: January 28, 2024**

**Time: 6a**

**Issue: Family Focus**

**Duration of Discussion: 48 Minutes—No Guest—**The Host discussed the increasing level of parental irresponsibility. One school system has resorted to obtaining grants to incentivize parents to ensure their children get to school regularly and on time. The Host discussed the absurdity of parents being paid to properly parent.

**Program: The Valerie Hicks Powe Show**

**Date: February 3, 2024**

**Time: 6a**

**Issue: Politics/ Criminal Justice**

**Duration of Discussion: 48 Minutes—Guest: Retired State Trooper, Wilson Hale.** The Host and Wilson Hale discussed the illegal antics of local politicians. Specifically, they provided the audience with updates related to the additional federal charges lodged against former State Representative John Rogers. The Host opined regarding the condition of the Black community despite the large number of Black elected officials.

**Program: The Valerie Hicks Powe Show**

**Date: February 11, 2024**

**Time: 6a**

**Issue: Legal/Criminal Justice**

**Duration of Discussion: 48 Minutes—No Guest** The Host discussed the increase of street racing and the recent race that resulted in a fatal car crash. The Host discussed how young people are determined to ignore the law and disrespect the property of others. That conduct includes stopping traffic on the expressway so that others can make donut circles to out-and-out racing. The conduct is leading to an increased number of fatal crashes. The Host discussed the legal consequences to the participants of illegal racing when one of them is accidentally killed.

**Program: The Valerie Hicks Powe Show**

**Date: February 18, 2024**

**Time: 6a**

**Issue: Community Focus**

**Duration of Discussion: 48 Minutes—No Guest—**The Host discussed the recent agricultural developments regarding meat production. The increased production of lab grown versus farm raised meats has resulted in the Alabama legislature to respond. Recently the legislature passed, and Gov. Ivy signed a bill which would make the production, distribution or selling of lab grown meats illegal in Alabama. The Host discussed the penalties related to each offense. Additionally, the Host discussed the health concerns related to the consumption of meats which are a byproduct of clones grown in a laboratory.

**Program: The Valerie Hicks Powe Show**

**Date: February 27, 2024**

**Time: 6a**

**Issue: Politics/Community Focus**

**Duration of Discussion: 48 Minutes—No Guest—**The Host discussed the recent school choice bill signed into law by Gov. Ivy. The Host discussed the financial assistance available to families who choose to remove their children from their zoned school to schools of their choice. The Host also discussed the perspective voiced by the bill's opponents. The opponents believe that by allowing parents to move their children from failing schools, damage will be done to children who remain. The Host likened the perspective to asking one parent to sacrifice their children for the benefit of others.

**Program: The Valerie Hicks Powe Show**

**Date: March 2, 2024**

**Time: 6a**

**Issue: Legal/Politics**

**Duration of Discussion: 48 Minutes—No Guest—**The Host discussed the need for ethical politicians at all levels and urged the audience to look beyond race as a criterion for office. She questioned the value of having an official who looks like the community but betrays the community. The Host specifically referenced Marilyn Mosley; the Baltimore Maryland DA who is alleged to have taken items of value for personal gain. The Host gave examples of how politicians play fast and loose with ethics laws.

**Program: The Valerie Hicks Powe Show**

**Date: March 9, 2024**

**Time: 6a**

**Issue: Politics/Legal**

**Duration of Discussion: 48 Minutes—No Guest—**The Host read and discussed the latest law enacted for the alleged purpose of protecting the vote. The law is referred to as the Ballot Harvesting Bill. The essence of the bill is to outlaw paid voter assistance, particularly as it relates to absentee voting. The Host discussed the legal penalties for each violation and the various scenarios in which violations can occur.

**Program: The Valerie Hicks Powe Show**

**Date: March 16, 2024**

**Time: 6a**

**Issue: Community Focus/Criminal Justice**

**Duration of Discussion: 48 Minutes—Guest, Donald Shepard, founder of the non-profit “Stop Throwing Rocks at the Prison (STRAP)** The Host and guest discussed the need for mentoring among young black men. Mr. Shepard discussed his organization’s commitment to keep young men out of prison. He invited parents to enroll their children into his football spring break camp.

**Program: The Valerie Hicks Powe Show**

**Date: March 23, 2024**

**Time: 6a**

**Issue: African American Focus/Legal**

**Duration of Discussion: 28 Minutes—Guest, Former State Trooper, Wilson Hale.** Host and guest discussed the indictment and sentencing of Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers, self-labeled “the goon squad”. The indictments resulted from the officers’ illegal raid upon the home of two black citizens who were entertaining a white woman in their home. The officers engaged in various terrorizing tactics including stuffing a gun into the mouth of one of the victims and ultimately shooting and severely injuring him. The officers were charged between 17- and 20-year sentences for their crime.

**Program: The Valerie Hicks Powe Show**

**Date: March 31, 2024**

**Time: 6a**

**Issue: Politics**

**Duration of Discussion: 20 Minutes—Guest Jermichia Fomby, former FBI Agent and Miles College McNair Fellow.** The Host and guest discussed how his scholarship with Miles College helped to propel him in his career. Mr. Fomby credits Miles with not only grooming his mind to think like the professional he has become but also with opening doors to the FBI where he eventually became the bureau chief for the state of Mississippi.