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**FCC CHAIRMAN TOM WHEELER ANNOUNCES THE APPOINTMENT OF THREE NEW TRIBAL REPRESENTATIVES TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Chairman Wheeler today announced the appointments of three Tribal representatives to the Commission’s Intergovernmental Advisory Committee (IAC) to bring the IAC to its full strength of 15 members. The three new representatives are Christina St. Germaine-Allen of the Nez Perce Tribe, Clifford Agee of the Chickasaw Nation, and James R. Norton, of the Yurok Tribe.

On March 11, 2015, the Commission issued a Public Notice soliciting applications to fill one vacancy for an elected or appointed Tribal official.[[1]](#footnote-1) Thereafter, two additional Tribal positions became available. The new Tribal members will replace former IAC members the Honorable John Sirois of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, Brandon Stephens of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, and Brian Tagaban of the Navajo Nation.

The IAC comprises 15 elected and appointed officials from state, local and Tribal governments.[[2]](#footnote-2) Its mission is to provide ongoing advice and recommendations to the Commission on a broad range of communications issues within the jurisdiction of the FCC and impacting state, local and Tribal governments.[[3]](#footnote-3) The current IAC two-year term commenced with the IAC’s first meeting on July 14, 2014 and will conclude in the summer of 2016.

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1. *See FCC Seeks Nominations for Tribal Official to Serve on the Intergovernmental Advisory Committee*, Public Notice, 30 FCC Rcd 2210 (2015), *available at* <https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DA-15-312A1.pdf>. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. *See* 47 CFR § 0.701(b). [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. For the current IAC’s membership and recommendations, *see* <https://www.fcc.gov/encyclopedia/intergovernmental-advisory-committee>. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)