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CHAIRMAN WHEELER NAMES SIX MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE ADMINISTRATIVE COMPANY

CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 97-21

Chairman Tom Wheeler hereby appoints six members to the Board of Directors of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC). In a public notice released October 16, 2015, the Wireline Competition Bureau solicited nominations for the Board member positions listed below in accordance with section 54.703(c) of the Commission's rules.¹

Chairman Wheeler appoints the following persons to the USAC Board of Directors:

- Hon. Ronald A. Brisé, Commissioner, Florida Public Service Commission.²
- Alan Buzacott, Executive Director, Regulatory Affairs, Verizon Communications, Inc.;³
- Brent Fontana, Director of Network Development and Strategy, Zayo;⁴
- Dr. Michael Hernandez, Arkansas Department of Education,⁵ and
- Kenneth Mason, Vice President, Business Operators, Frontier Communications Corporation;⁶
- Olivia Wein, Lead Telecom Project Attorney, National Consumer Law Center;⁷

¹ Wireline Competition Bureau Seeks Nominations for Six Board Member Positions on the Universal Service Administrative Company Board of Directors, CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 97-21, Public Notice, 30 FCC Rcd 11356 (WCB 2015).

² Representative for state telecommunications regulators (incumbent).

³ Representative for interexchange carrier with revenue more than \$3 billion.

⁴ Representative for rural health care providers that are eligible to receive supported services pursuant to section 54.601.

⁵ Representative for schools that are eligible to receive discounts pursuant to section 54.501 of the Commission's rules.

⁶ Representative for incumbent local exchange carriers (other than the Bell Operating Companies) with annual operating revenue in excess of \$40 million (incumbent).

⁷ Representative for information service provider (incumbent).

The Bureau reminds interested parties that the USAC Board will hold its next meeting on January 26, 2016, at USAC's Washington, DC office (2000 L Street NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20036).⁸ All Board of Directors quarterly meetings are open to the public.⁹

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 $^{^{8}\} Meeting\ Schedules-USAC\ Governance-About\ USAC,\ http://www.usac.org/about/about/leadership/quarterly-schedule.aspx.$

⁹ 47 C.F.R. § 54.703(e).