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

**CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 97-21**

Chairman Ajit Pai hereby appoints six members to the Board of Directors of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) pursuant to section 54.703(c)(3) of the Commission’s rules. Each appointee was nominated in response to the September 6, 2018 Public Notice soliciting nominations for the Board positions listed below to serve for a three-year term, beginning on January 1, 2019.[[1]](#footnote-3)

Chairman Pai appoints the following individuals to the USAC Board of Directors:

* Representative for schools that are eligible for discounts under section 54.501 of the Commission’s rules: Julie Tritt Schell, State E-rate Coordinator, Pennsylvania Department of Education;
* Representative for information service providers: Olivia Wein, Senior Attorney, National Consumer Law Center;
* Representative for rural healthcare providers that are eligible to receive supported services under section 54.601 of the Commission’s rules: Brent Fontana, Technical Business Developer, Amazon Web Services;
* Representative for state telecommunications regulators: Sarah Freeman, Commissioner, Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission;
* Representative for incumbent local exchange carriers (non-Bell Operating Companies) with more than $40 million in annual revenues: Kenneth F. Mason, Vice President, Government and Regulatory Affairs, Frontier Communications; and
* Representative for interexchange carriers with annual operating revenues of more than $3 billion: Alan Buzacott, Executive Director, Federal Regulatory Affairs, Verizon Communications, Inc.

The Wireline Competition Bureau reminds interested parties that the USAC Board will hold its next meeting on January 24, 28, and 29, 2019, at USAC’s Washington, DC office (700 12th Street NW, Suite 900, Washington, DC 20005).[[2]](#footnote-4) All Board of Directors quarterly meetings are open to the public.[[3]](#footnote-5) For further information, please contact Christian Hoefly ([christian.hoefly@fcc.gov](mailto:christian.hoefly@fcc.gov)) of the Wireline Competition Bureau, Office of the Bureau Chief, (202) 418-3607.

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1. *WCB 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, DA 18-921 (WCB 2018). [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
2. *Quarterly Meeting Schedules – Leadership – About USAC*, <https://www.usac.org/about/about/leadership/quarterly-schedule.aspx> (last visited Dec. 20, 2018). [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
3. 47 C.F.R. § 54.703(e). [↑](#footnote-ref-5)