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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.[[1]](#footnote-3) Each appointee was nominated in response to a Public Notice issued earlier this year soliciting nominations for the Board positions listed below.[[2]](#footnote-4) The three-year term for these positions begins on January 1, 2021.

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

* Representative for incumbent local exchange carriers (non-Bell Operating Companies) with $40 million or less in annual revenues: Geoffrey A. Feiss, General Manager, Montana Telecommunications Association;
* Representative for competitive local exchange carriers: Joseph Gillan, Consultant, Gillan Associates;
* Representative for low-income consumers: Ellis Jacobs, Senior Attorney, Advocates for Basic Legal Equality, Inc.;
* Representative for interexchange carriers with annual operating revenues of $3 billion or less: Michael Skrivan, Vice President Regulatory, Consolidated Communications;
* Representative for schools that are eligible to receive discounts pursuant to section 54.501 of the Commission’s rules: Joan H. Wade, Ed.D., Executive Director, Association of Educational Service Agencies; and
* Representative for rural health care providers that are eligible to receive supported services pursuant to section 54.601 of the Commission’s rules: Katharine Hsu Wibberly, Ph.D., Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Telehealth Resource Center.

 The Wireline Competition Bureau reminds interested parties that the USAC Board of Directors will hold its next meetings on January 21, 25, and 26, 2021.[[3]](#footnote-5) All Board of Directors quarterly meetings are open to the public.[[4]](#footnote-6) For further information, please contact Jesse Jachman (Jesse.Jachman@fcc.gov) of the Wireline Competition Bureau, Office of the Bureau Chief, (202) 418-2668.

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1. 47 CFR § 54.703(c)(3). [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
2. *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, 35 FCC Rcd 8759 (WCB 2020). [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
3. *USAC, About, Leadership, Quarterly*, https://www.usac.org/about/leadership/quarterly-meeting-schedule/ (last visited Nov. 24, 2020). Due to COVID-19, USAC’s offices are presently closed, with USAC staff working remotely. For further information about the location of the Board of Directors meetings, go to https://www.usac.org/about/leadership/quarterly-meeting-schedule/. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
4. 47 C.F.R. § 54.703(e). [↑](#footnote-ref-6)