



# PUBLIC NOTICE

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## **FCC ANNOUNCES INTENT TO RE-CHARTER THE TECHNOLOGICAL ADVISORY COUNCIL AND SOLICITS NOMINATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP**

By this Public Notice, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission), consistent with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA),<sup>1</sup> announces its intent to re-charter the Technological Advisory Council (TAC or Council) on or before September 3, 2025, following consultation with the General Services Administration. The Commission intends to re-charter the TAC for a period of two (2) years, with an expected first meeting in January 2026. By this Public Notice, we also seek nominations for membership and chairperson(s) for the Council.

The TAC will provide technical advice to the Commission and make recommendations on the issues and questions presented to it. It is anticipated that Chairman Brendan Carr will ask the TAC to evaluate several issues, including: continued efforts at looking beyond 5G advanced as 6G continues to develop so as to facilitate U.S. leadership; studying advanced spectrum sharing techniques, including the implementation of artificial intelligence and machine learning to improve the utilization and administration of spectrum; and other emerging technologies.

In seeking nominations for the TAC, Chairman Carr will again look to include in the Council's membership a broad variety of stakeholders, including representation from the FCC's federal government partners with similar interests.

**Nominations for membership to the TAC should be submitted to the FCC no later than Friday, October 3, 2025. Procedures for submitting nominations are set forth below, and applications should be sent by email to [TAC@fcc.gov](mailto:TAC@fcc.gov).**

### **MISSION**

The mission of the TAC is to provide technical advice and recommendations to the Federal Communications Commission on the issues and questions presented to it by the FCC. The TAC will focus on key issues affecting the development and deployment of emerging communications technologies to spur opportunities for innovation, competition, adoption, greater efficiencies, job creation, and other national priorities. The TAC is organized under, and will operate in accordance with, the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA).<sup>2</sup> As authorized by FACA, the Council may facilitate its work through informal subcommittees, or other subgroups of the Council, which shall report their activities and recommendations to the Council as a whole.

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<sup>1</sup> 5 U.S.C. Ch. 10

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## WHO MAY APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP

The Commission seeks applications from interested organizations, institutions, or other entities from both the public and private sectors that wish to be considered for membership on the Committee. Selections will be based on factors such as expertise and a wide range of viewpoints that are necessary to address effectively the questions before the Committee. Members will be selected to balance the expertise and viewpoints that are necessary to effectively address the issues to be considered by the Council.

Individuals who do not represent an organization, institution, or entity, but who possess expertise valuable to the Committee's work, may also apply. However, any applicants who want to serve in their individual capacities should be aware that government ethics rules may require detailed financial and other disclosures as part of the consideration of their application to serve as independent subject matter experts, and if appointed such individuals would be considered special government employees (SGEs).

Applicants should describe both their specific interests and their expertise or experience as it relates to the questions before the Committee, including issues affecting the development and deployment of emerging communications technologies, including 6G and advanced spectrum sharing techniques, such as the implementation of artificial intelligence and machine learning to improve the utilization and administration of spectrum.

All organizational or individual members appointed to the Committee or its working groups are subject to an ethics review by the Commission's Office of General Counsel. Some applicants possessing expertise or perspectives of interest to the Committee, and who have been appointed to serve on the Committee in an individual capacity (and not as the representative of a nonprofit organization, corporation, or other entity) are deemed to be Special Government Employees (SGEs). Such individuals are ineligible to serve if they are federally registered lobbyists. SGEs are subject to a variety of restrictions under the conflict of interest statutes, 18 U.S.C. § 203 et seq., and the Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Executive Branch, 5 C.F.R. Part 2635. SGEs must file confidential employee financial disclosure reports prior to beginning their service and annually thereafter. SGEs will also be subject to ethics restrictions in section 4(b) of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. § 154(b), and in the Commission's rules, 47 CFR Part 19 and 5 CFR Parts 3901 and 3902.

All members will have an initial and continuing obligation to disclose any interests in, or connections to, persons or entities that are, or will be, regulated by or have interests before the Commission and shall promptly report to the Committee's Designated Federal Officer (DFO) any changes in representation during their tenure on the Committee. Committee members will not be compensated for their service.

The Commission is particularly interested in receiving nominations and expressions of interest from individuals and organizations in the following categories:

- Communications service providers, and organizations representing communications service providers, including wireline and wireless communications service providers, broadcast radio and television licensees, cable television operators and other multichannel video programming distributors, satellite communications service providers, and Internet Service Providers;
- Manufacturers of communications equipment and organizations representing manufacturers of communications equipment;
- Providers of internet applications or cloud-based services; and Scientists and engineers from academia, or who serve as independent consultants, who are recognized experts in their field.

## **OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS AND COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Members will serve at the discretion of the Chairman of the Commission. Members must be willing to commit to a two-year term of service from the date of re-charter of the Council and should be willing and able to attend approximately four (4) one-day plenary committee meetings per year during the Council's term. Members also will be encouraged to participate in deliberations of at least one (1) subcommittee or other subgroup, if any are established. The time commitment for participation in any subcommittee or other subgroup may be substantial as such groups may be asked to submit recommendations or reports to the full Council for its consideration. However, subcommittee or other subgroup meetings may be conducted informally, using suitable technology to facilitate the meetings, subject to oversight by the Designated Federal Officer of the TAC.

Meetings of the full Council shall be open to the public and timely notice of each meeting shall be published in the Federal Register and shall be further publicized through other appropriate vehicles. All such meetings will be fully accessible to individuals with disabilities.

## **APPLICATION PROCEDURE, DEADLINE, AND MEMBER APPOINTMENTS**

Each organization, institution or entity ("organizational applicant") may propose for nomination one primary representative. Organizational applicants are also encouraged to propose an alternate representative. The application requirements for both organizational and individual applicants are set forth below.

***Organizational applicants.*** Organizational applicants proposing a nominee should include the following:

- Name, title, and organization of the nominee and a description of the organization, sector or other interest the nominee will represent;
- Nominee's mailing address, e-mail address, and telephone number;
- A statement summarizing the nominee's qualifications and reasons why the nominee should be appointed to the Council;
- A current resume of the nominee; and
- A statement describing the organization the nominee will represent as well as the benefit of having the organization represented on the Council.

The application from organizational applicants must be accompanied by confirmation on the following two (2) issues:

1. The nomination must be confirmed by a written statement of an authorized person (*e.g.*, organization or company official) that such organization or company supports the application of the nominee to represent it on the Council. The nominating official must possess the executive authority or hold a sufficiently high-level position within the organization or company to select a representative whose actions will be legally binding on the organization or company. For example, this confirmation may be in the following format:

"I am [insert official's name], the [insert official's title] at the [insert name of organization - *e.g.*, company, government entity, trade association, *etc.*], with responsibilities for [concise description of position]. My organization supports [insert proposed member's name], who is currently [an employee of/consultant/attorney to the company], to serve as our representative on the Commission's Technological Advisory Council."

2. For applicants seeking to represent an entity that is, or who are themselves, a party to an FCC contract or subcontract or providing services for the benefit of the FCC under contract or

subcontract, the application must include the following: 1) a general description of the contract/agreement; 2) a description of the product/services that the applicant provides pursuant to the contract/agreement; 3) a list of all parties to the contract/agreement; 4) the name of the Commission contracting officer (if known); and 5) a certification of the applicant that the applicant has provided written notice to the contracting officer and the FCC Manager, Contracts and Purchasing Center, that the applicant or representative nominee, as applicable, has applied for membership on the Commission's Communications Security, Reliability, and Interoperability Council.

In addition, organizational nominees are required to disclose whether they represent clients before the Commission or represent clients in matters that may come before the Council, other than representing the organizational applicant that has nominated them for service on the Council. Each nominee shall provide with the application all details of any such representation.

***Individual Applicants.*** Applications from individual applicants who would serve as SGEs, as defined above, should include the following:

- Name and title of the applicant; current mailing address, email address, and telephone number;
- A statement summarizing the applicant's qualifications and reasons why the applicant should be appointed to the Council. The statement shall include the individual's specific knowledge or expertise that is relevant to the work of the Council;
- A current resume of the applicant;
- A statement that the individual applicant is not a registered federal lobbyist (as noted above, financial and other additional disclosures may also apply to individual applicants);
- An acknowledgement that the individual will not be entitled to receive reimbursement of travel expenses or payment of honoraria or other compensation from the Commission;
- A statement that the applicant does not have a contractual or other financial agreement (including as a subcontractor) with the Commission; and
- A statement that the applicant does not have clients with matters before the Commission or matters that may come before the Council.

Please note this *Public Notice* is not intended to be the exclusive method by which the Commission will solicit nominations to identify qualified candidates; however, all candidates for membership on the Council will be subject to the same evaluation criteria.

**All nominations and applications, including contact information and the statement of qualifications, should be submitted to the Commission by e-mail to [TAC@fcc.gov](mailto:TAC@fcc.gov) as soon as possible, but no later than October 3, 2025.**

## ACCESSIBLE FORMATS

To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), send an e-mail to [fcc504@fcc.gov](mailto:fcc504@fcc.gov) or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0530 (voice), 202-418-0432 (TTY).

More information about the TAC can be found at <https://www.fcc.gov/general/technological-advisory-council>. You may also contact Martin Doczkat, the Designated Federal Official (DFO) for the Technological Advisory Council, at (202) 418-2435, email: [Martin.Doczkat@fcc.gov](mailto:Martin.Doczkat@fcc.gov), or Sean Yun, the Deputy Designated Federal Official (DDFO) for the Technological Advisory Council, at (202) 418-0980, email: [Sean.Yun@fcc.gov](mailto:Sean.Yun@fcc.gov).

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