



FCC OPEN MEETING AGENDA

FCC Announces Tentative Agenda for August Open Meeting

WASHINGTON, July 16, 2026—Federal Communications Commission Chairman Brendan Carr announced that the items below are tentatively on the agenda for the August Open Commission Meeting scheduled for Thursday, August 6, 2026:

Opening Up More Than 200 Megahertz of Unlicensed Spectrum for D2D Offerings – The Commission will consider a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that would explore new avenues to allow innovative unlicensed wireless devices to communicate directly with satellites. The item would propose and seek comment on use of certain frequencies available under part 15 of the Commission's rules for communications between Earth and space, including direct-to-device (D2D) services. The NPRM would also propose to clarify that use of part 15 unlicensed devices is permitted within FCC-authorized spacecraft, and seek comment on other scenarios where part 15 unlicensed devices may safely operate in space. (ET Docket No. 26-169)

Maximizing Efficiencies in Universal Service Administration – The Commission will consider a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that would propose to strengthen the Commission's management and administration of the Universal Service Fund (USF) by reforming and improving USF administration processes, the structure of USF administration, operating costs associated with USF administration, and the impact of USAC's Board of Directors on USF administration. (WC Docket No. 26-173)

Replacing the National Television Multiple Ownership Rule – The Commission will consider a Report and Order that would remove artificial barriers to broadcast television's ability to attract capital and generate revenue, thus enabling broadcast television owners to better fulfill their public interest obligations, including through increased investment in local programming. The Report and Order also enables broadcast television station owners to expand their audience reach, gaining important leverage against national television networks. (MB Docket No. 17-318)

Promoting Telehealth in Rural America – The Commission will consider a Third Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that would seek comment on several improvements to the Rural Health Care Program intended to reduce administrative burdens on program participants and better administer limited program funding given increased program participation and service costs. The accompanying Order would permit the use of previously approved rural rates for funding year 2027 that would otherwise require approval of a cost-based justification. (WC Docket No. 17-310)

Public Drafts of Meeting Items – The FCC publicly releases the draft text of each item expected to be considered at the next Open Commission Meeting. One-page cover sheets are included in the public drafts to help summarize each item. All these materials will be available on the FCC's Open Meeting page: www.fcc.gov/openmeeting.

Public Attendance – The Open Meeting is scheduled to commence at 10:30 a.m. ET in the Commission Meeting Room of the Federal Communications Commission, 45 L Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. While the Open Meeting is open to the public, the FCC headquarters building is

not open access, and all guests must check in with and be screened by FCC security at the main entrance on L Street. Attendees at the Open Meeting will not be required to have an appointment but must otherwise comply with protocols outlined at: <https://www.fcc.gov/visit>. Open Meetings are streamed live at www.fcc.gov/live.

Press Access – Members of the news media are welcome to attend the meeting and will be provided reserved seating on a first-come, first-served basis. Following the meeting, the Chairman may hold a news conference in which he will take questions from credentialed members of the press in attendance. Afterwards, senior policy and legal staff will be made available to the press in attendance for questions related to the items on the meeting agenda. Commissioners may also choose to hold press conferences. Press may also direct questions to the Office of Media Relations (OMR): MediaRelations@fcc.gov. Questions about credentialing should be directed to OMR.

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