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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]](#footnote-2)

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

* Hon. Ronald A. Brisé, Commissioner, Florida Public Service Commission.[[2]](#footnote-3)
* Alan Buzacott, Executive Director, Regulatory Affairs, Verizon Communications, Inc.;[[3]](#footnote-4)
* Brent Fontana, Director of Network Development and Strategy, Zayo;[[4]](#footnote-5)
* Dr. Michael Hernandez, Arkansas Department of Education;[[5]](#footnote-6) and
* Kenneth Mason, Vice President, Business Operators, Frontier Communications Corporation;[[6]](#footnote-7)
* Olivia Wein, Lead Telecom Project Attorney, National Consumer Law Center;[[7]](#footnote-8)

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]](#footnote-9) All Board of Directors quarterly meetings are open to the public.[[9]](#footnote-10)

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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). [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. Representative for state telecommunications regulators (incumbent). [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. Representative for interexchange carrier with revenue more than $3 billion. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
4. Representative for rural health care providers that are eligible to receive supported services pursuant to section 54.601. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
5. Representative for schools that are eligible to receive discounts pursuant to section 54.501 of the Commission’s rules. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
6. Representative for incumbent local exchange carriers (other than the Bell Operating Companies) with annual operating revenue in excess of $40 million (incumbent). [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
7. Representative for information service provider (incumbent). [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
8. Meeting Schedules – USAC Governance – About USAC, http://www.usac.org/about/about/leadership/quarterly-schedule.aspx. [↑](#footnote-ref-9)
9. 47 C.F.R. § 54.703(e). [↑](#footnote-ref-10)