



FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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Open Commission Meeting Thursday, October 19, 2023

The Federal Communications Commission will hold an Open Meeting on the subjects listed below on Thursday, October 19, 2023, which is scheduled to commence at 10:30 a.m. in the Commission Meeting Room of the Federal Communications Commission, 45 L Street, N.E., Washington, D.C.

While attendance at the Open Meeting is available 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: www.fcc.gov/visit. Open Meetings are streamed live at: www.fcc.gov/live and on the FCC's YouTube channel.

<u>ITEM NO.</u>	<u>BUREAU</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>
1	WIRELINE COMPETITION	TITLE: Safeguarding and Securing the Open Internet (WC Docket No. 23-320) SUMMARY: The Commission will consider a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that proposes to reestablish the Commission's authority over broadband Internet access service by classifying it as a telecommunications service under Title II of the Communications Act, which would allow the Commission to protect consumers by issuing straightforward, clear rules to prevent Internet

service providers from engaging in practices harmful to consumers, competition, and public safety; establish a uniform, national regulatory approach rather than disparate requirements that vary state-by-state; strengthen the Commission’s ability to secure communications networks and critical infrastructure against national security threats; and enable the Commission to protect public safety during natural disasters and other emergencies.

2 **WIRELINE**
COMPETITION

TITLE: Modernizing the E-Rate Program for Schools and Libraries (WC Docket No. 13-184)

SUMMARY: The Commission will consider a Declaratory Ruling that would clarify that the use of Wi-Fi on school buses is an educational purpose and the provision of such service is therefore eligible for E-Rate funding.

3 **OFFICE OF**
GENERAL COUNSEL

TITLE: Broadband Connectivity and Maternal Health— Implementation of the Data Mapping to Save Moms’ Lives Act (GN Docket No. 23-309)

SUMMARY: The Commission will consider a Notice of Inquiry that will seek comment on its proposed plan to improve and enhance maternal health data in the Mapping Broadband Health in America platform, in order to ensure that future

updates to the platform reflect input from stakeholders and other interested parties and improves the user experience. The platform was updated in June 2023 to incorporate publicly available data on maternal mortality and severe maternal morbidity pursuant to the Data Mapping to Save Moms' Lives Act.

4 **OFFICE OF**
ENGINEERING AND
TECHNOLOGY

TITLE: Unlicensed Use of the 6 GHz Band (ET Docket No. 18-295); Expanding Flexible Use in Mid-Band Spectrum Between 3.7 and 24 GHz (GN Docket No. 17-183)

SUMMARY: The Commission will consider a Second Report and Order that would expand unlicensed use of the 6 GHz band by permitting very low power devices to operate in two sub-bands, a Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that would propose to expand very low power device operations to the remainder of the band, and a Memorandum Opinion and Order that would address a remand from a court challenge of a previous decision in the docket.

5 **WIRELINE**
COMPETITION

TITLE: Connect America Fund (WC Docket No. 10-90); Connect America Fund – Alaska Plan (16-271); Universal Service Reform – Mobility Fund (WT Docket No. 10-208); ETC Annual Reports

and Certifications (WC Docket No. 14-58);
Telecommunications Carriers Eligible to Receive
Universal Service Support (WC Docket No. 09-
197)

SUMMARY: The Commission will consider
a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking seeking
comment on the use of high-cost program funding
to continue supporting fixed and mobile services in
Alaska. The accompanying Report and Order
makes administrative changes to streamline high-
cost program rules.

**6 PUBLIC SAFETY AND
HOMELAND
SECURITY**

TITLE: TITLE: Wireless Emergency Alerts (PS
Docket No. 15-91); Amendments to Part 11 of the
Commission’s Rules Regarding the Emergency
Alert System (PS Docket No. 15-94)

SUMMARY: The Commission will consider
a Report and Order that would improve Wireless
Emergency Alerts by making WEA messages
available in additional languages, including
American Sign Language (ASL); supporting maps
that show the location of an emergency; making it
easier to conduct public-facing WEA performance
and public awareness tests; and providing alert
originators and members of the public with access

to information about where and how WEA is available within their communities.

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MEDIA

TITLE: Video Description: Implementation of the Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010 (MB Docket No. 11-43)

SUMMARY: The Commission will consider a Second Report and Order that will enhance support for individuals who are blind or visually impaired by expanding audio description requirements to additional market areas. The Order would help ensure that a greater number of individuals who are blind or visually impaired can be connected, informed, and entertained by television programming.

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Marlene Dortch,

Secretary.

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