



FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION.

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Sunshine Act; Open Commission Meeting Thursday, August 6, 2026

July 30, 2026

The Federal Communications Commission will hold an Open Meeting on the subjects listed below on Thursday, August 6, 2026, 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	OFFICE OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY	TITLE: Unleashing Unlicensed Spectrum for Direct-to-Device (ET Docket No. 26-169) SUMMARY: 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.

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**WIRELINE
COMPETITION**

TITLE: Maximizing Efficiencies in Universal Service Administration (WC Docket No. 26-173)

SUMMARY: 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.

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MEDIA

TITLE: Amendment of Section 73.3555(e) of the Commission's Rules, National Television Multiple Ownership Rule (MB Docket No. 17-318)

SUMMARY: 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.

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**WIRELINE
COMPETITION**

TITLE: Promoting Telehealth in Rural America
(WC Docket No. 17-310)

SUMMARY: The Commission will consider a Third Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Order 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.

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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 she will take questions from credentialed members of the press in attendance. Also, 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.

Additional information concerning this meeting may be obtained from the Office of Media Relations, (202) 418-0500. Audio/Video coverage of the meeting will be broadcast live with open captioning over the Internet from the FCC Live web page at www.fcc.gov/live.

Authority: This meeting is held, in accordance with the Government in the Sunshine Act (Sunshine Act), Public Law 94-409, as amended (5 U.S.C. 552b).

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene Dortch,
Secretary.

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