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Greetings from the Federal Communications Commission.

The Office of Native Affairs and Policy (ONAP) publishes a monthly digest with updates that may be of interest to Tribal leaders, other government officials, businesses and organizations. Please reach out to Native@fcc.gov with any questions.

President Trump Designates Brendan Carr as FCC Chairman

- On January 20, 2025, Commissioner Brendan Carr was named as Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). He has served as Commissioner since 2017 and has been an integral part of the FCC for the past 13 years. Prior to his role as Commissioner, he held the position of General Counsel. Please join us in welcoming Chairman Carr and find his press statement [here](#).
- On February 27, 2025, the FCC held its first monthly Open Commission Meeting under Chairman Brendan Carr's leadership.
[>>>Read more about the February Open meeting here](#)

FCC Chairman Carr Launches Massive Deregulation Initiative

Earlier this week, Chairman Carr announced that the agency has launched a massive, new deregulatory initiative. Specifically, the FCC has opened a new docket, titled "In re: Delete, Delete, Delete," in which the agency seeks comment on every rule, regulation, or guidance document that the FCC should eliminate for the purposes of alleviating unnecessary regulatory burdens.

A copy of the FCC Public Notice opening up the new docket (GN 25-133) and seeking comment can be found here: <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DA-25-219A1.pdf>.

- Comments Due: Friday, April 11, 2025
- Reply Comments Due: Monday, April 28, 2025

Tentative Agenda for March 27th Open FCC Meeting

- Chairman Carr announced that the following items are tentatively on the agenda for the March Open Commission Meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 27, 2025:
 - (1) Exploring Alternatives to GPS;
 - (2) Ensuring NG911 Resiliency, Reliability, Interoperability, and Accessibility;
 - (3) Strengthening 911 Location Accuracy Rules[>>> Read more details on the topics here](#)
- Watch the Live Webcast
 - March 27, 2025, at 10:30 am - 12:30 pm ET [Live Webcast](#)

Selection of Cybersecurity Pilot Program Participants and Next Steps

- In January, the Wireline Competition Bureau (WCB) released a Public Notice announcing the selection of participants for the Schools and Libraries Cybersecurity Pilot Program that will receive up to \$200 million in Universal Service Fund support. The selected participants represent a cross-section of large, small, urban and rural schools, libraries, and consortia from across the nation, including eight Tribal participants.
- In its Public Notice, WCB provided further instructions to Pilot participants seeking funding in the program, including the requirements for competitive bidding and the process for completing and submitting Part 2 of the Pilot Program Application (FCC Form 484).
[>>> Read the Public Notice Here](#)

Recent Events

- In February, the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Acting Bureau Chief Eduard Bartholme and ONAP Chief Bambi Kraus provided an FCC Update to the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Technology Task Force at the NCAI Executive Council Winter Session in Washington, DC.
- In early March, the ONAP Team attended the National League of Cities (NLC) Local Indigenous Leaders gathering during the NLC Congressional City Conference in Washington, DC.

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