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2. Your Title: Commissioner		
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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

**Commissioner  
(Interim) Chair**

**2009-Present  
May 2013-October 2013**

Appointed by the President and twice confirmed by the United States Senate to the five-member federal commission responsible for the regulation of interstate and international communications by radio, television, wire, satellite, and cable in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and U.S. territories.

### PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA (SCPSC)

**Commissioner, Sixth Congressional District  
Chair**

**1998-2009  
2002-2004**

Elected by the General Assembly to three terms on the seven-member commission responsible for the regulation of South Carolina's investor owned utilities, including electric, gas, water and sewerage companies, telephone companies, and certain transportation providers. Managed a staff of 88 with an operating budget of \$9 million.

### THE COASTAL TIMES, CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

**Publisher and General Manager**

**1984-1998**

Edited, published, and managed a weekly newspaper in the low country of South Carolina.

## **SIGNIFICANT DOCKETS AND DECISIONS CONSIDERED BY THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

**Directed A Highly Productive Federal Agency.** Served as Acting Chair of the Federal Communications Commission, an agency with more than 1,700 employees. During this timeframe, which included a three-week federal government shut down, the agency adopted 1,185 orders or proposed rules. Led the staff in the development of rules for three multi-billion dollar auctions, and released orders to approve several high-profile transactions including the \$12.1 billion Soft Bank-Sprint merger and several other asset transactions worth hundreds of millions of dollars.

**Effectively Advanced U.S. Communications Policy Internationally Through Formal Agreements and Bi-Lateral Meetings.** Signed landmark agreements with Canada and Mexico to address cross-border interference issues, which resolved key obstacles to the success of the world's first ever reverse voluntary incentive auction of broadcast TV spectrum. Met with communications regulators during international fora in 16 countries in Africa, Asia and the European Union. Established strong relationships with international colleagues by stressing that wealthy and developing nations can improve by learning from each other.

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**THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

**Successful At Driving Solutions for Industry Wide Technical Bottlenecks.** Brokered the negotiations for the initiation of a proceeding to adopt technical rules to restore interoperability in the lower 700 megahertz band. In the history of United States wireless service, this was the first spectrum band for commercial service that lacked an interoperable solution which meant that devices from smaller wireless carriers could not roam on the networks of larger nationwide providers for more than five years. By spearheading an industry wide solution, instead of mandating a regulatory solution that likely would have been appealed to a court, more rapid investment by dozens of small wireless companies in the geographic areas they served was spurred.

**Successfully Led Reform of Wireless Auction Rules to Create Opportunities for Small Businesses.** Persuasively advocated for the repeal of rules that prevented small businesses from leasing their spectrum to large companies. These rules kept them from attracting sufficient capital to acquire commercial wireless spectrum at FCC auctions and from effectively competing against larger companies. Also helped to establish a rural service bidding credit that could spur economic growth in 90 percent of the 353 persistent poverty counties in our country.

**Negotiated Deal Between Wireless Industry and Local Governments to Streamline Tower Siting Approvals.** Persuaded CTIA and PCIA -- top lobbying organizations for the commercial wireless industry -- to help resource constrained cities and local governments which will result in faster approval times for wireless company applications to collocate new towers and other equipment on previously approved infrastructure.

**Inmate Calling Services Reform.** In July of 2013, led the passage of historic reforms to the exorbitant interstate inmate calling system. For decades, the high cost of long-distance calls from prisoners to their loved ones across state lines has detrimentally impacted parents and children, especially among low-income and minority families. Ten years after this proceeding began at the FCC, those efforts led to final rules.

**SIGNIFICANT CASES CONSIDERED BY THE**  
**SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**State Universal Service Fund, Docket No. 1997-239-C.** In an order issued June 6, 2001, the Commission funded South Carolina 's Universal Service Fund through assessments on communications carriers . The state Universal Service Fund has resulted in significantly lower access rates for carriers in the state.

**Generic Proceeding to Address Abuse of Market Position and Inflation Based Index for Local Exchange Carriers, Dockets No. 2002-367-C and 2003-656-C.** As Chair, I presided over generic proceedings in which the Commission interpreted statutory terms governing certain rates charged by local exchange carriers operating under alternative regulation.

## PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Cleveland Clinic's Medical Innovation Summit, "Broadband Powering the Next Generation of Health and Care: A World of Connected Health," October 26, 2015, Cleveland, Ohio

Highlighted the transformative power of technology and connectivity and how it could bring about personalized "smart care" systems to the market to address specific health needs and risks.

Competitive Carriers Association – Annual Convention, October 8, 2015, Ft. Lauderdale, FL

Shared updates and insights on how innovative regulatory approaches and consensus building among carriers can spur innovation and competitive opportunities for smaller providers, particularly those in rural America.

American Enterprise Institute, "Reforming the Federal Lifeline Telecommunications Program for the Broadband Era," November 12, 2014, Washington, DC

Laid out a comprehensive vision on cleaning up, overhauling and modernizing one of the nation's most politically vulnerable programs using strong fiscal and managerial protocols so that it will be on track to finally meet the needs of those unable to afford broadband and other telecommunications services.

FCC National Broadband Plan Staff Workshop, "Smart Grid, Broadband and Climate Change," MIT, Boston, MA, August 25, 2009

The panel discussed how broadband and communications infrastructure can accelerate efforts to build a smarter electricity infrastructure, also known as the Smart Grid.

National Foundation of Women Legislators, "Transformative Power of Broadband: Key Issues During Challenging Times," November 23, 2008, Sarasota, Florida

Provided a regulator's perspective on how to increase the awareness of broadband services and how they can solve those critical problems that negatively impact women's lives.

Florida Conference of Black State Legislators Issues Conference, "Energy Roadmap for the Future: What Can Policy Makers Do?" November 20, 2008, Kissimmee, Florida

Mapped out regional and regulatory realities and gave insight as to how lawmakers can educate, motivate and initiate policies to benefit underserved communities.

## PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

Charleston, SC Chapter of The Links, Inc.

Washington Action Committee for the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), Chair, 2005-2009

S. C. Advisory Council of the United States Commission on Civil Rights, Chair, 2008

Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, Past Chair, 2003-2004

Columbia College Board of Visitors, SC

South Carolina Cancer Center Board, Palmetto Richland, SC

South Carolina Energy Advisory Council

Trident Technical College Foundation, Charleston, SC

The Palmetto Project (Secretary/Treasurer), SC

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**YWCA** of Greater Charleston (Board President), SC  
Edventure **Children's Museum**, Columbia, SC  
City of Columbia **Reform and Restructuring Commission**, SC  
**Reid House** of Christian Service, Charleston, SC  
**Trident Urban League**, Charleston, SC  
**Trident United Way** (Board and Allocations Committee), SC  
S.C. Common Ground Initiative of the S.C. **Education Oversight Committee**

**HONORS**

**CTIA**, The Wireless Foundation, Mobile Life Award, Washington, DC, 2017  
Southeast Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors (**SEATOA**),  
Legislator of the Year Award, 2017  
**United Church of Christ** Office of Communication, Inc., Newton Minow Award, 2016  
National Black Caucus of State Legislators, **National Nation Builder Award**,  
Los Angeles, CA, 2015  
**Walter Kaitz Foundation**, Diversity Advocate Award, New York, NY, 2014  
The National Consumers League, **Trumpeter Award**, Washington, DC, 2013  
**Phoenix Center**, Jerry Duvall Public Service Award, Washington, DC, 2013  
Consumer Electronics Association, Digital Patriots Award, Las Vegas, NV, 2013  
Alliance for Women in Media, "**Women Who Represent**" Award, Washington, DC, 2013  
**Crittenton Services of Greater Washington**, Award for Leadership, Washington, DC, 2012  
College of Charleston, **Distinguished Communicator Award**, SC, 2011  
**National Hispanic Media Coalition**, Impact Award, Washington, DC, 2011  
National Foundation for Women Legislators and the National Organization for Black Elected  
Legislative Women, **Commitment to Minority, Underserved, Rural and Economically  
Challenged Communities**, 2009  
**Columbia, South Carolina Urban League**, Lincoln C. Jenkins Award for Business and  
Community Contributions

**EDUCATION**

**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA** **1980-1984**  
Columbia, South Carolina  
B.S. Business Administration  
Major in Banking and Finance and Economics