



SHLB Coalition Congressional Policy Meeting Notes

8.11.26

- I. Register for [AnchorNets!](#)
 - II. FCC Nominations – [Thumann](#) nomination
 - A. Hearing in Sept., but – lame duck session. May happen after the midterm.
 - B. Potential concern is what would happen to Commissioner Gomez (if anything)
 - C. Discussion of majority/minority language
 - 1. Does the Commission need a split of both Republicans and Democrats?
 - D. Blair Levin article – [The “Particular Dangers” of Slaughter’s Impact on the FCC - Publications - The Technology Policy Institute](#)
 - III. [Save Our E-Rate](#)
 - A. Foster [letter](#) – 50 cosponsors!
 - B. USF Working Group meeting – we’ve been meeting with every member of the working group
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CHAT

2026-08-11 14:04:34 From to Everyone:

Full AnchorNets agenda- <https://www.shlb.org/anchornets-2026-agenda-at-a-glance>

2026-08-11 14:12:26 to Everyone:

Thanks for that question. That was what I was wondering about.

2026-08-11 14:13:55 to Everyone:

The statute language on that majority/minority thing:

(5)The maximum number of commissioners who may be members of the same political party shall be a number equal to the least number of commissioners which constitutes a majority of the full membership of the Commission.

Sometimes I think they write these things so you have to read them three times to understand it...

2026-08-11 14:14:16 From to Everyone:

Replying to "The statute language on that majority/minority thi...":

You're not wrong

2026-08-11 14:14:59 to Everyone:

article yesterday from Blair Levin on Slaughter:

<https://techpolicyinstitute.org/publications/freespeech/the-particular-dangers-of-slaughters-impact-on-the-fcc/?ref=broadbandbreakfast.com>

2026-08-11 14:15:45 to Everyone:

(1)A commissioner—

(A)shall be appointed for a term of 5 years;

(B)except as provided in subparagraph (C), may continue to serve after the expiration of the fixed term of office of the commissioner until a successor is appointed and has been confirmed and taken the oath of office; and

(C)may not continue to serve after the expiration of the session of Congress that begins after the expiration of the fixed term of office of the commissioner.

Per 1(C), it sounds like Gomez could stay on thru the end of the next Congress, so EOY 2028?

2026-08-11 14:19:33 to Everyone:

Any update on text from the Congressional Working Group?

2026-08-11 14:29:23 to Everyone:

You all are concise! 😊 Thank you