



## **Schools & Libraries Committee**

### **Briefing Book**

Monday, April 27, 2026

10:00 a.m. – 10:45 p.m. Eastern Time

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700 12th Street, N.W., Suite 900

Washington, D.C. 20005

**Universal Service Administrative Company  
Schools & Libraries Committee  
Quarterly Meeting  
Agenda**

**Monday, April 27, 2026  
10:00 a.m.– 10:45 p.m. Eastern Time  
USAC Offices  
700 12th Street NW, Suite 900  
Washington, DC 20005**

<b><u>OPEN SESSION</u></b> Available for Public Use		<i>Estimated Duration in Minutes</i>
Chair	<b>a1.</b> Consent Items (each available for discussion upon request): <b>A.</b> Approval of Schools & Libraries Committee Meeting Minutes of January 26, 2026 <b>B.</b> Approval of moving all <i>Executive Session</i> items into <i>Executive Session</i> <b>C.</b> Approval of One Routine Procurement ( <i>see aSL03cf</i> ).	2
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Craig	<b>i2.</b> E-Rate Business Update ( <i>Continued</i> ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Roadmap</li> <li>• Appendix A: Program Metrics</li> <li>• Appendix B: Glossary of Terms</li> </ul>	–
Teleshia	<b>i3.</b> Information on One USAC Audit and Assurance Division Schools and Libraries Support Mechanism Beneficiary Audit Reports	–

<b><u>EXECUTIVE SESSION</u></b> <i>Executive Session Recommended</i>		<i>Estimated Duration in Minutes</i>
Craig	<b>i4.</b> E-Rate Business Update ( <i>Continued if needed</i> )	–
Chris	<b>a3.</b> Consideration of a Contract Modification for E-Rate Business Process Outsourcing Services	–

**Next Scheduled USAC Schools & Libraries Committee Meeting**

**Monday, July 27, 2026  
USAC Offices, Washington, D.C.**

**Universal Service Administrative Company  
Schools & Libraries Committee Meeting**

<b>ACTION ITEM</b>
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**Consent Items**

**Action Requested**

The Schools & Libraries Committee (Committee) of the USAC Board of Directors (Board) is requested to approve the consent items listed below.

**Discussion**

The Committee is requested to approve the following items using the consent resolution below:

- A. Approval of Committee meeting minutes of January 26, 2026 (*see Attachment A*).
  
- B. Approval of moving the following items into ***Executive Session***:
  - (1) **i4.** E-Rate Business Update (*Continued, if needed*). USAC management recommends that this matter be discussed in ***Executive Session*** because it relates to ***specific internal controls or confidential company data*** that would constitute a discussion of ***internal rules and procedures*** concerning the administration of the universal service support mechanisms, where discussion of the matter in open session would result in ***disclosure of confidential techniques and procedures*** that would compromise program integrity.
  
  - (2) **a3.** Consideration of a Contract Modification for E-Rate Business Process Outsourcing Services. USAC management recommends that this item be discussed in ***Executive Session*** because it relates to USAC's ***procurement strategy and contract administration***, where discussion of such matters in open session would compromise USAC's business objectives or negotiating strategy.
  
- C. Approval of One Routine Procurement.
  - (1) Consideration of a Contract Modification for E-Rate Business Process Outsourcing Services. The resolution is provided in **aSL03cf**. If discussion is needed, it will be conducted in ***Executive Session***.

Upon request of a Committee member, any one or more of the above items are available for discussion by the Committee.

**Recommended USAC Schools & Libraries Committee Action**

APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS:

**RESOLVED**, that the Schools & Libraries Committee of the USAC Board of Directors hereby approves: (1) the Committee meeting minutes of January 26, 2026; and (2) discussion in *Executive Session* of the items noted above; and (3) the approval of one routine procurement as presented in item **aSL03cf**.

**UNIVERSAL SERVICE ADMINISTRATIVE COMPANY**  
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**Washington, D.C. 20005**

**SCHOOLS & LIBRARIES COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Monday, January 26, 2026**

**(Draft) MINUTES<sup>1</sup>**

Due to inclement weather the USAC office was closed Monday, January 26, 2026. The quarterly meeting of the Schools & Libraries Committee (Committee) of the USAC Board of Directors (Board) was conducted virtually. The USAC website was updated to allow the public to join the Open Session portion of the meeting virtually. Amber Gregory, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:09 a.m. Eastern Time, with a quorum of eight Committee members present (there were two vacancies):

Chacko, Sheba  
Dalhover, Brian  
Garber, Michelle, Chief Executive Officer (Interim), and Assistant  
Treasurer  
Gregory, Amber – Chair  
Schell, Julie Tritt  
Schuler, Dr. David  
Thompson, Mona  
Wade, Dr. Joan – Vice Chair

Mr. Dalhover left the meeting at 12:09 p.m. Eastern Time. He did not participate in the discussion or voted on item a4.

Other Board members and officers of the corporation present:

Beyerhelm, Chris – Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer  
Butler, Stephen – Vice President of Shared Services  
Davis, Craig – Vice President of Schools and Libraries  
Delmar, Teleshia – Vice President of Audit and Assurance  
Francisco, Dale – Chief Financial Officer (Interim)  
Gaither, Victor – Vice President of High Cost  
Green, Anisa – Member of the Board

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<sup>1</sup> Draft resolutions were presented to the Committee prior to the Committee meeting. Where appropriate, non-substantive changes have been made to the resolutions set forth herein to clarify language, or to correct grammatical or spelling errors.

Action Item #aSL01 4/27/2026

Attachment A

Minutes of January 26, 2026

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Hutchinson, Kyle – Vice President and Chief Information Officer  
 Kettwich, Dan – Member of the Board  
 Mason, Ken – Member of the Board  
 Minard, Alexander, Member of the Board  
 Minnock, Stephanie, Member of the Board  
 O'Brien, Tim – Vice President of Lifeline  
 Sanborn, Heather – Member of the Board  
 Schram, Tim – Member of the Board  
 Semmler, Kara – Member of the Board  
 Sweeney, Mark – Vice President of Rural Health Care  
 Wein, Olivia – Member of the Board  
 Wibberly, Dr. Kathy – Member of the Board  
 Williams, Erin – Vice President, General Counsel, and Assistant Secretary

Others present:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>COMPANY</u>
Allison, Sarah	USAC
Ayer, Catriona	USAC
Benham, Cathy	CSM Central
Blythe, Albert	USAC
Broadnax, Folasade	USAC
Brown, Daniel	Nelson Mullins
Bui, Brandon	USAC
Campos, Rosy	Federal Funding Advisors, LLC
Cichella, Sami	CSM
Claxton, Naomi	USAC
Cole, Kelleigh	UETN
Corra, Kristen	Schools, Health & Libraries Broadband Coalition
Corriher, Kim	SOHCN
Dodoo, Shar	Kellogg and Sovereign
Fecarotta Steven	FCC
Flood, Michael	Alpine Frog, LLC
Goode, Vernell	USAC
Green, Kevin	USAC
James, Christine	USAC
Kaplan, Peter	Fortinet
Kerr, Mia	KB & Associates LLC
King, Ryan	USAC
Kriete, Debra	South Dakota DOE and State E-Rate Coordinators' Alliance
LeNard, David	CDW-G

<u>NAME</u>	<u>COMPANY</u>
Loveless, Nikole	Kellogg and Sovereign
Markarian, Lehna	CSM Consulting, Inc.
Mitchell, Katherine	USAC
Morgan, Meredith	USAC
Nuzzo, Patsy	USAC
Riordan, Dan	On-Tech Consulting, Inc.
Rodwich, Denise	Espy Services
Rovetto, Ed	USAC
Sadirkhanova, Sabina	USAC
Schrader, Theresa	Broadband Legal Strategies, LLC
Smith, Chris	USAC
Smith, Zackary	Espy Services
Staurulakis, Chresanthe	USAC
Terry, Dwana	FCC
Whalen, Taylor	HealthConnect Networks

### OPEN SESSION

All materials from *Open Session* can be found on the [USAC website](#).

- a1. Consent Items.** Ms. Gregory presented this item for consideration.
- A.** Approval of Schools and Libraries Committee meeting minutes of October 27, 2025.
  - B.** Approval of moving all *Executive Session* items into *Executive Session*:
    - (1) **i4.** E-Rate Business Update (*Continued*). USAC management recommends that this item be discussed in *Executive Session* because it relates to *specific internal controls and/or confidential company data* that would constitute a discussion of internal rules and procedures.
    - (2) **a4.** Approval of Schools and Libraries Support Mechanism 2026 Annual Programmatic Budget. USAC management recommends that this item be discussed in *Executive Session* because it relates to USAC's *procurement strategy and contract administration*, as well as *internal rules and procedures* concerning the administration of the universal service support mechanisms where discussion of the matter in open session would result in *disclosure of confidential techniques and procedures* that would

compromise program integrity. In addition, this includes *pre-decisional matters pending before the FCC*.

- (3) **i5.** Information on One USAC Audit and Assurance Audit Division Schools and Libraries Support Mechanism Beneficiary Audit Report. USAC management recommends that this item be discussed in *Executive Session* because it relates to *specific internal controls or confidential company data* that would constitute a discussion of internal rules and procedures. In addition, this item relates to *eligibility, payment status, request for funding, or other issue regarding a specific participant* in any of the universal service support mechanisms where discussion of the matter in open session could reveal trade secrets or commercial or financial information obtained from a person or entity.

On a motion duly made and seconded, and after discussion, the Committee adopted the following resolutions:

**RESOLVED**, that the Schools & Libraries Committee of the USAC Board of Directors hereby approves: (1) the Committee meeting minutes of October 27, 2025; and (2) discussion in *Executive Session* of the items noted above.

- a2. Recommendation for Election of Committee Chair and Vice Chair.** Ms. Gregory requested that Dr. Wibberly, Chair of the Nominating Committee, present this item to the Committee.

On a motion duly made and seconded, and after discussion, the Committee adopted the following resolutions.

**RESOLVED**, that the USAC Schools & Libraries Committee recommends that the USAC Board of Directors re-elect **Amber Gregory** as Chair and **Joan Wade**, as Vice Chair of the Committee. The term for each position begins immediately upon the election to such position by the Board and ends at such time as the Chair or Vice Chair (as the case may be): (i) is replaced by a successor selected by the Board, (ii) resigns from the Committee or the Board, (iii) is removed by resolution of the Board, or (iv) is no longer a member of the Board (whichever comes first).

- a3. Approval of Schools and Libraries Support Mechanism 2nd Quarter 2026 Programmatic Budget and Demand Projection for January 30, 2026, FCC Filing.** Mr. Davis presented this item for consideration. The presentation included a written report on USAC management's recommendations for the Schools and Libraries Mechanism 2nd Quarter 2026 programmatic budget and demand projection for the January 30, 2026 FCC Filing.

On a motion duly made and seconded, and after discussion, the Committee adopted the following resolutions:

**RESOLVED**, that the USAC Schools & Libraries Committee approves a 2nd Quarter 2026 Schools and Libraries Support Mechanism direct program budget of \$9.81 million and

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that the USAC Schools & Libraries Committee directs USAC staff to submit a collection requirement of \$9.81 million for Schools and Libraries Support Mechanism administrative costs in the required January 30, 2026 filing to the Federal Communications Commission on behalf of the Committee; and

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that the USAC Schools & Libraries Committee, having reviewed at its meeting on January 26, 2026, the 2nd Quarter 2026 Schools and Libraries Support Mechanism demand estimate of \$641.92 million, hereby directs USAC staff to proceed with the required January 30, 2026, filing to the Federal Communications Commission on behalf of the Committee. USAC staff may make adjustments if the total variance for the Schools and Libraries Support Mechanism is equal to or less than \$10 million or may seek approval from the Committee Chair to make adjustments if the total variance is greater than \$10 million, but not more than \$25 million.

- i1. E-Rate Business Update.** Mr. Davis presented PowerPoint slides to the Committee covering the following items:
- 2025 Accomplishments
  - 2026 Program Plans
  - Cybersecurity Pilot Program Update
  - Tribal Library E-Rate Advocacy Program (T-LEAP) Update
- i2. E-Rate Business Update (*Continued*).** This item was provided for *information purposes only*. No discussion was held. Ms. Gregory noted that the Schools and Libraries materials listed below would be made public and posted to the USAC website.
- Q4 2025 Accomplishments
  - Q1 2026 Program Plans
  - Roadmap
  - Appendix A: Program Metrics
  - Appendix B: Glossary of Terms
- i3. Information on Nine USAC Audit and Assurance Division Schools and Libraries Support Mechanism Beneficiary Audit Reports.** This item was

provided for *information purposes only*. No discussion was held. Ms. Gregory noted that the Schools and Libraries Audit Briefing Book would be made public and posted to the USAC website.

At 12:02 p.m. Eastern Time, on a motion duly made and seconded, the Committee moved into ***Executive Session*** for the purpose of discussing confidential items. Only members of the Board and FCC and USAC staff were present.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- i4. **E-Rate Business Update (*Continued, if needed*)**. The Committee had no additional discussion that required responses in ***Executive Session***.
- a4. **Approval of Schools and Libraries Support Mechanism 2026 Annual Programmatic Budget**. Mr. Davis presented this item to the Committee providing an overview of the 2026 Annual Programmatic Budget.

On a motion duly made and seconded, and after discussion, the Committee adopted the following resolution:

**RESOLVED**, that the Schools and Libraries Committee approves a 2026 annual programmatic budget for the Schools and Libraries Support Mechanism of \$37.57 million.

- i5. **Information on One USAC Audit and Assurance Division Schools and Libraries Support Mechanism Beneficiary Audit Report**. This item was provided for *information purposes only*. No discussion was held.

### **OPEN SESSION**

At 12:11 p.m. Eastern Time, the Committee moved out of ***Executive Session*** and immediately reconvened in ***Open Session***, at which time Ms. Gregory reported that, in ***Executive Session***, the Committee discussed and voted on item a4.

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Committee adjourned at 12:12 p.m. Eastern Time.

/s/ Erin Williams  
Assistant Secretary

**Universal Service Administrative Company  
Schools & Libraries Committee Meeting**

**ACTION ITEM**

**Approval of Schools and Libraries Support Mechanism  
3rd Quarter 2026 Programmatic Budget and  
Demand Projection for the May 1, 2026, FCC Filing**

**Action Requested**

The Schools & Libraries Committee (Committee) of the USAC Board of Directors (Board) is requested to approve a 3rd Quarter 2026 (Q3 2026) programmatic budget and demand projection for the Schools and Libraries Support Mechanism for submission to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) in USAC's May 1, 2026, quarterly filing.

**Discussion**

On a quarterly basis, USAC is required to submit to the FCC each program's budget<sup>1</sup> and projected demand for the upcoming quarter.<sup>2</sup>

**Funding Requirement**

USAC estimates the Q3 2026 funding requirement for the Schools and Libraries Support Mechanism as follows:

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<sup>1</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 54.715(c).

<sup>2</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 54.709(a)(3).

Table A. Program Funding Requirement

<i>(in millions)</i>	<b>Q2 2026</b>	<b>Increase/ (Decrease)</b>	<b>Q3 2026</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Steady State:				
Program Funding Requirement	\$628.68	\$37.57	\$666.25	See Notes 1 and 2, and Table B
New Requirements:				
N/A	0.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>Total Program Funding Requirement</b>	<b>\$628.68</b>	<b>\$37.57</b>	<b>\$666.25</b>	
Prior Period Adjustments (difference between projections and actuals):				
Billings	(1.71)	0.53	(1.18)	
Interest Income	(0.23)	0.08	(0.15)	
Bad Debt Expense	(4.55)	(4.64)	(9.19)	
<b>Total Prior Period Adjustments</b>	<b>(\$6.49)</b>	<b>(\$4.03)</b>	<b>(\$10.52)</b>	
USAC Administrative Expenses	\$19.73	\$0.27	\$20.00	See Table C
<b>Total Funding Requirement</b>	<b>\$641.92</b>	<b>\$33.81</b>	<b>\$675.73</b>	

**Note 1:** The Program Funding Requirement represents one-quarter of the collections required to meet the projected demand for Funding Year 2026 of \$3,264.98 million, net of adjustments for denials and cancellations. USAC proposes to carry forward \$600 million to Funding Year 2026. See Table B below for additional details.

**Note 2:** Table B is an annual schedule that is typically updated once a year for the April Board meeting.

Table B. Funding Year 2026 Program Funding Requirement and Roll Forward

<i>(in millions)</i>	<b>Fund Year 2026</b>
<b>Total Requested (In Window)</b>	\$3,515.06
Decrease for Denials/Cancellations (based on 5 yr. average)	(336.50)
Increase for Out of Window Apps (based on 5 yr. average)	86.42
<b>Estimated Demand</b>	<b>\$3,264.98</b>
<b>Less Roll Forward Available to Offset Collections</b>	
Remaining Available Funds from Prior Fund Year	\$746.52
Reserved Funds, Net Change	
a. Pending Applications to Process	(224.07)
b. Unliquidated Obligations (ULOs)	124.11
c. Appeals Reserve - USAC Appeals	(39.89)
d. Appeals Reserve - FCC Appeals	(6.67)
e. Reserve for future use (per FCC guidance)	0.00
f. Unpaid Invoices	0.00
<b>Total Roll Forward</b>	<b>\$600.00</b>
<b>Funding Year 2026 Collection Requirement</b>	<b>\$2,664.98</b>

Based on the projected burn rate, USAC estimates the following Q3 2026 programmatic budget:

Table C. Quarterly Programmatic Budget

<i>(in millions)</i>	<b>Q2 2026 Budget</b>	<b>Increase/ (Decrease)</b>	<b>Q3 2026 Budget</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>Direct Program Costs</b>				
Employee Expenses	\$2.55	(\$0.14)	\$2.41	
Professional Services	3.80	(0.14)	3.66	
General & Administrative	0.02	(0.02)	0.00	See Note 3
<b>Total Direct Program Costs</b>	<b>\$6.37</b>	<b>(\$0.30)</b>	<b>\$6.07</b>	
<b>Direct Assigned Costs</b>				
Employee Expenses	\$0.96	\$0.02	\$0.98	
Professional Services	1.79	(0.08)	1.71	
General & Administrative	0.69	(0.05)	0.64	See Note 3
<b>Total Direct Assigned Costs</b>	<b>\$3.44</b>	<b>(\$0.11)</b>	<b>\$3.33</b>	
<b>Total Direct Program &amp; Direct Assigned Costs</b>	<b>\$9.81</b>	<b>(\$0.41)</b>	<b>\$9.40</b>	
<b>Common Allocated Costs</b>	<b>\$9.92</b>	<b>\$0.68</b>	<b>\$10.60</b>	
<b>Total Programmatic Budget</b>	<b>\$19.73</b>	<b>\$0.27</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>	

**Note 3:** General & Administrative expenses include computer support & maintenance and meetings & conferences.

A comparison of actual expenditures to the budget for the three months ending March 31, 2026, is provided in **Attachment 1**.

**Recommendation**

USAC management recommends that the Committee approve the Q3 2026 budget and projection of demand as proposed.

**Recommended Schools & Libraries Committee Actions**

APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS:

**RESOLVED**, that the USAC Schools & Libraries Committee approves a 3rd Quarter 2026 Schools and Libraries Support Mechanism direct program budget of \$9.40 million and

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that the USAC Schools & Libraries Committee directs USAC staff to submit a collection requirement of \$9.40 million for Schools and Libraries Support Mechanism administrative costs in the required May 1, 2026 filing to the Federal Communications Commission on behalf of the Committee; and

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that the USAC Schools & Libraries Committee, having reviewed at its meeting on April 27, 2026, the 3rd Quarter 2026 Schools and Libraries Support Mechanism demand estimate of \$675.73 million, hereby directs USAC staff to proceed with the required May 1, 2026, filing to the Federal Communications Commission on behalf of the Committee. USAC staff may make adjustments if the total variance for the Schools and Libraries Support Mechanism is equal to or less than \$10 million or may seek approval from the Committee Chair to make adjustments if the total variance is greater than \$10 million, but not more than \$25 million.

## ATTACHMENT 1

**Schools and Libraries Administrative Costs and Headcount**  
Comparison of Actual Expenditures and Headcount to the Budget for the  
Three Months Ending March 31, 2026

<i>(\$ in millions)</i>	<b>FTE Actual</b>	<b>FTE Budget</b>	<b>FTE Variance</b>	<b>YTD Actual</b>	<b>YTD Budget</b>	<b>Variance</b>
<b>Direct Program Costs</b>						
Employee Expenses	61	65	4	\$2.27	\$2.19	(\$0.08)
Professional Services (Note 4)				3.66	3.51	(0.15)
General & Administrative (Note 5)				0.02	0.00	(0.02)
<b>Total Direct Program Costs</b>				<b>\$5.95</b>	<b>\$5.70</b>	<b>(\$0.25)</b>
<b>Direct Assigned Costs</b>						
Employee Expenses	20	19	(1)	\$0.96	\$0.94	(\$0.02)
Professional Services (Note 4)				1.73	1.79	0.06
General & Administrative (Note 5)				0.72	0.68	(0.04)
<b>Total Direct Assigned Costs</b>				<b>\$3.41</b>	<b>\$3.41</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Total Direct Program &amp; Direct Assigned Costs</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>\$9.36</b>	<b>\$9.11</b>	<b>(\$0.25)</b>
<b>Common Allocated Costs (Note 6)</b>				<b>\$11.00</b>	<b>\$10.65</b>	<b>(\$0.35)</b>
<b>Total Programmatic Budget</b>				<b>\$20.36</b>	<b>\$19.76</b>	<b>(\$0.60)</b>

**Note 4:** Direct Program Professional Services include business process outsourcing (BPO). Direct Assigned Professional Services include E-Rate Productivity Center (EPC) operations & maintenance, beneficiary & contributor audit program audits, and IT contract labor.

**Note 5:** General & Administrative expenses include computer support & maintenance, printing & postage, and meetings & conferences.

**Note 6:** Common costs include costs not directly attributable to a program and are allocated based on the Cost Allocation Methodology, which allocates costs based 50% on direct program costs in the prior year and 50% on program demand in the prior year.



# **Schools and Libraries Committee**

E-Rate Business Update

*Open Session*

April 27, 2026

# Agenda

- Q1 2026 Accomplishments
- Funding Year (FY) 2026 FCC Form 471 Filing Window Overview
- Q2 2026 Program Plans
- Cybersecurity Pilot Program Update

# Q1 2026 Accomplishments

- Successfully closed the FY2026 application filing window on April 1, 2026 (opened January 21, 2026)
  - 37,124 applications received
  - \$3,515 million requested

Application Type	FY2025 Received	FY2025 Dollars Requested (millions)	FY2026 Received	FY2026 Dollars Requested (millions)
<b>C1 Applications</b>	23,708	\$ 1,806	22,336	\$ 1,701
<b>C2 Applications</b>	13,728	\$ 1,418	14,788	\$ 1,814
<b>Fiber Applications</b>	1,240	\$ 305.2	1,245	\$ 249.9
<b>Consortia Applications</b>	1,930	\$ 384.9	1,915	\$ 389.7

# Q1 2026 Accomplishments (Continued)

- Training and Outreach
  - USAC staff attended the “Computers in Libraries 2026 Conference” to provide library applicants with opportunities to ask questions about program requirements for FY2026.
  - USAC held four training sessions, covering the pre-commitment process, a separate pre-commitment process Q&A session, the PIA review process, and invoicing to assist applicants during the FY2026 application filing window. There were over 440 attendees across the four sessions.
- Authorized disbursements of \$521.6 million for all funding years in Q1 2026 compared with \$556.2 million in Q1 2025, down 6.2 percent year-over-year.
  - The average amount of days to process invoice lines decreased by 9.4 percent, from 8.5 days in Q1 2025 to 7.7 days in Q1 2026.

# Funding Year 2026 Filing Window Overview

- FY2026 requested dollars increased 8.3 percent and applications fell 0.8 percent compared to FY2025 at window close.
  - Category One (C1) requests fell by 5.8 percent, and dollars requested also fell by 5.8 percent.
    - FY2026 – 22,336 requests for \$1.7 billion
    - FY2025 – 23,708 requests for \$1.8 billion
  - Category Two (C2) requests rose by 7.7 percent and demand increased by 27.9 percent.
- Median cost for 1 Gbps service fell 13.8 percent from \$0.87 per megabit in FY 2025 to \$0.75 per megabit in FY2026.

	FY2025	FY2026	% Change
<b>Requested Dollars (billions)</b>	\$ 3.25	\$ 3.52	+8.3%
<b>Applications Submitted</b>	37,436	37,124	- 0.8%
<b>Funding Requests</b>	55,900	56,961	+ 1.9%
<b>Billed Entities</b>	21,200	21,054	- 0.7%
<b>Recipients of Service</b>	132,710	132,972	+ 0.2%

## Q2 2026 Program Plans

- Issue the first FY2026 commitment wave and continue FY2026 application processing to complete 95 percent of all FY2026 workable FCC Form 471 applications by September 1.
- Continue processing prior-year applications, appeals, commitment adjustments, and other program transactions.
- Deliver on 2026 E-Rate training plan, including conference attendance, webinars, live in-person training sessions, and participating in and staffing vendor booths at the Public Libraries Association 2026 Conference (April 1-3) in Minneapolis, the Consortium for School Networking 2026 Conference (April 13-15) in Chicago, the Pacific Northwest/Oregon Library Associations Conference (April 22-24) in Portland, and the American Libraries Association Conference (June 25-29) in Chicago.
- Assist Tribal library applicants throughout FY2026 by providing direct support in navigating the E-Rate application process, including one-on-one assistance when preparing applications, applying to the program, and receiving E-Rate support through the newly established Tribal Library E-Rate Assistance Program (T-LEAP). USAC is currently supporting five Tribal libraries for FY2026.

# Cybersecurity Pilot Program Update

- The Pilot FCC Form 471 application filing window opened March 18 and closed September 15, 2025. Applicants submitted 716 Pilot FCC Form 471s, requesting \$153.4 million in Pilot Program support.
  - Committed over 375 Pilot FCC Form 471 applications for \$61 million through four funding waves.
- Began receiving post-commitment (PC) requests and invoices in Q1 2026.
  - 78 PC requests received and 60 processed.
  - 219 invoice lines submitted and 176 processed for \$7.3 million.



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# **Schools and Libraries Committee**

E-Rate Business Update

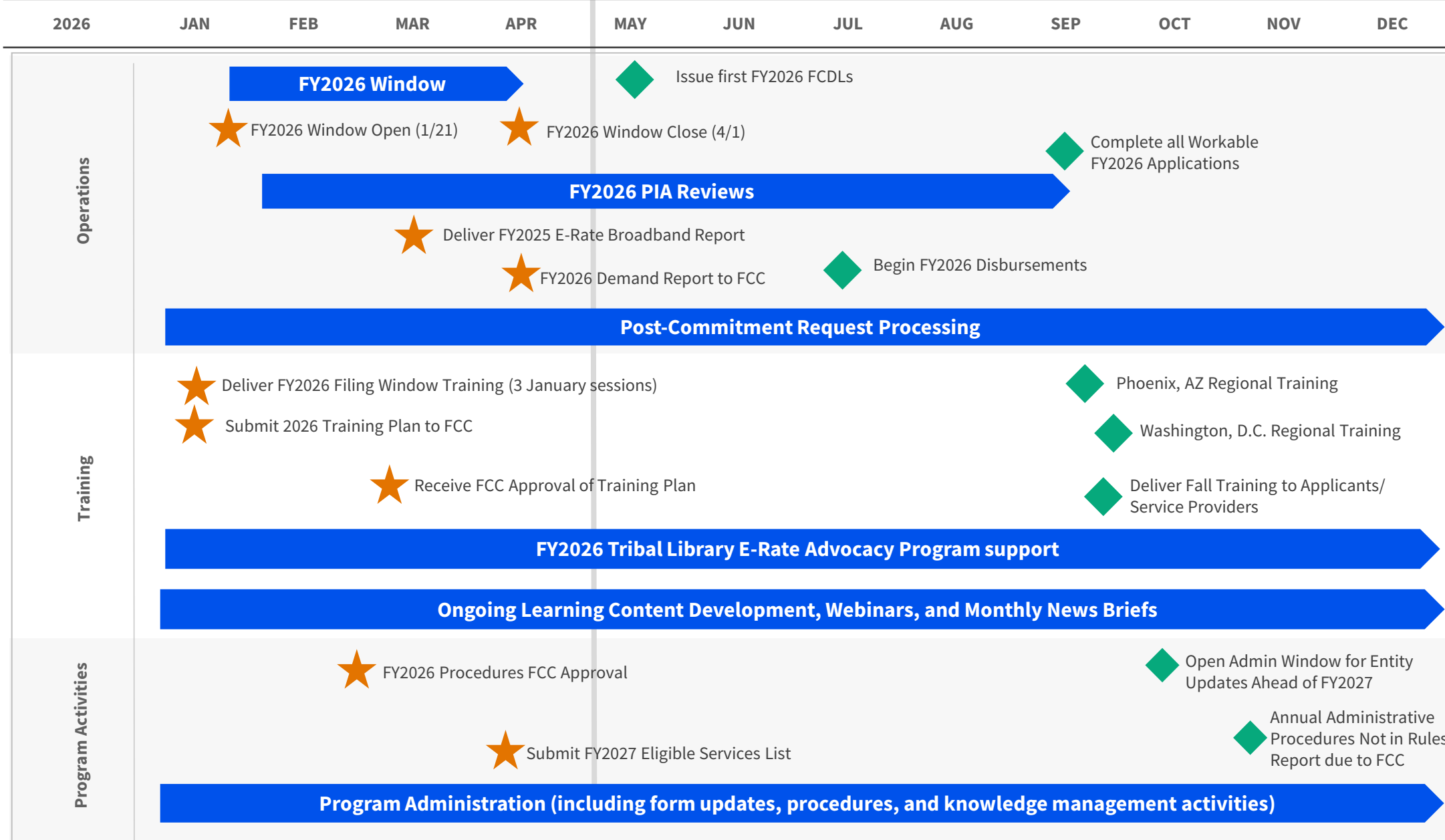
*Open Session – Information Only*

April 27, 2026

# Agenda

- Roadmap
- Appendix A: Program Metrics
- Appendix B: Glossary of Terms

# Roadmap



**Milestone Legend**

- At Risk
- On Track
- Completed

# Appendix A: E-Rate Program Metrics

E-Rate Pre-Commitment (Data through March 31, 2026)

Fund Year			Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Requested	2026	Demand	33,499				33,499
		Requested Dollars	\$3,119,624,962				\$3,119,624,962
		Avg. Days Outstanding					-
	2025	Demand	37,663	930	146	42	38,781
		Requested Dollars	\$3,234,660,304	\$75,869,572	\$27,042,397	\$582,333	\$3,338,154,606
		Avg. Days Outstanding	370	332	233	138	1,073
Committed	2026	Reviewed Apps.	1,185				1,185
		Reviewed Dollars	\$257,280,289				\$257,280,289
	2025	Reviewed Apps.	348	27,649	7,402	1,929	37,328
		Reviewed Dollars	\$208,815,690	\$1,553,819,667	\$852,703,916	\$665,724,969	\$3,281,064,242

Dollar values displayed have been rounded. Totals are calculated based on the original (not rounded) figures.

# Appendix A: Program Metrics (Continued)

E-Rate Post-Commitment (Data through March 31, 2026)

		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	
<b>Submitted</b>	2026	Invoice Counts	78,546				78,546
		Invoice Dollars	\$629,141,879				\$629,141,879
	2025	Invoice Counts	70,554	67,167	76,004	65,561	279,286
		Invoice Dollars	\$608,200,926	\$561,737,764	\$835,672,083	\$633,285,189	\$2,638,895,962
<b>Disbursed</b>	2026	Invoice Counts	71,944				71,944
		Invoice Dollars	\$410,569,556				\$410,569,556
	2025	Invoice Counts	71,981	67,861	69,691	69,196	278,729
		Invoice Dollars	\$559,989,568	\$546,569,770	\$672,879,829	\$596,508,426	\$2,375,947,593

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# Appendix B: Glossary of Terms

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Term	Definition
EPC	E-Rate Productivity Center
FCC	Federal Communications Commission
FAQs	Frequently Asked Questions
FY	Funding Year
PIA	Program Integrity Assurance
SL	Schools and Libraries
USF	Universal Service Fund

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