wireless public safety broadband deployment. The FirstNet Board is responsible for providing overall policy direction and oversight of FirstNet to ensure that the nationwide network continuously meets the needs of public safety.

II. Structure

The FirstNet Board is composed of 15 voting members. The Act names the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, the Attorney General of the United States, and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget as permanent members of the FirstNet Board. The Secretary of Commerce appoints the twelve nonpermanent members of the FirstNet Board. The Act requires each Board member to have experience or expertise in at least one of the following substantive areas: Public safety, network, technical, and/or financial. Additionally, the composition of the FirstNet Board must satisfy the other requirements specified in the Act, including that: (i) At least three Board members have served as public safety professionals; (ii) at least three members represent the collective interests of states, localities, tribes, and territories; and (iii) its members reflect geographic and regional, as well as rural and urban, representation. An individual Board member may satisfy more than one of these requirements. The current nonpermanent FirstNet Board members are (noting length of term):

- Edward Horowitz, Chair, Venture capital/technology executive (Term expires: August 2021)
- Teri Takai, Government information technology expert; former CIO, states of Michigan and California (Term expires: August 2019)
- Robert Tipton Osterthaler, Business/technology executive, network (Term expires: January 2021)
- Richard Ross, Jr., Police Commissioner, City of Philadelphia (Term expires: January 2021)
- Richard W. Stanek, Sheriff, Hennepin County, Minnesota (Term expires: January 2021)
- David Zolet, President & CEO, LMI (Term expires: January 2021)
- Richard Carrizzo, Fire Chief, Southern Platte Fire Protection District, MO (Term expires August 2021)
- Neil E. Cox, Telecommunications/technology executive (Term expires: August 2021)
- Brian Crawford, SVP and Chief Administrative Officer for Willis-Knighton Health System/former Fire Chief and municipal government executive (Term expires: August 2021)
- Billy Hewes, Mayor of Gulfport, MS (Term expires: August 2021)
- Paul Patrick, Division Director, Family Health and Preparedness, Utah Department of Health (Term expires: August 2021)
- Brigadier General Welton Chase, Retired, U. S. Army, Army Information Technology (Term expires: September 2021)

More information about the FirstNet Board is available at www.firstnet.gov/about/Board. Board members are appointed for a term of three years, and Board members may not serve more than two consecutive full three-year terms.

III. Compensation and Status as Government Employees

FirstNet Board members are appointed as special government employees. FirstNet Board members are compensated at the daily rate of basic pay for level IV of the Executive Schedule (approximately $164,200 per year). Each Board member must be a United States citizen, cannot be a registered lobbyist, and cannot be a registered agent of, employed by, or receive payments from a foreign government.

IV. Financial Disclosure and Conflicts of Interest

FirstNet Board members must comply with certain federal conflict of interest statutes and ethics regulations, including some financial disclosure requirements. A FirstNet Board member will generally be prohibited from participating on any particular matter that will have a direct and predictable effect on his or her personal financial interests or on the interests of the appointee’s spouse, minor children, or non-federal employer.

V. Selection Process

At the direction of the Secretary of Commerce, NTIA will conduct outreach to the public safety community, state and local organizations, and industry to solicit nominations for candidates to the Board who satisfy the statutory requirements for membership. In addition, by this Notice, the Secretary of Commerce, through NTIA, will accept expressions of interest until April 18, 2019, from any individual, or any organization that wishes to propose a candidate, who satisfies the statutory requirements for membership on the FirstNet Board. All parties wishing to be considered should submit their full name, address, telephone number, email address, a current resume, and a statement of qualifications that references how the candidate satisfies the Act’s expertise, representational, and geographic requirements for FirstNet Board membership, as described in this Notice, along with a statement describing why they want to serve on the FirstNet Board and affirming their ability and availability to take a regular and active role in the Board’s work. The Secretary of Commerce will select FirstNet Board candidates based on the eligibility requirements in the Act and recommendations submitted by NTIA. NTIA will recommend candidates based on an assessment of their qualifications as well as their demonstrated ability to work in a collaborative way to achieve the goals and objectives of FirstNet as set forth in the Act. NTIA may consult with FirstNet Board members or executives in making its recommendation. Board candidates will be vetted through the Department of Commerce and are subject to an appropriate background check for security clearance.


Kathy Smith, Chief Counsel, National Telecommunications and Information Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

National Telecommunications and Information Administration

[Docket No.: PTO–CT–2019–0004]

Notice of Third Public Meeting on Developing the Digital Marketplace for Copyrighted Works


ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce’s Internet Policy Task Force (Task Force) will hold a conference at the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) facility in Alexandria,
Virginia, on March 28, 2019, to discuss current initiatives and technologies used to develop a more robust and collaborative digital marketplace for copyrighted works. In the previous public comments and meetings, the Task Force heard from stakeholders that the government can play a useful role by facilitating dialogues between and among industry sectors and by convening stakeholder groups to make recommendations on specific issues. Based on this feedback, the Task Force is organizing this meeting to build on the work of the prior meetings and continue to facilitate constructive, cross-industry dialogue about ways to promote a robust and collaborative online marketplace for copyrighted works.

DATES: The public meeting will be held on March 28, 2019, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held at the United States Patent and Trademark Office in the Clara Barton Auditorium (formerly the Madison Auditorium), which is located at 600 Dulany Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314. All major entrances to the building are accessible to people with disabilities. In addition, the meeting will be webcast for public viewing.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information regarding the meeting, contact Kortney Hammonds or Susan Allen, Office of Policy and International Affairs, USPTO, Madison Building, 600 Dulany Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314; telephone (571) 272–9300; email Kortney.Hammonds@uspto.gov or Susan.Allen@uspto.gov. Please direct all media inquiries to the Office of the Chief Communications Officer, USPTO, at (571) 272–8400.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

A. Ongoing Government Engagement Relating to Copyright in the Digital Economy

The Department of Commerce established the Task Force in 2010 to identify leading public policy and operational issues affecting the U.S. private sector’s ability to realize the potential for economic growth and job creation through the internet. The Task Force’s July 2013 report Copyright Policy, Creativity, and Innovation in the Digital Economy (Green Paper) 1 was the product of extensive public consultations led by the USPTO and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA). The Green Paper devoted a chapter to “Ensuring an Efficient Online Marketplace,” which looked at then-current examples of digital licensing options, as well as impediments to their development and adoption. Such challenges included the complexity of licensing in the online environment, mapping old contracts to new uses, and cross-border licensing. The Green Paper concluded that, while the private sector would continue to make progress towards resolving online licensing issues, there may be ways in which the U.S. Government could play a helpful role on both the domestic and international fronts. Over the subsequent five years, the Task Force has solicited comments and convened public meetings to further discuss these issues.

On December 9, 2016, the Task Force held a meeting that was designed to facilitate constructive, cross-industry dialogue among stakeholders about ways to promote a more robust and collaborative online marketplace for copyrighted works. On January 25, 2018, the Task Force’s meeting included panels on identification, registries, and licensing and international perspectives. These two meetings responded to stakeholder comments that the government can play a useful role by facilitating dialogues between and among industry sectors and by convening stakeholder groups to make recommendations on specific issues. They focused on initiatives in this space that relate to standards development, interoperability across digital registries, and cross-industry collaboration, to understand the current state of affairs, identify challenges, and discuss paths forward. They also provided an opportunity to explore potential approaches to the future adoption and integration of relevant emerging technologies into the online marketplace, such as blockchain technology and open-source platforms.

The Task Force notes that the United States Copyright Office is engaged in several endeavors that may inform this March event. In support of its statutory work, the Copyright Office is currently engaged in: (1) Developing a new enterprise copyright system to improve the current registration system and revolutionize the current paper-based system of recordation of documents; 2 (2) continuing its multiyear project converting the extensive, paper-based pre-1978 historical records into digital format for improved public access, enhanced online search capabilities, and continued record preservation, including releases of a Virtual Card Catalog proof of concept; 3 (3) implementing various elements of the new Music Modernization Act (MMA), a major legislative change updating the music licensing system; 4 (4) producing policy studies that address issues affecting online licensing and related issues, ranging from recordation 5 to music licensing 6 to the right of making available 7 to visual works; 8 and (5) issuing notices of inquiry, notices of proposed rulemakings and final rules on numerous areas addressing registration 9 and recordation practices in order to improve both office practices and the copyright marketplace. 10

B. The Focus of This Meeting

In the previous public comments and meetings, the Task Force heard from stakeholders that the government can play a useful role by facilitating dialogues between and among industry sectors and by convening stakeholder groups to make recommendations on specific issues. Based on this feedback, the Task Force is organizing this meeting to build on the work of the prior meetings and continue to facilitate constructive, cross-industry dialogue about ways to promote a robust and collaborative online marketplace for copyrighted works.

www.copyright.gov/reports/tipplan/modified-modernization-plan.pdf; see also the Office’s web page on Copyright Modernization at https://www.copyright.gov/copyright-modernization/.


9 See U.S. Copyright Office, Registration Modernization, 83 FR 52336 (Oct. 17, 2018), see also at https://www.copyright.gov/rulemaking/reg-modernization/.

10 For a list of the U.S. Copyright Office’s open and closed rulemakings, see the Copyright Office’s web page at https://www.copyright.gov/rulemaking/.
copyrighted works. We will discuss the potential for interoperability across digital registries and standards work in this field, and consider how the relevant emerging technologies (e.g., blockchain technology, artificial intelligence) are developing. We will also explore potential approaches to their future adoption and integration into the online marketplace.

Topics to be covered will include: (1) initiatives to advance the digital content marketplace, with a focus on standards, interoperability, and digital registries and database initiatives to track ownership and usage rights; (2) innovative technologies designed to improve the ways consumers access and use different types of digital content (e.g., photos, film, music); (3) ways that different sectors can collaborate to promote a robust interconnected digital content marketplace; and (4) the role of government in facilitating such initiatives and technological development. Members of the public will have opportunities to participate at the meeting.

C. Public Meeting

On March 28, 2019, the Task Force will hold a public meeting to hear stakeholder input and to consider future work in this area. The event will facilitate participation and dialogue among interested stakeholders, including creators, right holders, and online services that produce and distribute copyright protected digital content, as well as technologists, cultural heritage institutions, public interest groups, and academicians.

The meeting will be webcast. The agenda and webcast information will be available no later than the week prior to the meeting on the internet Policy Task Force website, at https://www.ntia.doc.gov/internetpolicy taskforce, and the USPTO’s website at http://bit.ly/2HcY5VU.

The meeting will be open to members of the public to attend, space permitting, on a first-come, first-served basis.

Online registration for the meeting, which is not mandatory, is available at http://bit.ly/2HcY5VU. The meeting will be physically accessible to people with disabilities. Individuals requiring accommodation, such as sign language interpretation, real-time captioning of the webcast or other ancillary aids, should communicate their needs to Kortney Hammonds, Office of Policy and International Affairs, United States Patent and Trademark Office, Madison Building, 600 Dulaney Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314; telephone (571) 272–9300; email Kortney.Hammonds@USPTO.gov, at least seven business days prior to the meeting.

Dated: March 14, 2019.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING
COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meetings

TIME AND DATE: 10:00 a.m., Monday, March 25, 2019.

PLACE: CFTC Headquarters, Lobby-Level Hearing Room, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The Commodity Futures Trading Commission (“Commission” or “CFTC”) will hold this meeting to consider the following matters:

• Amendment to the Comparability Determination for Japan: Margin Requirements for Uncleared Swaps for Swap Dealers and Major Swap Participants;
• Comparability Determination for Australia: Margin Requirements for Uncleared Swaps for Swap Dealers and Major Swap Participants;
• Final Rule Amending Regulations on Segregation of Assets Held as Collateral in Uncleared Swap Transactions;
• Final Rule Regarding the De Minimis Exception to the Swap Dealer Definition—Swaps Entered into by Insured Depository Institutions in Connection with Loans to Customers;
• Final Rule Regarding Financial Surveillance Examination Program Requirements for Self-Regulatory Organizations;
• Brexit-Related Updates to Memoranda of Understanding and Related Side Letters with the United Kingdom Financial Conduct Authority; and
• Interim Final Rule Regarding Margin Requirements for Uncleared Swaps for Swap Dealers and Major Swap Participants in Light of Brexit.

The agenda for this meeting will be posted on the Commission’s website. In the event that the time, date, or place of the meeting changes, an announcement of the change, along with the new time, date, or place of the meeting, will be posted on the Commission’s website.


COMMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED: Comments, including those submitted by e-mail, must be received by 6 p.m. EDT on April 17, 2019. The Commission will conduct a public hearing to receive views from all interested parties about the Commission’s agenda and priorities for fiscal year 2020, which begins on October 1, 2019, and for fiscal year 2021, which begins on October 1, 2020. We invite members of the public to participate. Written comments and oral presentations concerning the Commission’s agenda and priorities for fiscal years 2020 and 2021 will become part of the public record.

DATES: The hearing will begin at 10 a.m. on May 1, 2019, and will conclude the same day. Requests to make oral presentations and the written text of any oral presentations must be received by the Division of the Secretariat not later than 5 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) on April 17, 2019. The Commission will accept written comments as well. These also must be received by the Division of the Secretariat not later than 5 p.m. EDT on April 17, 2019.

ADDRESSES: The hearing will be in the Hearing Room, 4th Floor of the Bethesda Towers Building, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814. Requests to make oral presentations, and texts of oral presentations and written comments should be captioned, “Agenda and Priorities FY 2020 and/or 2021,” and sent by electronic mail (email to: cpsc-os@cpsc.gov, or mailed or delivered to the Division of the Secretariat, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814. Requests and written comments must be received no later than 5 p.m. EDT on April 17, 2019.


ACTION: Notice of public hearing.

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