



MURIEL BOWSER
MAYOR

September 8, 2020

The Honorable Phil Mendelson
Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia
John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 504
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Chairman Mendelson:

In accordance with section 2 of the Confirmation Act of 1978, effective March 3, 1979 (D.C. Law 2-142; D.C. Official Code § 1-523.01), and pursuant to section 201 of the District of Columbia Public Postsecondary Education Act, approved October 26, 1974 (88 Stat. 1424; D.C. Official Code § 38-1202.01), I am pleased to nominate the following person:

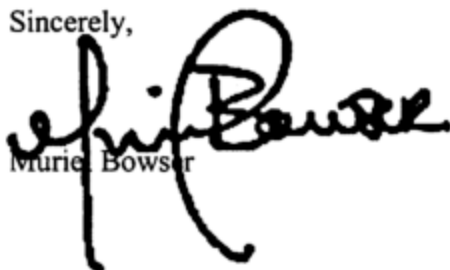
Ms. Mignon Clyburn
G Street SW
Washington, DC 20024
(Ward 6)

for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of the University of the District of Columbia, replacing Joshua Wyner, for a term to end May 15, 2024.

Enclosed you will find biographical information detailing the experience of the above-mentioned nominee, together with proposed resolution to assist the Council during the confirmation process.

I would appreciate the Council's earliest consideration of this nomination for confirmation. Please do not hesitate to contact me, or Steven Walker, Director, Mayor's Office of Talent and Appointments, should the Council require additional information.

Sincerely,


Muriel Bowser


Chairman Phil Mendelson
at the request of the Mayor

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To confirm the appointment of Ms. Mignon Clyburn to the Board of Trustees of the University of the District of Columbia.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Board of Trustees of the University of the District of Columbia Mignon Clyburn Confirmation Resolution of 2020”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia confirms the appointment of:

Ms. Mignon Clyburn
G Street SW
Washington, DC 20024
(Ward 6)

as a member of the Board of Trustees of the University of the District of Columbia, pursuant to section 201 of the District of Columbia Public Postsecondary Education Act, approved October 26, 1974 (88 Stat. 1424; D.C. Official Code § 38-1202.01), replacing Joshua Wyner, for a term to end May 15, 2024.

Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia shall transmit a copy of this resolution, upon its adoption, to the nominee and to the Office of the Mayor.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.



Executive Office of the Mayor - Office of Talent and Appointments
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Mignon L. Clyburn



Mignon L. Clyburn served as a Commissioner on the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) from 2009 to 2018, and as acting chair from May to November of 2013.

During her nearly nine years at the FCC, Commissioner Ms. Clyburn was committed to closing persistent digital and opportunity divides that continue to challenge rural, Native, and low wealth communities. Specifically, she pushed for the modernization of the agency's Lifeline Program, which assists low income consumers in defraying the cost of voice and broadband service, championed diversity in

media ownership, initiated Inmate Calling Services reforms, emphasized diversity and inclusion in STEM opportunities, and fought to preserve a free and open internet.

Previously, Ms. Clyburn served 11 years on the South Carolina Public Service Commission. Prior to that, she was the publisher and general manager of the Coastal Times, a family-founded, Charleston-based weekly newspaper focusing on issues affecting the African American community.

Ms. Clyburn most recently held a fellowship at the Open Society Foundation where she championed efforts to eliminate predatory rates for prison telephone services and is currently the principal of MLC Strategies, LLC.

A Ward 6 resident, Ms. Clyburn holds a Bachelor of Science in Banking, Finance, and Economics from University of South Carolina.



MIGNON L. CLYBURN



PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

MLC STRATEGIES, LLC
Principal and CEO

January 2019 - Present

Independent consulting firm established to provide strategic advice and develop critical solutions for entities in the technology, media (content), telecommunications and investor owned utility industries.

OPEN SOCIETY FOUNDATIONS (OSF)
Leadership in Government Fellow

June 2018 - January 2019

Awarded a leadership fellowship to make the business case for eliminating the predatory telephone rate regime that exists for families and legal counsel who make calls to and from American detention and correctional facilities.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
**Commissioner
(Interim) Chair**

**July 2009-June 2018
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**

**July 1998 – June 2009
July 2002 – June 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

June 1984 – June 1998

Published, managed, edited and distributed 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.

Force Behind the Establishment of the Connect2HealthFCC Task Force. The multi-disciplinary effort is designed to 'move the needle' on broadband availability and advanced health care technologies. The Task Force uses public and private stakeholder input and collaboration to promote effective policy and regulatory solutions to encourage broadband adoption to advance telehealth, mobile applications and telemedicine. The goal is to enable robust connections on-demand so that patients and caregivers will have ubiquitous, interactive, fully integrated and affordable levels of seamless health and wellness care.

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.

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 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

National Health IT Collaborative for the Underserved (NHIT) and Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS), March 2018, Las Vegas, NV
Leveraging health IT and good regulatory policies to address health disparities in the U.S.

Regional Smart Cities Forum, February 2018, Washington, DC
Intelligent transportation systems, the Internet-of-Things, and big data analytics, can replace failing infrastructure, cut costs and generate new revenue, while dramatically improving the lives of residents.

#Solutions2020 Policy Forum, October 2016, Washington, DC
Culmination of a #ConnectingCommunities tour which explored the opportunities and challenges of bringing affordable, diverse and competitive communications services to all Americans. #Solutions2020 focused on proposing answers to some of the toughest challenges facing the communications sector. Action Plan delivered **March 2017**

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.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS, con't.

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.

Hearing on the President’s Fiscal Year 2014 Funding Request and Budget Justification for the Federal Communications Commission, September 2013

As Acting Chair, testified before the Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government Committee on Appropriations in the U.S. Senate.*

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.

*Appeared and testified before the U. S. House Energy and Commerce and the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committees and their Oversight and Sub-Committees more than 20 times.

MEDIA APPEARANCES

The Communicators, CSPAN; Marketplace Media, Here & Now and All Things Considered, NPR; NewsHour, PBS; Veshi and Ruhle and AMJoy, MSNBC

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
- **South Carolina Cancer Center Board**, Palmetto Richland Hospital, SC
- South Carolina **Energy Advisory Council**
- **Trident Technical College** Foundation, Charleston, SC
- Columbia College, **Board of Visitors**, Columbia, SC

- The Palmetto Project (**Secretary/Treasurer**), SC
- **YWCA** of Greater Charleston (former 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 United Way (**Board and Allocations Committee**), SC
- **Trident Urban League**, Charleston, SC
- S.C. Common Ground Initiative of the **S.C. Education Oversight Committee**
- **Black Women Entrepreneurs**, past President

HONORS

Greenlining Institute, Disruptive Advocate Award, May 2018

Competitive Carriers Association, (**CCA**), **Hall of Fame Award**, March 2018

CTIA, The Wireless Foundation, Mobile Life Award, Washington, DC, May 2017

National **Telehealth Champion** Award for South Carolina, March 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, 2007

James C. Bonbright Honoree, **Southeastern Energy Conference**, Terry School of Business, Georgia
2006

EDUCATION

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

1980-1984

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Executive Office of Mayor Muriel Bowser



Office of the General Counsel to the Mayor

To: Ronan Gulstone, Steve Walker
From: Betsy Cavendish
Date: July 16, 2020
Subject: Legal sufficiency review of Resolution nominating Mignon Clyburn and Christopher Bell to the Board of Trustees of the University of the District of Columbia.

This is to Certify that this office has reviewed the above-referenced legislation and found it to be legally unobjectionable. If you have any questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to call me at 202-724-7681.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Elizabeth A. Cavendish'.

Elizabeth Cavendish