



## FPSC Commissioner Brisé Appointed to Lead National Taskforce and USAC Board

Receiving two recent key leadership appointments, Commissioner Ronald Brisé of the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC) is extra busy. His utility industry expertise is being put to good use, helping to solve complex telecommunications issues facing states and their citizens.

In July 2015, Commissioner Brisé was appointed to lead the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners' (NARUC) new "Telecommunications Act Modernization Taskforce." The taskforce develops recommendations on how the Telecommunications Act of 1996 should address and incorporate rapidly advancing technologies.

Because of Commissioner Brisé's broad legislative and telecommunications background, past NARUC President Lisa Edgar appointed him to lead the taskforce focusing on several current issues, including security, resiliency, and affordability.

*"Today's communication methods look different than they did in 1996," said Commissioner Brisé. "There are technological, security, and economic issues that literally did not exist two decades ago. This taskforce will provide an avenue for all stakeholders to work together and ensure that our regulatory framework is still relevant."*

More recently, in January Commissioner Brisé was reappointed to the Board of Directors of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) by Federal Communications Commission Chairman Tom Wheeler. Commissioner Brisé was first appointed in March 2012.

"I'm honored that Chairman Wheeler reappointed me, and I feel fortunate to be able to continue USAC's rewarding work," Commissioner Brisé said. "It's important to find ways to ensure that vulnerable and hard-to-serve populations have access to all telecommunications networks, while also protecting the public interest."

Commissioner Brisé, who has served as PSC Chairman, was appointed to the PSC by Governor Charlie Crist in July 2010 and was reappointed by Governor Rick Scott for a term through January 2018. He is a member of NARUC, representing utility regulators across the country, and serves on several boards and committees.

He previously served on the NARUC Task Force on Federalism and Telecommunications. In addition, he is Co-Chair of the Board of Directors of the National Utilities Diversity Council.

Before being appointed to the PSC, he represented District 108 in the Florida House of Representatives for four years. During his tenure, Commissioner Brisé was named Democratic Whip and served as Vice Chairman of the Florida Conference of Black State Legislators. He gained membership on several committees which produced significant legislation that tackled many of Florida's most relevant issues including energy, telecommunications, redistricting, appropriations and Medicaid reform. Commissioner Brisé also sponsored successful legislation expanding broadband deployment in Florida to address the digital divide as well as legislation improving consumer protection for Floridian families.