



PUBLIC NOTICE

Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St., S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

News Media Information 202 / 418-0500
Internet: <http://www.fcc.gov>
TTY: 1-888-835-5322

DA 11-1527

Released: September 13, 2011

VIDEO PROGRAMMING ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENT OF NOVEMBER 1, 2011 MEETING

Washington, D.C. – On December 7, 2010, Chairman Julius Genachowski announced the establishment of appointment of members and date of the first meeting of the Video Programming Accessibility Advisory Committee (VPAAC), an advisory committee required by the Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010 (CVAA).¹ The first meeting was held on January 13, 2011 and the second meeting was held on May 5, 2011.

The Commission has set the date for the next VPAAC meeting as Tuesday, November 1, 2011 from 9:00am—5:00pm. The meeting will be held at the Commission Headquarters, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554, and will be open to the public. The meeting will be webcast live at <http://www.fcc.gov/live>.

VPAAC MISSION

The purpose of the VPAAC is to develop recommendations on closed captioning of Internet programming previously captioned on television;² the compatibility between video programming delivered using Internet protocol and devices capable of receiving and displaying such programming in order to facilitate access to captioning, video description and emergency information;³ video description and accessible emergency information on television programming delivered using Internet protocols or digital broadcast television;⁴ accessible user interfaces on video programming devices;⁵ and accessible programming guides and menus.

Open captioning and sign language interpreters will be provided. Other reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. Include a description of the accommodation you will need and tell us how to contact you if we need more information. Make your request as early as possible. Last minute requests will be accepted, but may be impossible to fill. Send an e-mail to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0530 (voice), 202-418-0432 (TTY).

¹ Pub. L. No 111-260.

² Section 201 (e) of the Accessibility Act generally lays out the directives for the VPAAC.

³ Pub. L. 111-260, §§ 201(e)(1)(E); 201(e)(2)(E).

⁴ *Id.* at § 201(e)(2)(B),(C).

⁵ *Id.* at § 201(e)(2)(F),(G).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions or inquiries about the meetings, please contact Susan Fisenne, 202-418-2502, Susan.Fisenne@fcc.gov or Solita Griffis, 202-418-1564, Solita.Griffis@fcc.gov.

- FCC -