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FCC ANNOUNCES FIRST MEETING DATE OF THE DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERSHIP

By this Public Notice, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) announces the first meeting date for, and appointment of members to, the Disability Advisory Committee (DAC or Committee).¹ The DAC will provide advice and recommendations to the Commission on a wide array of disability matters within the jurisdiction of the Commission and facilitate the participation of people with disabilities in proceedings before the Commission. The DAC is being organized under, and operated in accordance with, the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA).²

“I am tremendously excited for the FCC’s Disability Advisory Committee to begin its important work,” said FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler. “This new Committee will provide sorely needed expertise and recommendations from consumer and industry stakeholders on communications and video programming issues. We look forward to using this expertise to improve our ability to meet the needs of consumers with disabilities.”

DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION OF FIRST COMMITTEE MEETING

The DAC will hold its first meeting on Tuesday, March 17, 2015, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET, at the FCC’s headquarters, Room TW-C305 (Commission Meeting Room), 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20554. The meeting will be open to the public and webcast with open captioning at www.fcc.gov/live. Notice of this meeting will be published in the *Federal Register*. Meeting minutes will be available for public inspection on the Committee’s website at <http://www.fcc.gov/disability-advisory-committee>.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP AND CHAIRPERSON

In response to the Commission’s call for nominations for membership in the Committee, the Commission received over 120 applications. After careful consideration of all applications and nominations for membership received, the Commission has selected the members named below. The membership is well-balanced, with a diverse and balanced mix of viewpoints from organizations

¹ On December 2, 2014, the Commission announced the establishment of the Disability Advisory Committee, and requested nominations for membership in the Committee. *FCC Announces the Establishment of the Disability Advisory Committee and Solicits Nominations for Membership*, Public Notice, 79 FR 73309 (CGB Dec. 2, 2014)

² 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

representing individuals with disabilities, the communications and video programming industries, the public safety industry, trade associations, academics, researchers, and other stakeholders. FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler has appointed Andrew Phillips, Policy Counsel, National Association of the Deaf, as the Committee Chairperson. E. Elaine Gardner, Attorney Advisor at the Commission's Disability Rights Office, will serve as the Designated Federal Office of the DAC.

As authorized by FACA, the Commission intends to establish subcommittees of the DAC, and may invite individuals and organizations who are not members of the full Committee to participate on these subcommittees. The Commission initially plans for the establishment of subcommittees on the following four issues:

- telecommunications relay services
- video programming access (including closed captioning, video description, access to video programming apparatus, and access to televised emergency information)
- access to 9-1-1 emergency services
- access to communications services and equipment (including advanced communications, telecommunications, hearing aid compatibility, and the National Deaf-Blind Equipment Distribution Program)

During its first meeting, members of the Committee will discuss (i) the roles and responsibilities of the Committee and its members; (ii) issues that the Committee will address; (iii) recommended subcommittees, subcommittee membership and meeting schedule, and the tasks for which each subcommittee will be responsible; and (iv) any other topics related to the DAC's work that may arise.

ACCESSIBILITY AND ACCOMODATIONS

The meeting site is fully accessible to people using wheelchairs or other mobility aids. Sign language interpreters, open captioning, and assistive listening devices will be provided on site. Other reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. If making a request for an accommodation, please 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 by sending an e-mail to fcc504@fcc.gov or calling the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0530 (voice), 202-418-0432 (TTY). **Last minute requests will be accepted, but may be impossible to fill.** The meeting will be webcast with open captioning, at www.fcc.gov/live.

ACCESSIBLE FORMATS

To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), please 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).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elaine Gardner, DAC Designated Federal Officer, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, Disability Rights Office, (202) 418-0581 (voice); email: dac@fcc.gov.

MEMBERS OF THE FCC DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

E. Elaine Gardner, Designated Federal Officer

Chair:

Andrew Phillips
National Association of the Deaf

Members

Title and Company

Organization Represented:

Dr. Maggie Nygren, Executive Director & CEO
American Association on Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities

Henry Claypool, Executive Vice President
American Association of People with Disabilities

Eric Bridges, Director of External Relations and Policy
American Council of the Blind

Mark Richert, Director of Public Policy
American Foundation for the Blind

Tafaimamao Tua-Tupuola, Director, University Center for Excellence on Developmental Disabilities,
American Samoa Community College
Alternate: Phyllis Guinivan, Project Manager, Center for Disability Studies, University of Delaware
Association of University Centers on Disability

Susan Mazrui, Director of Public Policy
Alternate: Jamie Tan, Director of Federal Regulatory
AT&T

Paul Michaelis, Distinguished Engineer
Alternate: Mark Fletcher, ENP, Chief Architect, Worldwide Public Safety Solutions
AVAYA, Inc.

Richard Ray, ADA Technology Access Coordinator
City of Los Angeles, Department on Disability

Eddie Martinez, DeafBlind Service Coordinator
Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind

Thomas Wlodkowski, Vice President for Accessibility
Comcast

Alexander Reynolds, Senior Manager and Regulatory Counsel
Consumer Electronics Association

Matthew Gerst, Director of State Regulatory & External Affairs
CTIA - the Wireless Association

Jamie Taylor, Representative
Deaf Blind Citizens in Action

Al Sonnenstrahl, Vice President
Alternate: Nancy Rarus, President
Deaf Seniors of America

Lee Knife, Executive Director
Alternate: Gregory Barnes
Digital Media Association

Dr. Christian Vogler, Associate Professor and Director, Technology Access Program
Gallaudet Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center on Improving the Accessibility, Usability and Performance of Technology for Individuals who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

Lise Hamlin, Director of Public Policy
Hearing Loss Association of America

Bryen Yunashko, Regional Representative and National Advocacy Specialist
Helen Keller National Center

Jim Tobias, Principal
Inclusive Technologies

Toni Dunne, ENP, External Affairs Manager, Access to 9-1-1 Emergency Services Sector
Intrado, Inc.

Joshua Pila, General Counsel, Local Media, Meredith Corporation
National Association of Broadcasters

Brenda Kelly-Frey, Relay Director, Maryland Relay
National Association for State Relay Administration

Kari Cooke, Director of Policy and Government Affairs
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National Federation of the Blind

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Alternate: Sabrina Fields, Vice Chair
Telecommunication Equipment Distribution Programs Association

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Wireless Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center

Larry Goldberg, Director of Accessible Media
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Ron Bibler, Consumer

Hannah Thompson, Consumer

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Timothy P. Creagan, Senior Accessibility Specialist
Alternate: Bruce Bailey, Accessibility Specialist
U.S. Access Board

Gay Jones, Disability Integration Communications Specialist, Federal Emergency Management Agency
U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency

Mohammed Yousuf, Research Transportation Specialist, Office of Operations Research and Development, Federal Highway Administration
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