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## FCC ANNOUNCES MEMBERSHIP AND WORKING GROUP CHAIRS FOR THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DIVERSITY AND DIGITAL EMPOWERMENT

### GN Docket No. 17-208

Consistent with the Federal Advisory Committee Act,<sup>1</sup> this Public Notice announces that Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) Chairman Ajit Pai has appointed members to serve on the 2019 Advisory Committee on Diversity and Digital Empowerment (ACDDE). A full list of the ACDDE membership is attached to this Public Notice.

Additionally, Chairman Pai has appointed chairs for the three working groups for the ACDDE. Together with Anna M. Gomez, Partner, Wiley Rein LLP, representing the Hispanic National Bar Association, and Heather Gate, Director of Digital Inclusion, Connected Nation, whom Chairman Pai previously designated to serve as Chair and Vice Chair of the ACDDE, respectively, the working group chairs will help organize and lead the work of the Committee. The working group chairs are:

- Caroline Beasley, CEO, Beasley Media Group, LLC, will chair the *Access to Capital Working Group*. Ms. Beasley participated as a panelist at the Commission's media diversity symposium earlier this year, which examined a range of issues pertaining to best practices for minorities and women in broadcasting and related industry sectors.
- Rudy Brioché, Vice President and Counsel, Global Public Policy, Comcast Communications, will chair the *Digital Empowerment and Inclusion Working Group*. Previously, Mr. Brioché led the Access Subgroup for the Digital Empowerment and Inclusion Working Group.
- Dr. Nicol Turner Lee, Fellow, Center for Technology Innovation – Governance Studies Program, Brookings Institution, will chair the *Diversity in the Tech Sector Working Group*.<sup>2</sup> Dr. Turner Lee previously served on the ACDDE's Digital Empowerment and Inclusion Working Group as Co-Lead for the Adoption Subgroup.

As announced previously, the ACDDE will meet on **Wednesday, October 30, 2019**, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:10 p.m. in the Commission Meeting Room at FCC Headquarters, located at 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW,

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<sup>1</sup> 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

<sup>2</sup> The composition of the working groups will be announced at a later date.

Room TW-C305, Washington, DC 20554.<sup>3</sup> Notice of this meeting has been published in the Federal Register.<sup>4</sup>

The primary agenda of this first meeting will be to introduce the members of the Committee, establish initial assignments, and initiate the selection process for working group membership. The ACDDE's mission is to provide recommendations to the FCC on how to empower disadvantaged communities and accelerate the entry of small businesses, including those owned by women and minorities, into the media, digital news and information, and audio and video programming industries, including as owners, suppliers, and employees.

The ACDDE meeting is open to the public. The FCC will accommodate as many attendees as possible; however, admittance will be limited to seating availability. The Commission will also provide audio and/or video coverage of the meeting over the Internet from the FCC's web page at [www.fcc.gov/live](http://www.fcc.gov/live).

Open captioning will be provided for this event. Other reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. Requests for such accommodations should be submitted via e-mail to [fcc504@fcc.gov](mailto:fcc504@fcc.gov) or by calling the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418-0530 (voice), (202) 418-0432 (TTY). Such requests should include a detailed description of the accommodation needed. In addition, please include a way for the FCC to contact the requester if more information is needed to fill the request. Please allow at least five days advance notice for accommodation requests; last minute requests will be accepted but may not be possible to accommodate.

Members of the public may submit comments to the ACDDE in the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System, ECFS, at [www.fcc.gov/ecfs](http://www.fcc.gov/ecfs). Comments to the ACDDE should be filed in GN Docket No. 17-208.

More information about the ACDDE is available at <https://www.fcc.gov/advisory-committee-diversity-and-digital-empowerment>. You may also contact Jamila Bess Johnson, Designated Federal Officer for the Advisory Committee on Diversity and Digital Empowerment, at (202) 418-2608, or [Jamila-Bess.Johnson@fcc.gov](mailto:Jamila-Bess.Johnson@fcc.gov), Julie Saulnier, Deputy Designated Federal Officer, at (202) 418-1598, or [Julie.Saulnier@fcc.gov](mailto:Julie.Saulnier@fcc.gov), or Jamile Kadre, Deputy Designated Federal Officer, at (202) 418-2245 or [Jamile.Kadre@fcc.gov](mailto:Jamile.Kadre@fcc.gov).

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<sup>3</sup> *FCC Announces the Chair, Vice Chair and First Meeting of the Re-Chartered Advisory Committee on Diversity and Digital Empowerment*, DA-19-1038, GN Docket No. 17-208 (rel. Oct. 11, 2019), <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DA-19-1038A1.pdf>.

<sup>4</sup> Federal Communications Commission, Federal Advisory Committee, Diversity and Digital Empowerment Notice, 84 Fed. Reg. 54902 (Oct. 11, 2019), <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2019/10/11/2019-22254/meeting-of-the-federal-advisory-committee-on-diversity-and-digital-empowerment>.

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DIVERSITY AND DIGITAL EMPOWERMENT**

Jamila Bess Johnson, Designated Federal Officer  
Julie Saulnier, Deputy Designated Federal Officer  
Jamile Kadre, Deputy Designated Federal Officer

**Chair:**

Anna M. Gomez, Partner, Wiley Rein LLP  
*Representing Hispanic National Bar Association*

**Vice Chair:**

Heather Gate, Director of Digital Inclusion  
*Connected Nation*

**Members:**

Raúl Alarcón, Chairman, CEO and President  
*Spanish Broadcasting System, Inc.*

Susan Au Allen, Chairman, National President and CEO  
*US Pan Asian American Chamber of Commerce Education Foundation*

Caroline Beasley, CEO  
*Beasley Media Group, LLC*

Sindy Benavides, CEO  
*League of United Latin American Citizens*

Laura Berrocal, Senior Director of Policy and External Affairs  
*Charter Communications*

Maria E. Brennan, President and CEO  
*Women in Cable Telecommunications*

Rudy Brioché, Vice President and Counsel, Global Public Policy  
*Comcast Corporation*

Harin J. Contractor, Director of Workforce Policy  
*Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies*

Skip Dillard, Operations Manager and Program Director  
*WBLS/WLIB, Emmis Communications*

Michelle Duke, President  
*National Association of Broadcasters Leadership Foundation*

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*Corporate Playbook Consulting, LLC*

Maurita Coley Flippin, Esq., President and CEO  
*Multicultural Media, Telecom and Internet Council*

Lori Hall, Senior Vice President, Consumer Marketing & Creative Services  
*TV One*

Rashidi Hendrix, Founder and CEO  
*Metallic Entertainment*

David Honig, Managing Member and CEO  
*JulGlo Productions, LLC*

Ronald Johnson, Ph.D., Senior Advisor and Chief Strategist for Diversity and Inclusion  
*Wireless Infrastructure Association*

Sherman Kizart, Managing Director and Founder  
*Kizart Media Partners*

Nicol Turner Lee, Ph.D., Fellow  
*Center for Technology Innovation -- Governance Studies Program, Brookings Institution*

Roy E. Litland, Associate General Counsel, Federal Regulatory Affairs  
*Verizon*

DuJuan A. McCoy, President and CEO  
*Circle City Broadcasting I, LLC*

Clint Odom, Senior Vice President for Policy and Advocacy and Washington Bureau Executive Director  
*National Urban League*

Sean Perryman, Director of Diversity and Inclusion  
*Internet Association*

Henry M. Rivera, Senior Advisor  
*Emma Bowen Foundation*

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James Winston, President  
*National Association of Black Owned Broadcasters*

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*LGBT Technology Partnership & Institute*