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**APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERSHIP OF THIRD TERM OF**

**THE DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

By this Public Notice, the Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) announces the appointment of members for the third two-year term of the Commission’s Disability Advisory Committee (DAC or Committee). The DAC is organized under, and operated in accordance with, the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) and provides advice and recommendations to the Commission on a wide array of disability matters specified by the Commission.[[1]](#footnote-3)

On August 21, 2018, the Commission solicited applications for membership for the DAC’s third term, which runs from December 21, 2018, through December 21, 2020.[[2]](#footnote-4) After careful consideration of the applications and nominations for membership received, the Chairman has selected 37 members for the DAC’s third term, as listed below. The membership consists of a diverse mix of organizations representing individuals with disabilities, the communications and video programming industries, the public safety industry, trade associations, academia, researchers, and other stakeholders.

Will Schell, Attorney Advisor, Disability Rights Office (DRO), Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau (CGB), will continue to serve as the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) of the DAC, and Debra Patkin, Attorney Advisor, DRO, CGB, will serve as the deputy DFO of the DAC.

During the Committee’s third term, it is anticipated that the Committee will meet in Washington, DC for a minimum of three (3) one-day plenary meetings per year. In addition, as needed, working groups or subcommittees will be established to facilitate the Committee’s work between meetings of the full Committee on accessibility-related matters that include, but are not limited to: communications transitions, telecommunications relay services, emergency access, and video programming accessibility.

The first meeting of the third term of the DAC will be announced at a later date. Meetings of the DAC and any working groups or subcommittees will be fully accessible to individuals with disabilities.

To obtain further information about the Committee, visit [www.fcc.gov/dac](http://www.fcc.gov/dac), or contact: Will Schell, DFO, (202) 418-0767, or DAC@fcc.gov; or Debra Patkin, Deputy DFO, (202) 870-5226.

**MEMBERS OF THE DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**THIRD TERM**

*Will Schell, Designated Federal Officer*

*Debra Patkin, Deputy Designated Federal Officer*

**Co-Chairs:**

Brian Scarpelli, Senior Policy Counsel

*ACT – the App Association*

Isidore Niyongabo, Director of Advocacy and Public Engagement

*National Black Deaf Advocates*

**Individual Name and Title and Organization Represented:**

Townsend Davis, Assistant Chief Counsel

*ABC, Inc./The Walt Disney Company*

Brian Scarpelli, Senior Policy Counsel

Alternate: Joel Thayer, Policy Counsel

*ACT – the App Association*

Paul W. Schroeder, Vice President, Public Policy and Strategic Initiatives

Alternate: Daniel B. Frye, Director, Public Sector Engagement and Strategy

*Aira Tech Corporation*

Margaret A. Nygren, Executive Director & Chief Executive Officer

*American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities*

Anthony Stephens, Director of Advocacy and Governmental Affairs

Alternate: Claire Stanley, Outreach and Advocacy Specialist

*American Council of the Blind*

Sarah Malaier, Public Policy and Research Advisor

Alternate: Stephanie Enyart, Chief Public Policy and Research Officer

*American Foundation for the Blind*

Maria Kirby, Senior Policy Counsel

Alternate: Sarah Herrlinger, Director, Global Accessibility Policy and Initiatives

*Apple, Inc.*

Linda Vandeloop, Assistant Vice President, External Affairs and Regulatory

Alternate: Susan Mazrui, Director of Public Policy

*AT&T*

Joel Snyder, President, Audio Description Associates, LLC

Alternate: Bill Parks, President, Dominion Post, Inc.

*Audio Description Associates, LLC*

Carl Richardson, Member of Boston Disability Commission Advisory Board

*City of Boston*

Michael Strecker, Vice President of Regulatory and Strategic Policy

Alternate: Rita Beier, Vice President of Operations

*ClearCaptions*

Thomas Wlodkowski, Vice President, Accessibility and Multicultural Technology and Products

Alternate: Jerry Parkins, Senior Director of Technology and Standards

Alternate: Chris Wendt, Director and Lead Architect for Comcast IP Communications

*Comcast*

Rachel Nemeth, Director, Regulatory Affairs

Alternate: Rehan Ehsan, Senior Director, Technology and Standards

*Consumer Technology Association*

Jeff Rosen, General Counsel

*Convo Communications, LLC*

Gregory Hlibok, Chief Legal Officer

Alternate: Mark Stern, Director of Product Development

*CSDVRS, LLC*

Kara Graves, Director, Regulatory Affairs

Alternate: Matthew Gerst, Assistant Vice President, Regulatory Affairs

*CTIA - the Wireless Association*

Amita Srinivasan, Secretary

Alternate: Mussie Gabre, President

*DeafBlind Citizens in Action*

Maria Victoria Diaz, President

Alternate: Lourdes Fiallos, Executive Director, Dicapta Foundation

*Dicapta*

Christian Vogler, Director

Alternate: Linda Kozma-Spytek, Senior Research Audiologist

Alternate: Raja Kushalnagar, Program Chair, Information Technology, Department of Science, Technology and Mathematics

*Gallaudet University Technology Access Program*

Dixie Ziegler, Vice President of Relay

Alternate: Beth Slough, Director of Account Management and Compliance Manager

*Hamilton Relay, Inc.*

Lise Hamlin, Director of Public Policy

Alternate: Barbara Kelley, Executive Director

*Hearing Loss Association of America*

Sam Joehl, Principal Accessibility Consultant

Alternate: Owen Edwards, Senior Accessibility Consultant

*Level Access*

Rebecca Rosenthal, Telecommunications Resources Program Manager, State of North Carolina Division of Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Alternate: Rochelle Garrow, Telecommunications Access Minnesota Administrator, Minnesota

Department of Commerce

*National Association for State Relay Administration*

Joshua N. Pila, General Counsel, Local Media Group, Meredith Corporation

Alternate: Larry Walke, Associate General Counsel, National Association of Broadcasters

*National Association of Broadcasters*

Zainab Alkebsi, Policy Counsel

Alternate: Howard Rosenblum, Chief Executive Officer

*National Association of the Deaf*

Isidore Niyongabo, Director of Advocacy and Public Engagement

*National Black Deaf Advocates*

Darlene Parker, Director of Steno Captioning and Realtime Relations

Alternate: Beth Nubbe, Senior Vice President for Finance, Administration, and Human Resources

*National Captioning Institute, Inc.*

Everette Bacon, President of the National Federation of the Blind of Utah

*National Federation of the Blind*

Brian Trager, Associate Director, National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID) Center on Access Technology

Alternate: Gary Behm, Interim Associate Vice President, NTID Academic Affairs

*Rochester Institute of Technology, NTID Center on Access Technology*

Michael D. Maddix, Director of Government and Regulatory Affairs, Sorenson Communications, LLC

Alternate: Bruce Peterson, Vice President of Marketing, CaptionCall

*Sorenson Communications, LLC*

Dennis Selznick, Business Development Manager

Alternate: Claudia Gordon, Senior Manager, Government and Compliance

*Sprint Corporation*

Claude Stout, Executive Director, Telecommunications for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Inc.

Alternate: Blake Reid, Assistant Clinical Professor, Director, Samuelson-Glushko Technology Law & Policy Clinic, Colorado Law

*Telecommunications for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Inc.*

Savannah Schaefer, Policy Counsel, Government Affairs

Alternate: Colin Andrews, Policy Counsel, Government Affairs

*Telecommunications Industry Association*

Shellie Blakeney, Director, Federal Regulatory Affairs Department

*T-Mobile USA*

Pamela Y. Holmes, Executive Director, Consumer & Regulator Affairs & Captel Customer Service

*Ultratec, Inc.*

Zack Bastian, Manager, Public Policy and Strategic Alliances

Alternate: Ian Dillner, Associate General Counsel, Senior Vice President, Regulatory Affairs

*Verizon Communications, Inc.*

Heather York, Vice President, Government Affairs

Alternate: Brittany Winland, Director of Marketing Communications

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Ex Officio Federal Government Representatives (Non-Voting Members)

Timothy P. Creagan, Senior Accessibility Specialist

Alternate: Bruce Bailey, ICT Accessibility Specialist

*U.S. Access Board*

Brianne Burger, Director and Liaison to the Special Institutions

Alternate: Johnny Collett, Assistant Secretary

*U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services*

Gay Jones, Disability Integration Communications Specialist, Office of Disability Integration and Coordination

*U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency*

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1. 5 U.S.C. App. 2. The Commission announced the establishment of the DAC on December 2, 2014. *FCC Announces the Establishment of the Disability Advisory Committee and Solicits Nominations for Membership*, Public Notice, 29 FCC Rcd 14484 (CGB 2014). [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
2. *FCC Announces Anticipated Renewal of Its Disability Advisory Committee and Solicits Applications for Membership,* Public Notice, 33 FCC Rcd 8180 (CGB 2018). [↑](#footnote-ref-4)