**DA 20-1427**

**Released: December 1, 2020**

**FCC CONSUMER ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**RENEWAL OF CHARTER, APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR,**

**APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERSHIP, AND NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME**

By this Public Notice, the Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) announces the renewal of the Charter of the Commission’s Consumer Advisory Committee (CAC or Committee) for an eleventh two-year term and the appointment of Committee members, including its Chair and Vice Chair. The CAC is organized under, and operated in accordance with, the Federal Advisory Committee Act and provides advice and recommendations to the Commission on a wide array of consumer matters specified by the Commission.[[1]](#footnote-2)

On July 7, 2020, the Commission solicited applications for membership for the CAC’s eleventh term, and subsequently the Committee’s Charter was renewed for a two-year term, effective October 16, 2020.[[2]](#footnote-3) After careful consideration of the applications and nominations for membership received, the Chairman has selected 29 members for the CAC’s eleventh term, as listed below. The membership consists of a diverse mix of non-profit organizations representing consumers, communications companies and trade associations, regulators, and other stakeholders, as well as three individuals serving on their own behalf and functioning as Special Government Employees. A full list of appointees is set forth below.

Scott Marshall, Attorney-Advisor, Consumer Policy Division, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau (CGB), will continue to serve as the Designated Federal Officer (DFO), and Gregory V. Haledjian, Legal Advisor, Office of the Bureau Chief, CGB, will continue to serve as Deputy Designated Federal Officer (DDFO).

During the Committee’s eleventh term, it is anticipated that the Committee will hold at least three full-day 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 consumer-related matters specified by the Commission.

The first meeting of the CAC under its renewed charter will take place on Monday, February 22, 2021, from 10:30 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. This meeting is open to members of the general public and will be held via the Zoom Conferencing Platform due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The meeting can be viewed live by the public at <http://www.fcc.gov/live>. The public may also follow a summary of the meeting on Twitter @fcc or via the Commission’s Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/fcc](http://www.facebook.com/fcc). Members of the public may submit any questions that arise during the meeting to livequestions@fcc.gov.

Open captioning will be provided for the live stream. Other reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), send an e-mail to: FCC504@fcc.gov or call the FCC’s Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0530 (voice).

At its February 22, 2021 meeting, the CAC is expected to discuss the roles and responsibilities of the Committee and its members, issues that the Commission wishes the Committee to address, meeting schedules, and any other topics relevant to the CAC’s work. The CAC may also receive briefings from Commission staff on issues of interest to consumers. Meetings of the CAC and any working groups or subcommittees will be fully accessible to individuals with disabilities.

To obtain further information about the Committee, visit the CAC webpage at [www.fcc.gov/consumer-advisory-committee](http://www.fcc.gov/consumer-advisory-committee), or contact Scott Marshall, DFO, by phone at (202) 418-2809 (voice or relay), email at scott.marshall@fcc.gov, or, Gregory V. Haledjian , DDFO, by phone at (202) 418-7440 (voice or relay), email gregory.haledjian@fcc.gov.

**CAC Roster for Its Eleventh Term**

**Chair:**

Stephen Pociask, President/CEO

American Consumer Institute

**Vice Chair:**

Debra Berlyn, Executive Director, Project GOAL

**Members:**

(1) AARP

Dawit Kahsai, Senior Legislative Representative

(Alternate)

Coralette Hannon, Senior Legislative Representative

(2) ACA Connects

Brian Hurley, Vice President of Regulatory Affairs

(Alternate)

Michael Jacobs, Vice President of Regulatory Affairs

(3) American Consumer Institute

Stephen Pociask, President/CEO

(Alternate)

Dr. Krisztina Pusok, Director of Policy and Research

(4) American Council of the Blind

Clark Rachfal, Director of Advocacy and Government Affairs

(5) AT&T

Vonda Long-Dillard, Area Manager

(Alternate)

Linda Vandeloop, Assistant Vice President, Federal Regulatory

(6) Call For Action

Shirley Rooker, President

(Alternate)

Sherry Green, Assistant Director WJLA TV Call For Action and CFA Network Affiliate Coordinator

(7) Consumer Federation of America

Irene E. Leech, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Virginia Tech University

(Alternate)

Susan Grant, Director of Consumer Protection and Privacy

(8) Consumer Technology Association

Jamie Susskind, Vice President, Policy and Regulatory Affairs

(Alternate)

Rachel Nemeth, Director, Regulatory Affairs

(9) CTIA – The Wireless Association

Sarah Leggin, Director

(Alternate)

Matthew Gerst, Vice President

(10) Digital Liberty, a project of Americans for Tax Reform

Katie McAuliffe, Executive Director

(11) Digital Policy Institute

Barry Umansky, Co-Executive Director, Senior Fellow, Senior Policy Advisor

(Alternate)

Dom Caristi, Senior Fellow and Professor of Telecommunications, Ball State University

(12) INCOMPAS

Lindsay Stern, Attorney and Policy Advisor

(13) Eric Koch (Bedford, IN), in his individual capacity

(Serving as a Special Government Employee)

(14) LGBT Technology Institute

Ellie Bessette, Manager

(15) Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Cable

Joslyn Day, Director, Consumer Division

(Alternate)

William Bendetson, Attorney

(16) Wes Morrison (Washington, DC), in his individual capacity

(Serving as a Special Government Employee)

(17) National Association of Broadcasters

Larry Walke, Associate General Counsel

(Alternate)

Liliana Ranon, Vice President

(18) National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates

Thaddeus Johnson, Assistant People’s Counsel

(19) National Conference of State Legislatures

Abbie Gruwell, Senior Committee Director, Communications, Financial Services, & Interstate Commerce

(Alternate)

Ben Husch, Federal Affairs Counsel for the Natural Resources & Infrastructure Committee

(20) National Consumers League

John Breyault, Vice President, Public Policy, Telecommunication and Fraud

(Alternate)

Cleo Stamatos, Board Member

(21) NCTA

Radhika Bhat, Vice President and Associate General Counsel

(Alternate)

Steven Morris, Vice President and Deputy General Counsel

(22) Next Century Cities

Francella Ochillo, Executive Director

(23) Project GOAL

Debra Berlyn, Executive Director

(24) RURAL RISE, a project of National Center for Resource Development (NCRD)

Tina Metzer, Vice President of NCRD and Co-Founder of RURAL RISE

(Alternate)

Joseph Kapp, President of NCRD and Co-Founder of RURAL RISE

(25) Michael Santorelli (New York, NY), in his individual capacity

(Serving as a Special Government Employee)

(26) Taxpayers Protection Alliance

Johnny Kampis, Senior Fellow

(Alternate)

Ross Marchand, Senior Fellow

(27) Telecommunications for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Inc.

Eric Kaika, CEO

(Alternate)

Blake Reid, Associate Clinical Professor, University of Colorado, Boulder

(28) The Trevor Project

Sam Brinton, Vice President of Advocacy and Government Affairs

(Alternate)

Sam Dorison, Chief Strategy and Innovation Officer

(29) USTelecom

Josh Bercu, Vice President

(Alternate)

Kayla Gardner, Director

**– FCC –**

1. 5 U.S.C. App. 2. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. *FCC Announces Anticipated Renewal and Membership Solicitation for FCC Consumer Advisory Committee,* Public Notice, 35 FCC Rcd 6758 (CGB 2020). [↑](#footnote-ref-3)