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## FCC ANNOUNCES WORKING GROUP MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DIVERSITY AND DIGITAL EMPOWERMENT

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Federal Communications Commission Chairman Ajit Pai announces the appointment of members to serve on three working groups of the Advisory Committee on Diversity and Digital Empowerment (ACDDE). These working groups—*Access to Capital, Digital Empowerment and Inclusion*, and *Diversity in the Tech Sector*—will assist the ACDDE in carrying out its work. The current members of these working groups are identified in the Appendix to this Notice.

As previously announced, Chairman Pai designated Anna M. Gomez, Partner, Wiley Rein LLP, representing the Hispanic National Bar Association, to serve as Chair of the ACDDE, and Heather Gate, Director, Digital Inclusion, Connected Nation, to serve as Vice Chair.<sup>1</sup> Since Chairman Pai first announced the members of the ACDDE, he has appointed several new working group members, including Milton Clipper, Founder, Clipper and Company, representing America's Public Television Stations; Rosa Mendoza Dávila, Founder, President & CEO, ALLvanza; Garret Komjathy, Senior Vice President, Media & Communications Division, US Bank; Aama Nahuja, Legal Counsel, A Wonder Media Company, LLC; Felicia West, Policy Advisor, Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia; and Dr. Fallon Wilson, Executive Director, Black Tech Mecca.

The ACDDE is organized and operates in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.<sup>2</sup> 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. In addition, the ACDDE will provide recommendations regarding how to ensure that disadvantaged communities are not denied the wide range of opportunities made possible by next-generation networks.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> *FCC Announces Membership and Working Group Chairs for the Advisory Committee on Diversity and Digital Empowerment*, GN 17-208, Public Notice, 34 FCC Rcd 9566 (MB 2019).

<sup>2</sup> Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

<sup>3</sup> The ACDDE held its first meeting under its current charter on October 30, 2019, at FCC Headquarters in Washington, DC. Comments to the ACDDE may be filed in GN Docket No. 17-208 in the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System, ECFS, at [www.fcc.gov/ecfs](http://www.fcc.gov/ecfs).

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 ([Jamila-Bess.Johnson@fcc.gov](mailto:Jamila-Bess.Johnson@fcc.gov)), Designated Federal Officer for the Advisory Committee on Diversity and Digital Empowerment at (202) 418-2608; or Julie Saulnier ([Julie.Saulnier@fcc.gov](mailto:Julie.Saulnier@fcc.gov)), Deputy Designated Federal Officer, at (202) 418-1598; or Jamile Kadre ([Jamile.Kadre@fcc.gov](mailto:Jamile.Kadre@fcc.gov)), Deputy Designated Federal Officer, at (202) 418-2245.

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**APPENDIX****WORKING GROUP MEMBERSHIP OF THE  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DIVERSITY AND DIGITAL EMPOWERMENT**

*\* indicates a member of the full 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*

**Working Group 1: Access to Capital****Chair:**

Caroline Beasley, CEO\*  
*Beasley Media Group*

**Members:**

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

Milton C. Clipper, Founder, Clipper and Company  
*Representing America's Public Television Stations*

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

Michelle Duke, President\*  
*National Association of Broadcasters Education Foundation*

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

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

Garret Komjathy, Senior Vice President, Media & Communications Division  
*US Bank*

DuJuan McCoy, Owner, President and CEO\*  
*Circle City Broadcasting I, LLC*

Aama Nahuja, Legal Counsel  
*A Wonder Media Company, LLC*

Henry Rivera, Senior Advisor\*  
*Emma Bowen Foundation*

Steven C. Roberts, President and Principal\*  
*The Roberts Companies*

Dr. Nimisha Shukla, Owner and Managing Partner\*  
*NJ Broadcasting LLC/South Asian Broadcasting*

James L. Winston, President\*  
*National Association of Black Owned Broadcasters*

**Working Group 2: Digital Empowerment and Inclusion**

**Chair:**

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

**Members:**

Susan Au Allen, Chairman, National President, and CEO\*  
*U.S. Pan Asian American Chamber of Commerce*

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

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

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

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

Alfredo Rodriguez, Vice President, Marketing\*  
*DISH*

Marie R. Sylla-Dixon, Vice President, Federal Government and External Affairs\*  
*T-Mobile USA*

S. Jenell Trigg, Esq., Member, Lerman Senter PLLC\*  
*Representing Wireless Internet Service Provider Association*

Felicia West, Policy Advisor  
*Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia*

**Working Group 3: Diversity in the Tech Sector****Chair:**

Dr. Nicol Turner-Lee, Resident Fellow, Brookings Institution Center for Technology Innovation – Governance Studies\*  
*Brookings Institution*

**Members:**

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

Deborah A. Elam, President and CEO\*  
*Corporate Playbook Consulting, LLC*

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

Rosa Mendoza Dávila, Founder, President & CEO  
*ALLvanza*

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

Rashidi Hendrix, Founder and CEO\*  
*Metallic Entertainment*

Ronald Johnson, Senior Advisor and Chief Strategist for Diversity and Inclusion\*  
*The Wireless Infrastructure Association*

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

Sean Perryman, Director of Social Impact Policy & Counsel\*  
*Internet Association*

Brian Scarpelli, Senior Global Policy Counsel\*  
*ACT/The App Association*

Dr. Fallon Wilson, Executive Director  
*Black Tech Mecca*

Christopher Wood, Executive Director\*  
*LGBT Technology Partnership & Institute*