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## FCC ANNOUNCES APRIL 28, 2020 MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DIVERSITY AND DIGITAL EMPOWERMENT

## GN Docket No. 17-208

This Public Notice announces that, consistent with the Federal Advisory Committee Act,<sup>1</sup> the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Advisory Committee on Diversity and Digital Empowerment (ACDDE) will meet on **Tuesday, April 28, 2020**, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., via conference call and will be available to the public via the Internet at http://www.fcc.gov/live.

The meeting will feature a report from each of the ACDDE working groups.<sup>2</sup> The *Access to Capital Working Group* will report on its ongoing examination of ways to improve access to capital in order to encourage management and ownership of broadcast properties by a diverse range of voices, including minorities and women. The *Digital Empowerment and Inclusion Working Group* will discuss its work assessing access, adoption, and use of broadband and new technologies by under-resourced communities. Finally, the *Diversity in the Tech Sector Working Group* will report on its progress in examining issues pertaining to hiring, promotion and retention of women and minorities in tech industries. This agenda may be modified at the discretion of the ACDDE Chair and the Designated Federal Officer.

The meeting is being moved to a wholly telephonic and electronic format in light of travel restrictions and other concerns affecting members of the ACDDE and FCC staff related to the ongoing increase in coronavirus (COVID-19) cases. The ACDDE meeting is open to the public on the Internet via live feed from the FCC's web page at <u>www.fcc.gov/live</u>.

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 <u>fcc504@fcc.gov</u> 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 using the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System, ECFS, at <u>www.fcc.gov/ecfs</u>. Comments to the ACDDE should be filed in GN Docket No. 17-208.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The Commission recently announced the members of the ACDDE working groups. *See FCC Announces Working Group Members of Advisory Committee on Diversity and Digital Empowerment*, GN 17-208, DA 20-170 (rel. Feb. 19, 2020).

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

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