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**FCC CONSUMER ADVISORY COMMITTEE:**

**APPOINTMENT OF THREE ADDITIONAL MEMBERS AND**

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NEXT MEETING DATE**

Acting Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel has appointed three additional member organizations to serve on the Commission’s Consumer Advisory Committee (CAC or Committee) during its current term. The CAC operates 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 December 1, 2020, the Commission announced the appointment of twenty-nine members to the Committee, including a Chair and Vice Chair, to serve for a term ending on October 16, 2022. [[2]](#footnote-3) The three additional member organizations appointed by Acting Chairwoman Rosenworcel, along with their primary and alternate representatives, are:

* Consumer Reports – Jonathan Schwantes, Senior Policy Counsel, Primary; George Slover, Senior Policy Counsel, Alternate;
* National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors – Mitsuko Herrera, Montgomery County, MD, Policy, Planning and Special Projects, Primary; Frederick Ellrod, Director, Fairfax County, VA, Communications Policy and Regulation Division, Alternate; and
* National Consumer Law Center – Olivia Wein, Staff Attorney, Primary; Margot Saunders, Senior Attorney, Alternate.

A complete list of Committee members is set forth below.

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on **Friday, September 10, 2021, from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm EST**. At this meeting, the Committee will receive presentations regarding recent Commission activities affecting consumers and will discuss upcoming developments of interest to consumers.

This meeting will be conducted in a wholly electronic format using an Internet videoconference platform. The meeting will be open to members of the public and available via live stream at 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 questions that arise during the meeting to [livequestions@fcc.gov](mailto: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](mailto:FCC504@fcc.gov) or call the FCC’s Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0530 (voice).

For more information about the Consumer Advisory Committee, visit the CAC webpage at [www.fcc.gov/consumer-advisory-committee](http://www.fcc.gov/consumer-advisory-committee), or contact Scott Marshall, Designated Federal Officer, by phone at (202) 418-2809 (voice or relay), email at [scott.marshall@fcc.gov](mailto:scott.marshall@fcc.gov), or, Gregory V. Haledjian, Deputy Designated Federal Officer, by phone at (202) 418-7440 (voice or relay), email at [gregory.haledjian@fcc.gov](mailto:gregory.haledjian@fcc.gov).

**CAC Membership Roster**

**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 Reports

Jonathan Schwantes, Senior Policy Counsel

(Alternate)

George Slover, Senior Policy Counsel

(9) Consumer Technology Association

Jamie Susskind, Vice President, Policy and Regulatory Affairs

(Alternate)

Rachel Nemeth, Director, Regulatory Affairs

(10) CTIA – The Wireless Association

Sarah Leggin, Director

(Alternate)

Matthew Gerst, Vice President

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

Katie McAuliffe, Executive Director

(12) 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

(13) INCOMPAS

Lindsay Stern, Attorney and Policy Advisor

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

(Serving as a Special Government Employee)

(15) LGBT Technology Institute

Ellie Bessette, Manager

(16) Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Cable

Joslyn Day, Director, Consumer Division

(Alternate)

William Bendetson, Attorney

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

(Serving as a Special Government Employee)

(18) National Association of Broadcasters

Larry Walke, Associate General Counsel

(Alternate)

Liliana Ranon, Vice President

(19) National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates

Thaddeus Johnson, Assistant People’s Counsel

(Alternate)

Lawrence Daniels, Assistant People’s Counsel

(20) National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors

Mitsuko Herrera, Montgomery County, MD, Policy, Planning and Special Projects

(Alternate)

Frederick Ellrod, Director, Fairfax County, VA, Communications Policy and Regulations Division

(21) 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

(22) National Consumer Law Center

Olivia Wein, Staff Attorney

(Alternate)

Margot Saunders, Senior Attorney

(23) National Consumers League

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

(Alternate)

Cleo Stamatos, Board Member

(24) NCTA

Radhika Bhat, Vice President and Associate General Counsel

(Alternate)

Steven Morris, Vice President and Deputy General Counsel

(25) Next Century Cities

Francella Ochillo, Executive Director

(26) Project GOAL

Debra Berlyn, Executive Director

(27) 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

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

(Serving as a Special Government Employee)

(29) Taxpayers Protection Alliance

Johnny Kampis, Senior Fellow

(Alternate)

Ross Marchand, Senior Fellow

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

Eric Kaika, CEO

(Alternate)

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

(31) The Trevor Project

Sam Brinton, Vice President of Advocacy and Governmental Affairs

(Alternate)

Sam Dorison, Chief Strategy and Innovation Officer

(32) USTelecom

Josh Bercu, Vice President

(Alternate)

Kayla Gardner, Director

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1. 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

   2 *FCC Consumer Advisory Committee Renewal of Charter, Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair, Appointment of Membership, and Next Meeting Date and Time*,Public Notice, 35 FCC Rcd 13986 (CGB Dec. 1, 2020). [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)