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AGENDA RELEASED FOR FEBRUARY 23, 2022 VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE COMMUNICATIONS EQUITY AND DIVERSITY COUNCIL

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act,¹ this Public Notice announces the February 23, 2022, meeting of the Federal Communications Commission's (Commission) Communications Equity and Diversity Council (CEDC or Council).² The CEDC meeting will be held virtually, beginning at 10:00 a.m. EDT, and will be available to the public for viewing via the Internet at <http://www.fcc.gov/live>.

The agenda for the meeting is attached and will include a discussion of the proposed workstreams for the three CEDC working groups (Innovation and Access, Digital Empowerment and Inclusion, and Diversity and Equity) during the two-year charter.³ The workstreams will provide a roadmap for how each working group will support the Council's mission to make recommendations to the Commission on advancing equity in the provision of, and access to, digital communication services and products for all people of the United States, without discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, or disability.⁴

The CEDC meeting will be convened in an online format and will be available to the public via live feed from the FCC's web page at www.fcc.gov/live. The public may also follow the meeting on the Commission's YouTube page at <https://www.youtube.com/user/fccdotgovvideo>. In addition, the public may follow the meeting on Twitter@fcc or via the Commission's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/fcc. Members of the public may submit questions during the meeting to livequestions@fcc.gov.

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 fcc504@fcc.gov or by calling the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418-0530 (voice). 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

¹ 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

² Notice of this meeting was published in the Federal Register on February 4, 2022, available at <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2022/02/04/2022-02335/meeting-of-the-communications-equity-and-diversity-council>.

³ Chairwoman Rosenworcel has appointed an additional member of the Council, Raúl Alarcón, Chairman and CEO, Spanish Broadcasting System, Inc. Additionally, the following individuals have resigned from the CEDC: Tripp Crouse, Jorge Figueredo, and Felicia West.

⁴ This agenda may be modified at the discretion of the CEDC Chair and the Designated Federal Officer.

accepted but may not be possible to accommodate.

Members of the public may submit written comments to the CEDC using the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System, ECFS, at www.fcc.gov/ecfs. Any comments should be filed in GN Docket No. 17-208.

More information about the CEDC is available at <https://www.fcc.gov/communications-equity-and-diversity-council>. You may also contact Jamila Bess Johnson, the Designated Federal Officer for the Communications Equity and Diversity Council, at (202) 418-2608, or Jamila-Bess.Johnson@fcc.gov; or Rashann Duvall, Co-Deputy Designated Federal Officer, at (202) 418-1438, or Rashann.Duvall@fcc.gov; or Keyla Hernandez-Ulloa, Co-Deputy Designated Federal Officer, at (202) 418-0965 or Keyla.Hernandez-Ulloa@fcc.gov.

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**COMMUNICATIONS EQUITY AND DIVERSITY COUNCIL**

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**February 23, 2022
10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

AGENDA

- 10:00 am: **Welcome and Opening of Meeting**
Holly Saurer, Chief, Media Bureau
- 10:05 am: **Welcome Remarks**
Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel
- 10:10 am: **Welcome Remarks**
Jamila Bess Johnson, Designated Federal Officer, CEDC, Media Bureau

Rashann Duvall, Co-Deputy Designated Federal Officer, CEDC, Wireline Communications Bureau

Keyla Hernandez-Ulloa, Co-Deputy Designated Federal Officer, CEDC, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau
- 10:20 am: **CEDC Chair/Vice Chairs' Remarks**
Heather Gate, Chair, CEDC, Connected Nation

Nicol Turner Lee, Ph.D., Vice Chair, CEDC, Brookings Institution

Susan Au Allen, Vice Chair, CEDC, US Pan Asian American Chamber of Commerce Education Foundation
- 10:30 am: **Call to Order of the February 23, 2022 CEDC Meeting/Roll Call of CEDC Members**
Heather Gate, Chair, CEDC, Connected Nation
- 10:40 am: **Innovation and Access Working Group Report**
Robert Brooks, Digital Solutions Specialist
WHUR-FM, Howard University
Chair, Innovation and Access Working Group

Anna Gomez, Partner
Wiley Rein LLP
ACDDE *Chair Emeritus*
Representing the Hispanic National Bar Association
Workstream 1 Lead (*Recommendations to Ensure Inclusive Practices for Identifying and Selecting Participating Entrepreneurs in Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Contracting and Grants Processes*)

C. Howie Hodges, II, Co-founder and Sr. Vice President of Government and External Affairs
Centri Tech
Workstream 2 Lead (*Access to Capital*)

Matthew Bauer, Vice President and Executive Director of Connected Communities
Wireless Research Center
Workstream 3 Lead (*Digital Equity/Closing the Digital Skills Gap*)

11:25 am:

Digital Empowerment and Inclusion Working Group Report

Dominique Harrison, Ph.D., Director, Technology and Racial Equity
Citi Ventures Studio
Representing the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies
Chair, Digital Empowerment and Inclusion Working Group

Dr. Jon Gant, Dean, School of Library and Information Sciences, North Carolina Central University; and Joi Chaney, Executive Director of the National Urban League Washington Bureau and Senior Vice President for Policy & Advocacy, National Urban League
Workstream 1 Co-Leads (*Model Policies and Best Practices to Prevent Digital Discrimination*)

Chris James, President and CEO, National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development; and Dr. Christopher Ali, Associate Professor, Department of Media Studies, University of Virginia
Workstream 2 Co-Leads (*Listening Sessions on Lessons Learned: Connecting Opportunity Communities to Broadband During the COVID-19 Pandemic*)

Clayton Banks, CEO Silicon Harlem; Vickie Robinson, General Manager – Airband Initiative Microsoft; and Sarah Kate Ellis, President and CEO, GLAAD
Workstream 3 Co-Leads (*Public Convening: Connecting Opportunity Communities to Broadband During the COVID-19 Pandemic*)

12:10 pm:

Lunch Break

12:55 pm:

Diversity and Equity Working Group

Christopher Wood, Executive Director
LGBT Technology Partnership & Institute
Chair, Diversity and Equity Working Group

Randi Parker, Senior Director of Partnership Engagement, Creating IT Futures; Jill Houghton, President and CEO, Disability:IN; and Joon Bang, CEO, Iona Senior Services

Workstream 1 Co-Leads (*Defining Digital Discrimination Consistent with Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)*)

Lili Gangas, Chief, Technology Community Officer, Kapor Center; and Antonio Tijerino, President and CEO, Hispanic Heritage Foundation

Workstream 2 Co-Leads (*Identify Model Digital and Tech Upskilling Resources to Increase Employment in Diverse Communities*)

Dr. Fallon Wilson, Co-Founder, Nashville Digital Inclusion and Access Taskforce; and Catherine Nicolaou, External Affairs and Marketing Manager, Sacred Wind Communications, Representing NTCA-The Rural Broadband Association

Workstream 3 Co-Leads (*Amplify the Role of Anchor Institutions in Creating Digital Equity in the Labor Force*)

Ellen Schned, CEO, Strong Women Alliance; and Graham “Skip” Dillard, Brand Manager, Audacy New York 94.7 WXBX-FM

Workstream 4 Co-Leads (*Minority Media, Communications and Tech Ownership and Development*)

1:40 pm:

Meeting Break

1:55 pm:

Facilitated Discussion of CEDC Workstreams Related to the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

Heather Gate, Chair, CEDC, Connected Nation

Nicol Turner Lee, Ph.D., Vice Chair, CEDC, Brookings Institution

Susan Au Allen, Vice Chair, CEDC, US Pan Asian American Chamber of Commerce Education Foundation

3:10 pm:

Comments/Questions from the Public

3:25 pm:

Adjournment

Heather Gate, Chair, CEDC, Connected Nation

Jamila Bess Johnson, Designated Federal Officer, CEDC