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## APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERSHIP FOR FIFTH TERM OF DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF FIRST MEETING DATE

By this Public Notice, the Chairwoman of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) announces the appointment of members for the fifth two-year term of the Commission's Disability Advisory Committee (DAC or Committee) and announces the first meeting of the new DAC term. The DAC is organized under, and operated in accordance with, the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) and provides advice and recommendations to the Commission on a wide array of disability matters specified by the Commission.<sup>1</sup>

On August 30, 2022, the Commission solicited applications for membership for this term of the DAC, which runs from December 14, 2022, through December 14, 2024.<sup>2</sup> After review of the applications and nominations for membership received, the Chairwoman has selected 36 members and 5 *ex officio* members, as listed below. The membership consists of a diverse mix of organizations representing individuals with disabilities, communications and video programming industries, public safety industry, trade associations, researchers, and other stakeholders.

During the Committee's fifth term, it is anticipated that the members of the Committee will attend a minimum of three (3) one-day plenary meetings per year, either in-person, or, if appropriate, by video conference. In addition, as needed, working groups or subcommittees will be established to facilitate the Committee's work between meetings of the full Committee.

The DAC will hold its first meeting of the fifth term virtually on **Wednesday, April 26, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.**, Eastern time.

DAC members will discuss (i) the roles and responsibilities of the Committee and its members; (ii) issues that the Committee will address; (iii) meeting schedules; and (iv) any other topics relevant to the DAC's work. The meeting will be led by the DAC co-chairs: Kim Charlson, Executive Director of Perkins Library, Perkins School for the Blind, and Kyle Dixon, Vice President and Deputy General Counsel, Program Network Policy, NCTA – The Internet and Television Association. Joshua Mendelsohn, Attorney Advisor, Disability Rights Office, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau (CGB), will serve as the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) of the DAC. The meeting agenda will be available at <https://www.fcc.gov/news-events/events/2023/04/disability-advisory-committee-meeting> and may be modified at the discretion of the DAC co-chairs and the DFO.

<sup>1</sup> 5 U.S.C. § 1001 *et seq.* The Commission announced the establishment of the DAC on December 2, 2014. *FCC Announces the Establishment of the Disability Advisory Committee and Solicits Nominations for Membership*, Public Notice, 29 FCC Rcd 14484 (CGB 2014).

<sup>2</sup> *FCC Announces Anticipated Renewal of Its Disability Advisory Committee and Solicits Applications for Membership on the Committee*, Public Notice, DA 22-905 (CGB 2022), <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DA-22-905A1.pdf>.

The DAC meeting will be open to the public with audio and video coverage of the meeting at [www.fcc.gov/live](http://www.fcc.gov/live). During the meeting, members of the public may submit questions and comments to the DAC via email: [livequestions@fcc.gov](mailto:livequestions@fcc.gov). These comments or questions may be addressed during the public comment period.

Open captioning and sign language interpreters 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](mailto:fcc504@fcc.gov) or by calling the CGB at (202) 418-0530 (voice). Such requests should include a detailed description of the accommodation needed and specify how the FCC should contact the requester if more information is needed to fill the request. Please provide at least five business days' advance notice of accommodation requests; last-minute requests will be accepted but may not be possible to accommodate.

To obtain further information about the Committee, visit [www.fcc.gov/dac](http://www.fcc.gov/dac), or contact Joshua Mendelsohn, DFO, (202) 559-7304, or [DAC@fcc.gov](mailto:DAC@fcc.gov).

**MEMBERS OF THE DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**FIFTH TERM**

*Joshua Mendelsohn, Designated Federal Officer*

**Co-Chairs:**

Kim Charlson, Executive Director of Perkins Library  
*Perkins School for the Blind*

Kyle Dixon, Vice President and Deputy General Counsel, Program Network Policy  
*NCTA – The Internet & Television Association*

**Individual Name, Title, and Organization Represented:**

*American Association of the DeafBlind (AADB)*  
John Winstead, President

*American Council of the Blind (ACB)*  
Clark Rachfal, Director of Advocacy and Governmental Affairs  
Alternate: Swatha Nandhakumar, Advocacy and Outreach Specialist

*American Foundation for the Blind (AFB)*  
Sarah Malaier, Senior Advisor, Public Policy and Research  
Alternate: Stephanie Enyart, Chief Public Policy and Research Officer

*Amazon.com, Inc.*  
Shadi Abou-Zahra, Principal Accessibility Standards and Policy Manager  
Alternate: Kristine Hackman, Senior Manager, Public Policy

*Apple, Inc.*  
James Craig, Accessibility Standards Manager  
Alternate: Megan Stull, Senior Manager, Regulatory Policy and Government Affairs

*The Arc*  
Katy Schmid, Director, Education and Technology

*AT&T Corporation*  
Linda Vandeloop, Assistant Vice President, Federal Regulatory Relations  
Alternate: Susan Mazrui, Director of Public Policy

*Cerebral Palsy and Deaf Organization (CPADO)*  
Mark Hill, President

*City of Boston, Mayor's Commission for Persons with Disabilities*  
Carl Richardson, ADA Coordinator

*ClearCaptions, LLC*  
Michael Strecker, Vice President of Regulatory and Strategic Policy  
Alternate: Matthew Palmer, Senior Compliance Manager

*Comcast NBCUniversal*  
Thomas Wlodkowski, Vice President,

Accessibility and Multicultural Technology and Product, Comcast  
Alternate: Crystal Evans, Counsel, Regulatory Affairs at NBCUniversal  
Alternate: Jerry Parkins, Senior Director of Technology and Standards, Comcast Cable  
Alternate: Richard Wikoff, Principal Engineer, Product Development Engineering

*Communication Service for the Deaf (CSD)*

Juli Robinson, Director, Government Markets  
Alternate: Karen Peltz Strauss, Consultant

*Consumer Technology Association (CTA)*

Rachel Nemeth, Senior Director, Regulatory Affairs  
Alternate: David Grossman, Vice President, Regulatory Affairs

*Convo Communications, LLC*

Amanda Montgomery, Chief Legal Officer  
Alternate: Thomas Horejes, Director of Legal Compliance and Advocacy

*CTIA - the Wireless Association*

Sarah Leggin, Director, Regulatory Affairs  
Alternate: Avonne Bell, Director, Connected Life

*Dicapta*

Maria Victoria Diaz, President  
Alternate: Judy Mathews, Dicapta Advisory Committee Member

*Hamilton Relay, Inc.*

Beth Slough, Director of Account Management and Compliance  
Alternate: Dixie Ziegler, Vice President

*Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA)*

Lise Hamlin, Director of Public Policy  
Alternate: Brian Meyer, Public Policy Associate

*Helen Keller National Center (HKNC)*

Scott Davert, Coordinator of Technology, Research and Innovation Center  
Alternate: Christopher Woodfill, Associate Executive Director

*InnoCaption*

Cristina O. Duarte, Director of Regulatory Affairs  
Alternate: Paul Lee, Chief Operating Officer

*National Association of Broadcasters (NAB)*

Joshua N. Pila, Vice President and Assistant General Counsel, Gray Television, Inc.  
Alternate: Larry Walke, Associate General Counsel, National Association of Broadcasters

*National Association of the Deaf (NAD)*

Zainab Alkebsi, Policy Counsel  
Alternate: Howard Rosenblum, Chief Executive Officer

*National Association of State Agencies Serving Deaf and Hard of Hearing (NASADHH)*

Annie Urasky, NASADHH Secretary; and Director,  
Division on Deaf, DeafBlind and Hard of Hearing, Michigan Department of Civil Rights  
Alternate: Eric Raff, NASADHH Member-At-Large; and Director,

Virginia Department of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

*National Black Deaf Advocates (NBDA)*

Theodore R. Dorsette III, Director of Public Engagement

*National Captioning Institute (NCI)*

Darlene Parker, Director of Partnership Development

Alternate: Beth Nubbe, Senior Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer

Alternate: Meredith Patterson, Senior Vice President for Operations &  
Chief Operating Office

*National Emergency Number Association (NENA)*

Richard Ray, Co-Chair, NENA Accessibility Committee

*National Federation of the Blind (NFB)*

Everette Bacon, Secretary

*NCTA – The Internet & Television Association*

Kyle Dixon, Vice President and Deputy General Counsel, Program Network Policy

Alternate: Radhika Bhat, Vice President & Associate General Counsel

*Perkins School for the Blind*

Kim Charlson, Executive Director of Perkins Library

Alternate: Kristyn Leigh, Program Manager, iCanConnect

*Sorenson Communications, LLC*

Michael D. Maddix, Director of Government and Regulatory Affairs

Alternate: Adriana Featherstone, Staff Counsel

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

Mark Seeger, Member

Alternate: Blake Reid, Associate Clinical Professor, Director,  
Samuelson-Glushko Technology Law & Policy Clinic, Colorado Law

*T-Mobile USA, Inc.*

Shellie Blakeney, Director, Federal Regulatory Affairs

Alternate: Dennis Selznick, Senior Accessibility Compliance Manager

*University of Pittsburgh Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center on Wireless Technologies for People with Disabilities*

Dan Ding, Director, Associate Professor

Alternate: Lindsey Morris, Strategy and Operations Lead, Research Scientist

*Verizon Communications, Inc.*

Zachary Bastian, Manager, Strategic Alliances

Alternate: Ian Dillner, Associate General Counsel, Federal Regulatory

*VITAC*

Heather York, Vice President

Alternate: Scott Ready, Head of Accessibility

*ZP Better Together, LLC*

Gregory Hlibok, Chief Legal Officer

Alternate: Mark Stern, Director, Product Management

**Ex Officio Federal Government Representatives (Non-Voting Members)**

*U.S. Access Board*

Timothy P. Creagan, Senior Accessibility Specialist

Alternate: Bruce Bailey, Accessibility IT Specialist

*U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (ED – OSERS)*

Brianne Burger, Director and Liaison to the Special Institutions

Alternate: Eric Caruso, Education Program Specialist

*U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Community Living (HHS – ACL)*

Lisa Bothwell, Program Analyst

Alternate: Timothy Beatty, Senior Social Science Analyst

*U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)*

Aaron Kubey, Communications Access Specialist, External Affairs

Alternate: Gay Jones, Strategic Communications Access Specialist,  
Office of Disability Integration and Coordination

*U.S. Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), National 911 Program*

Brian Tegtmeyer, Coordinator

Alternate: Katherine Elkin, Emergency Medical Services and 911 Specialist

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