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## AGENDA RELEASED FOR THE MARCH 27, 2024 MEETING OF THE COMMUNICATIONS EQUITY AND DIVERSITY COUNCIL AND MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCED

### GN Docket No. 17-208

In this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau (WCB) announces that Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel has appointed members to serve on the Communications Equity and Diversity Council (CEDC or Committee). A list of the current CEDC membership is attached to this Public Notice. With this Public Notice, WCB also announces the anticipated agenda for the first meeting of the CEDC under its new charter, ending June 22, 2025. As announced in the Federal Register and in a Public Notice released March 14, 2024, the meeting is scheduled to be held, consistent with the Federal Advisory Committee Act,<sup>1</sup> on March 27, 2024.<sup>2</sup>

As detailed in the attachment, the agenda for the meeting will include introducing members of the CEDC, announcing working groups that will assist the CEDC in carrying out its work, receiving a presentation on the FCC's Digital Discrimination proceeding, and receiving guidance from the Commission's Offices of General Counsel and Managing Director regarding federal advisory committee best practices. This agenda may be modified at the discretion of the CEDC Chair and the Designated Federal Officer.

The meeting will be held in a hybrid manner, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm ET. The public may attend the meeting in person at FCC headquarters at 45 L Street, NE, Washington, DC. Additionally, the meeting will be available to the public for viewing via the Internet at <https://www.fcc.gov/live>. While the CEDC's meeting is open to the public, the FCC headquarters building is not open access, and all guests must check in with and be screened by FCC security at the main entrance on L Street. Attendees are not required to have an appointment but must otherwise comply with protocols outlined at: <https://www.fcc.gov/visit>.

The public may follow the meeting on the Commission's YouTube page at <https://www.youtube.com/user/fccdotgovvideo>. Members of the public may submit questions during the meeting to [livequestions@fcc.gov](mailto:livequestions@fcc.gov). Members of the public also may submit written comments to the CEDC using the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System, ECFS, at [www.fcc.gov/ecfs](http://www.fcc.gov/ecfs). Any comments should be filed in GN Docket No. 17-208.

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<sup>1</sup> 5 U.S.C. App. 10.

<sup>2</sup> Notice of this meeting was published in the Federal Register on March 8, 2024, available at <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/03/08/2024-04954/meeting-of-the-communications-equity-and-diversity-council>. See also *FCC Announces March 27, 2024 Meeting and Leadership of the Communications Equity and Diversity Council*, Public Notice, DA 24-254 (WCB Mar. 14, 2024).

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](mailto: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 Commission to contact the requester if more information is needed to fulfill 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.

More information about the CEDC is available at <https://www.fcc.gov/communications-equity-and-diversity-council>. You may also contact Rodney McDonald, Designated Federal Officer (DFO) of the CEDC, (202) 418-7513, [Rodney.McDonald@fcc.gov](mailto:Rodney.McDonald@fcc.gov); Diana Coho, Deputy DFO of the CEDC, (717) 338-2848, [Diana.Coho@fcc.gov](mailto:Diana.Coho@fcc.gov); Jaime McCoy, Deputy DFO of the CEDC, (202) 418-2320, [Jaime.McCoy@fcc.gov](mailto:Jaime.McCoy@fcc.gov); or Sima Nilsson, Deputy DFO of the CEDC, (202) 418-2708, [Sima.Nilsson@fcc.gov](mailto:Sima.Nilsson@fcc.gov).

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**COMMUNICATIONS EQUITY AND DIVERSITY COUNCIL**

Rodney McDonald, Designated Federal Officer  
Diana Coho, Deputy Designated Federal Officer  
Jaime McCoy, Deputy Designated Federal Officer  
Sima Nilsson, Deputy Designated Federal Officer

**Chair:**

Heather Gate, Vice President of Digital Inclusion  
*Connected Nation*

**Vice Chairs:**

Nicol Turner Lee, Ph.D., Director – Center for Technology Innovation, Senior Fellow – Governance Studies Program  
*Brookings Institution*

Susan Au Allen, Chairman, National President and CEO  
*US Pan Asian American Chamber of Commerce Education Foundation*

**Members:**

Jenna Alsayegh, Senior Director of Strategic Initiatives & Partnerships  
*USTelecom*

Robert Branson, President and CEO  
*Multicultural Media, Telecom and Internet Council*

Robert Brooks, Digital Solutions Specialist  
*WHUR-FM, Howard University*

Edgar Class, Partner, Wiley Rein LLP  
*Representing the Hispanic National Bar Association*

Michele Cober, Director, Strategic Alliances  
*Verizon*

Norma Estela Fernandez, CEO  
*EveryoneOn*

Anisa Green, Director, Federal Regulatory  
*AT&T*

JudeAnne Heath, Executive Director  
*HTTP - Hispanic Technology & Telecommunications Partnership*

David Honig, President and CEO  
*JulGlo Productions LLC*

Ronald Johnson, Ph.D., Senior Advisor and Chief Strategist for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion  
*Wireless Infrastructure Association*

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

Leticia Latino-van Splunteren, CEO  
*Nuptuno USA*

Nicole Lazarre, Vice President of Policy and External Affairs  
*Charter Communications*

Rosa Mendoza, Founder, President and CEO  
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*A Wonder Media Company*

Otto Padron, President & CEO  
*Meruelo Media*

Ryan Palmer, Global Digital Equity Strategist & Director  
*Microsoft*

Louis Peraertz, Vice President of Policy  
*WISPA - Wireless Internet Service Providers Association*

Henry M. Rivera, Partner, Wiley Rein, LLP  
*Representing The Emma L. Bowen Foundation*

Steven C. Roberts, Founder & President  
*The Roberts Companies*

Dennis Santiago, Chief Operating Officer  
*National Diversity Coalition*

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

Ellen Schned, Founder & CEO  
*Strong Women Alliance*

Lakecia Foster Stickney, Executive Director, Public Policy  
*Comcast*

Joycelyn Tate, Senior Policy Advisor  
*Black Women's Roundtable (BWR), National Coalition on Black Civic Participation (NCBCP)*

Christopher Terry, Ph.D.

*Associate Professor, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, Hubbard School of Journalism & Mass Communications*

J. Augusto Valdez, Partner & Chief Operating Officer

*2042 Media*

Alisa Valentin, Broadband Policy Director

*Public Knowledge*

Julie Wenah, Associate General Counsel & Product Lead for Civil Rights, Meta

*Representing INCOMPAS*

James Winston, President

*National Association of Black Owned Broadcasters*

Christopher Wood, Executive Director

*LGBT Technology Partnership & Institute*

ATTACHMENT



COMMUNICATIONS EQUITY AND DIVERSITY COUNCIL

**Federal Communications Commission  
45 L Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20554**

**March 27, 2024  
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**AGENDA**

- 10:00 am: **Welcome and Opening of Meeting**  
Rodney McDonald, Designated Federal Officer, CEDC, Wireline Competition Bureau, FCC
- 10:02 am: **Welcome Remarks**  
Jessica Rosenworcel, Chairwoman  
Federal Communications Commission
- 10:07 am: Sanford Williams, Deputy Chief of Staff for Chairwoman Rosenworcel  
Federal Communications Commission
- 10:12 am: **Introduction of DFO & Deputy DFOs**  
Rodney McDonald, Designated Federal Officer, CEDC, Wireline Competition Bureau, FCC  
  
Diana Coho, Deputy Designated Federal Officer, CEDC, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, FCC  
  
Jaime McCoy, Deputy Designated Federal Officer, CEDC, Wireline Competition Bureau, FCC
- 10:20 am **Introduction of CEDC Chair/Vice Chairs & Opening Remarks**  
Rodney McDonald, Designated Federal Officer, CEDC, Wireline Competition Bureau, FCC  
  
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

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- 10:35 am            **Call to Order of the March 27, 2024 CEDC Meeting**  
Heather Gate, Chair, CEDC, Connected Nation
- 10:36 am            **Roll Call of CEDC Members**  
Heather Gate, Chair, CEDC, Connected Nation
- 10:55 am:           **CEDC Member Introductions**  
Heather Gate, Chair, CEDC, Connected Nation
- Individual Members In Attendance
- 11:45 am:           **Introduction of Working Group Members**  
Heather Gate, Chair, CEDC, Connected Nation
- Individual Working Group Members In Attendance
- 12:00 pm:           **Meeting Break**
- 12:15 pm            **Overview of Records Requirements**  
Darice Gamble, Office of the Managing Director, FCC
- 12:20 pm            **Overview of Federal Advisory Committee Act Rules**  
Paula Silberthau, Office of General Counsel, FCC
- 12:35 pm            **Overview of the Federal Communications Commission’s Digital  
Discrimination Proceeding**  
Lisa Wilson Edwards, Associate Bureau Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau,  
FCC
- 12:50 pm            **CEDC Overview**  
Rodney McDonald, Designated Federal Officer, CEDC, Wireline Competition  
Bureau, FCC
- 1:00 pm             **Questions/Comments from the Public**
- 1:10 pm             **Closing 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
- 1:30 pm             **Adjournment**  
Heather Gate, Chair, CEDC, Connected Nation