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**FCC ANNOUNCES ANTICIPATED RENEWAL OF ITS
CONSUMER PROTECTION AND ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AND SOLICITS NOMINATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP**

APPLICATIONS DUE: Monday, September 14, 2026

By this Public Notice, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) announces the anticipated rechartering of the Consumer Protection and Accessibility Advisory Committee (Committee) and solicits nominations for membership. The Commission has consulted with the Committee Management Secretariat, General Service Administration, and intends to recharter the Committee for a period of two (2) years. The renewed charter will become effective on or before October 9, 2026. Nominations for membership are due by September 14, 2026.

PURPOSE AND FUNCTION

The Committee's mission is to make recommendations to the Commission regarding topics of particular interest to consumers that will be specified by the Commission relating to disability access and consumer protection issues. In addition, this Committee is intended to provide an effective means for stakeholders with interests in this area, including consumers, to exchange ideas, which will in turn enhance the Commission's ability to effectively address issues affecting disability access and consumers in general. For additional background about the Committee, please visit its website: <https://www.fcc.gov/cpaac>.

BACKGROUND

The Committee will operate in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. Chapter 10. Each meeting of the Committee will be open to the public. A notice of each meeting will be published in the Federal Register at least fifteen (15) days in advance of the meeting. Records will be maintained of each meeting and will be made available for public inspection. All meetings will be fully accessible to individuals with disabilities.

Members will serve at the discretion of the Chairman of the Commission. The Commission will determine the appropriate Committee size necessary to effectively accomplish the Committee's work. While there is no required number of meetings, the Committee typically holds meetings three times per calendar year, to be conducted in Washington, D.C., and/or by video conference.

Members of the Committee will be expected to participate in at least one working group. The time commitment for participation in any such group may be substantial. However, working group meetings may be conducted informally, using suitable technology to facilitate the meetings, subject to oversight by the Designated Federal Officer of the Committee.

WHO MAY APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS

The Commission seeks nominations from interested nonprofit organizations, corporations, trade associations, government agencies, or other entities from both the public and private sectors, who wish to be considered for Committee membership for a two-year term of service. Selections will be made based on factors such as expertise and viewpoints that are necessary to effectively address the topics before the Committee.

Individuals who do not represent an organization, corporation, trade association, or entity, but who possess expertise valuable to the Committee's work may also apply. However, any applicants who want to serve in their individual capacities should be aware that government ethics rules may require detailed disclosures as part of the consideration of their application to serve as independent subject matter experts, and if appointed, such individuals would be considered Special Government Employees (SGEs). Federally registered lobbyists are not eligible to serve as SGEs. The Commission's Office of General Counsel conducts ethics reviews of all organizational and individual members of the Committee or its working groups. SGEs, in particular, are subject to a variety of restrictions under the conflict of interest statutes, 18 U.S.C. § 203 *et seq.*, and the Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Executive Branch, 5 C.F.R. Part 2635. SGEs must file confidential employee financial disclosure forms prior to beginning their service and annually thereafter. SGEs will also be subject to ethics restrictions in section 4(b) of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. § 154(b), and in the Commission's rules, 47 CFR Part 19 and 5 CFR Parts 3901 and 3902.

All members will have a continuing obligation to disclose any interests in, or connections to, persons or entities that are, or will be, regulated by or have interests before the Commission and shall promptly report to the Designated Federal Officer of the Committee any changes in representation during their tenure on the federal advisory committee. Committee members will not be compensated for their service.

NOMINATION PROCEDURE, DEADLINE, AND MEMBER APPOINTMENTS

All nominations must be received by the Commission by no later than September 14, 2026, and should be submitted via an online nomination form at <https://www.fcc.gov/cpaac> unless use of that form would present a hardship, in which case the information and documents specified below may be submitted by email to cpaac@fcc.gov. Nominations will be acknowledged shortly after receipt.

Interested parties are encouraged to submit applications online. However, organizations choosing to file by paper may send their nominations by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial courier, or by the U.S. Postal Service. All correspondence must be addressed to David Pérez and Joshua Mendelsohn, CPAAC Co-DFOs, Federal Communications Commission.

- Hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings are accepted between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. by the FCC's mailing contractor at 9050 Junction Drive, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes and boxes must be disposed of before entering the building.
- Commercial courier deliveries (any deliveries not by the U.S. Postal Service) must be sent to 9050 Junction Drive, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701.
- Filings sent by U.S. Postal Service First-Class Mail, Priority Mail, and Priority Mail Express must be sent to 45 L Street NE, Washington, DC 20554.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE FOR ORGANIZATIONS

Applications from nonprofit organizations, corporations, trade associations, government agencies, or other entities proposing a nominee to serve as a primary representative or alternative representative should include the following:

- The name of the entity applying for Committee membership;
- A statement indicating whether the entity has previously had representatives that served on the Committee, the dates of such service, and any working group(s) in which the entity's representatives participated;
- A statement indicating the nature of the entity's interests and the constituency represented by the entity (*e.g.*, consumer or disability organization, government entity, industry, trade association, etc.);
- The name of the entity's proposed primary representative, including title, postal mailing address, email address, and telephone number;
- The name of the entity's proposed alternate representative (if any), including title, postal mailing address, email address, and telephone number;
- Current resumes of the entity's proposed primary and alternate representatives describing their educational background and professional experience;
- A statement summarizing the proposed representatives' qualifications and reasons why the representatives should be appointed to represent the entity on the Committee;
- A statement by the entity indicating a willingness to have its representatives serve on the Committee for a two-year term, a commitment that its representative or alternative representative will attend at least three meetings per year (to be conducted in Washington, D.C., and/or by video conference), a commitment that its representative or alternate representative will participate in at least one working group, and an acknowledgement that neither the entity nor its representatives will receive reimbursement of travel expenses or payment of honoraria from the Commission; and,
- A narrative statement detailing the entity's previous involvement with issues relevant to the Committee's work and each applicant's ability and willingness to contribute substantively to the Committee's deliberations through its nominee(s).

An organization, company, or other entity nominating a primary or alternate representative to serve on its behalf on the Committee must submit written confirmation by an authorized person (*e.g.*, an official of the organization, company, or other entity) that such entity wants the representative to serve on its behalf. The nominating official must possess the executive authority or hold a sufficiently high-level position within the organization or company to select a representative whose actions will be legally binding on the organization or company. For example, this confirmation may be in the following format: "I am [insert official's name], the [insert official's title] at the [insert name of organization - *e.g.*, company, government entity, trade association, etc.], with responsibilities for [concise description of position]. My organization would like [insert proposed representative's name], who is currently [an employee of/consultant/attorney to the company] to serve as our representative on the FCC Consumer Protection and Accessibility Advisory Committee."

Where nominees are seeking to represent an entity that is a party to an FCC contract or subcontract or providing services for the benefit of the FCC under contract or subcontract, or where the applicant or nominee is individually a party to such a contract or providing services for the benefit of the FCC to other entities or organizations under such a contract, the application must include the following:

- A general description of the contract/agreement;
- A description of the product/services that the applicant provides pursuant to the contract/agreement;

- A list of all parties to the contract/agreement;
- The name of the Commission contracting officer (if known); and,
- A certification made by the applicant or nominee that the applicant or nominee has provided written notice to the contracting officer and the FCC Manager, Contracts and Purchasing Center, that the applicant or representative nominee, as applicable, has applied for membership on the Commission's Consumer Protection and Accessibility Advisory Committee.

All nominees are also required to disclose whether they represent clients in matters before the FCC or in matters that may come before the Committee, other than representing the entity that has nominated them for service on the Committee, and nominees shall provide all relevant details of any such representation.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE FOR INDIVIDUALS

Individuals seeking to serve as Special Government Employee members of the Committee should include the following application information:

- The individual applicant's name, mailing address, e-mail address and telephone number;
- A description of any organization by whom the applicant is employed;
- A statement summarizing the individual applicant's qualifications, including specific knowledge or expertise that is relevant to the Committee, and reasons why the individual applicant should be appointed to the Committee or to a working group;
- A statement that the applicant is not a registered lobbyist;
- A statement that the applicant does not have a contractual or other financial agreement (including as a subcontractor) with the Commission;
- A statement that the applicant does not have clients with matters before the Commission or that may come before the Commission;
- A statement indicating a willingness to serve on the Committee for a two-year term, a commitment to attend at least three meetings per year (to be conducted in Washington, DC, and/or by video conference);
- A commitment to participate in at least one working group;
- An acknowledgement that the individual will not be entitled to receive reimbursement of travel expenses or payment of honoraria or other compensation from the Commission;
- A statement indicating whether the individual has served on the Committee previously, the dates of such service and any working group(s) in which the individual applicant participated; and,
- A current resume that describes the individual applicant's educational background and professional experience.

Further, as noted above, financial and other additional disclosures will also apply to individual applicants. The Commission may solicit nominations by methods other than this Public Notice, but all candidates will be subject to the same evaluation criteria. After the Commission has reviewed nominations, it will notify all nominees in writing concerning the disposition of their applications, and it will release a Public Notice announcing appointment of the Committee members and the date of the Committee's first meeting.

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 or call the FCC's Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0530 (voice) or 844-432-2275 (ASL videophone).

For further information contact:

Committee Co-Designated Federal Officers (DFOs) David M. Pérez at (202) 418-0664 or Joshua Mendelsohn at 202-559-7304 (videophone/voice), or CPAAC@fcc.gov.