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DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ANNOUNCEMENT OF DATE, TIME AND AGENDA OF NEXT MEETING

By this Public Notice, the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC” or “Commission”) announces the meeting date, time and agenda of the first meeting of the second term of its Disability Advisory Committee (“DAC” or “Committee”).

MEETING DATE, TIME AND AGENDA

The first meeting of the Committee’s second term will take place on Tuesday, March 21, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Eastern Time, at the FCC’s headquarters, Room TW-C305 (Commission Meeting Room), 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20554. The meeting will be open to the public and webcast with open captioning at www.fcc.gov/live. Notice of this meeting will be published in the *Federal Register*.

PURPOSE AND FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

The DAC was established in December 2014 to make recommendations to the Commission on a wide array of disability matters within the jurisdiction of the Commission, and to facilitate the participation of people with disabilities in proceedings before the Commission. The Committee is organized under, and operated in accordance with, the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA).¹ The DAC’s first term expired on December 29, 2016. On January 5, 2017, the Commission’s Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau (CGB) announced the members selected for the second term of the DAC.² During its second term, the DAC will have subcommittees on emergency communications, relay/equipment distribution, technology transitions, and video programming.

MEETING AGENDA

At its March 21st meeting, 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, (iv) issues to be assigned to each subcommittee; and (iv) any other topics relevant to the DAC’s work. The meeting will be led by the new DAC co-chairs: Lise Hamlin, Director of Public Policy of the Hearing Loss Association of America, and Sam Joehl, Principal Technical Consultant of the SSB BART Group. In addition, initial subcommittee meetings may be held following the meeting of the full DAC.

A reserved amount of time will be available on the agenda for comments and inquiries from the

¹ 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

² *Appointment of Membership for the 2017-2019 Term of the Disability Advisory Committee and Announcement of Tentative Dates For DAC Meetings*, Public Notice, DA 17-19, 32 FCC Rcd ____ (CGB Jan. 5, 2017).

public. The public may comment or ask questions of presenters via the email address livequestions@fcc.gov. These comments or questions may be addressed during the public comment period.

ACCESSIBILITY AND ACCOMMODATIONS

The meeting site is accessible to people using wheelchairs or other mobility aids. Sign language interpreters, open captioning, and assistive listening devices will be provided on site. Other reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. If making a request for an accommodation, please include a description of the accommodation you will need and tell us how to contact you if we need more information. Make your request as early as possible by sending an e-mail to fcc504@fcc.gov or calling the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0530 (voice), 202-418-0432 (TTY). Last minute requests will be accepted, but may be impossible to fill.

ACCESSIBLE FORMATS

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elaine Gardner, DAC Designated Federal Officer (DFO), CGB, Disability Rights Office (DRO), 202-418-0581 (voice); Will Schell, DAC Alternate DFO, CGB, DRO, 202-418-0767 (voice), or email: DAC@fcc.gov. For more information about the DAC, please visit: <https://www.fcc.gov/general/disability-advisory-committee>.