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## APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERSHIP FOR THE 2017-2019 TERM OF THE DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF TENTATIVE DATES FOR DAC MEETINGS

By this Public Notice, the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau (Bureau or CGB) of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) sets a tentative date for the first 2017 meeting of the Commission's Disability Advisory Committee (DAC or Committee) and announces the appointment of Committee members for the DAC's second two-year 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 within the jurisdiction of the Commission.<sup>1</sup>

### TENTATIVE DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION OF FIRST COMMITTEE MEETING

A tentative date for the DAC's first meeting of the new term is set for Tuesday, March 21, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET, at the FCC's headquarters, Room TW-C305 (Commission Meeting Room), 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20554. The meeting will be open to the public and webcast with open captioning at [www.fcc.gov/live](http://www.fcc.gov/live). Notice of this meeting will be published in the *Federal Register*. Meeting minutes will be available for public inspection on the Committee's website at <http://www.fcc.gov/disability-advisory-committee>.

Dates for future DAC meetings, which are tentatively planned for mid-June and mid-October, will be announced in future Public Notices, and will be published in the *Federal Register*.

### COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

On September 6, 2016, CGB announced the anticipated renewal of the DAC and solicited applications for membership for the DAC's second term, which runs from December 30, 2016, through December 29, 2018.<sup>2</sup> After careful consideration of all applications and nominations for membership received, 37 organizations and individuals, listed in this Public Notice, were selected as members of the DAC for its second term. The membership consists of a diverse and balanced mix of viewpoints from organizations representing individuals with disabilities, the communications and video programming industries, the public safety industry, trade associations, academics, researchers, and other stakeholders. E. Elaine Gardner, Attorney Advisor at the Commission's Disability Rights Office, will continue to serve

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<sup>1</sup> 5 U.S.C. App. 2. 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*, Public Notice, 31 FCC Rcd 9717 (CGB 2016).

as the Designated Federal Officer of the DAC.

As authorized by FACA, the DAC will have subcommittees, to be comprised of members of the full committee and other individuals designated by CGB, on matters that include, but are not limited to: technology transitions, telecommunications relay services, and access to video programming, emergency services, and communications equipment.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Elaine Gardner, DAC Designated Federal Officer (DFO), CGB, Disability Rights Office (DRO), (202) 418-0581 (voice); email: [dac@fcc.gov](mailto:dac@fcc.gov); or Will Schell, DAC Alternate DFO, CGB, DRO, (202) 418-0767 (voice); email: [will.schell@fcc.gov](mailto:will.schell@fcc.gov).

## **MEMBERS OF THE FCC DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

*E. Elaine Gardner, Designated Federal Officer  
Will Schell, Alternate Designated Federal Officer*

### **Individual Name and Title**

#### ***Organization Represented:***

Brian Scarpelli, Senior Policy Counsel  
*ACT – the App Association*

Dr. Maggie Nygren, Executive Director & CEO  
*American Association on Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities*

Anthony Stephens, Director of Advocacy and Governmental Affairs  
Alternate: Eric Bridges, Executive Director  
*American Council of the Blind*

Mark Richert, Director of Public Policy  
Alternate: Dr. Rebecca Sheffield, Senior Policy Researcher  
*American Foundation for the Blind*

Timothy Powderly, Director  
Alternate: Sarah Herrlinger, Senior Manager  
*Apple, Inc.*

Phyllis Guinivan, Project Manager, Center for Disability Studies, University of Delaware  
Alternate: Tafaimamao Tua-Tupuola, Director, University Center for Excellence on Developmental Disabilities, American Samoa Community College  
*Association of University Centers on Disability*

Linda Vandeloop, AVP External Affairs/Regulatory  
Alternate: Susan Mazrui, Director of Public Policy  
*AT&T*

Richard Ray, ADA Technology Access Coordinator  
*City of Los Angeles, Department on Disability*

Thomas Wlodkowski, Vice President for Accessibility  
Alternate: Chris Wendt, Director of Technical Research and Development, System Engineering  
Alternate: Jerry Parkins, Senior Director of Technology and Standards  
*Comcast*

Julie Kearney, Vice President, Regulatory Affairs  
Alternate: William Belt, Senior Director, Technology and Standards  
*Consumer Technology Association*

Kara Romagnino, Director, Regulatory Affairs  
Alternate: Matthew Gerst, Director of State Regulatory & External Affairs

*CTIA - the Wireless Association*

Eduardo Madera, Representative  
Alternate: Jamie Taylor, Representative  
*Deaf Blind Citizens in Action*

Al Sonnenstrahl, Vice President  
Alternate: Nancy Rarus, President  
*Deaf Seniors of America*

Maria Diaz, President  
Alternate: Carol Colmenares, Communications and Outreach Representative  
*Dicapta*

John Card II, Director of Standards and Technology  
*EchoStar Satellite Technologies Corporation*

Dr. Christian Vogler, Associate Professor and Director, Technology Access Program  
Alternate: Linda Kozma-Spytek, Senior Research Audiologist  
*Gallaudet Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center on Improving the Accessibility, Usability and Performance of Technology for Individuals who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing*

Lise Hamlin, Director of Public Policy  
Alternate: Barbara Kelley, Executive Director  
*Hearing Loss Association of America*

Scott Davert, Coordinator, New York DeafBlind Equipment Distribution Program  
Christopher Woodfill, Associate Executive Director  
*Helen Keller National Center*

Ken Salaets, Director, Global Policy  
*Information Technology Industry Council*

Scott Kelley, Senior Manager, Quality  
*LG Electronics*

Joshua Pila, General Counsel, Local Media, Meredith Corporation  
Alternate: Larry Walke, Associate General Counsel, NAB  
*National Association of Broadcasters*

Zainab Alkebsi, Policy Counsel  
Howard Rosenblum, Chief Executive Officer  
*National Association of the Deaf*

Isidore Niyongabo, Representative  
*National Black Deaf Advocates*

Diane Burstein, Vice President and Deputy General Counsel  
Alternate: Jill Lockett, Senior Vice President, Program Network Policy  
Alternate: Stephanie Poday, Vice President and Associate General Counsel

*National Cable & Telecommunications Association*

Everette Bacon, President, National Federation of the Blind of Utah  
*National Federation of the Blind*

Jerry Berrier, Manager of Massachusetts / Rhode Island DeafBlind Equipment Distribution Programs  
*Perkins*

Gary Behm, Director, Center on Access Technology  
*Rochester Institute of Technology, National Technical Institute for the Deaf, Center on Access Technology*

Dr. BJ Gallagher, Chair, Board of Directors  
*Speech Communications Assistance by Telephone, Inc.*

Sam Joehl, Accessibility Consultant  
Alternate: Owen Edwards, Senior Accessibility Consultant  
*SSB BART Group*

Eddie Martinez, Assistive Technology Specialist  
Alternate: Harris Rosensweig, Director of Accessibility  
*TCS Associates*

Claude Stout, Executive Director  
Alternate: Blake Reid, Assistant Clinical Professor, Samuelson-Glushko Technology Law & Policy Clinic, Colorado Law  
*Telecommunications for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Inc.*

Abe Rafi, Director, Digital Strategy & Online Services  
*The Arc*

Zachary Bastian, Manager, Strategic Alliances and Public Policy  
Alternate: Ian Dillner, Director, Federal Regulatory Affairs  
*Verizon*

Dr. Helena Mitchell, Executive Director, Center for Advanced Communications Policy, Georgia Institute of Technology  
Alternate: Frank Lucia  
*Wireless Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center*

Larry Goldberg, Director of Accessible Media  
*Yahoo, Inc.*

Ron Bibler, Consumer

Bryen Yunashko, Consumer

Ex Officio Federal Government Representatives (Non-Voting Members)

Timothy P. Creagan, Senior Accessibility Specialist

Alternate: Bruce Bailey, Accessibility Specialist  
*U.S. Access Board*

Gay Jones, Disability Integration Communications Specialist, Federal Emergency Management Agency  
Alternate: Charles McCobb  
*U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency*

Eugene Cornelius, Deputy Associate Administrator  
Alternate: Jarvis Grindstaff, Economic Development Specialist  
Alternate: Steve Dixel, Business Operations Officer  
*U.S. Small Business Administration*

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