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

By this Public Notice, the Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) announces the appointment of members for the fourth 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 July 13, 2020, the Commission solicited applications for membership for this term of the DAC, which runs from December 17, 2020, through December 17, 2022.<sup>2</sup> After review of the applications and nominations for membership received, the Chairman has selected 34 members and 4 *ex officio* members, as listed below. The membership consists of a diverse mix of organizations representing individuals with disabilities, the communications and video programming industries, the public safety industry, trade associations, researchers, and other stakeholders.

Debra Patkin, Attorney Advisor, Disability Rights Office (DRO), Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau (CGB), will serve as the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) of the DAC, and Will Schell, Attorney Advisor, DRO, CGB, will serve as the deputy DFO of the DAC.

During the Committee's fourth 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 teleconference. In addition, as needed, working groups or subcommittees will be established to facilitate the Committee's work between meetings of the full Committee on accessibility-related matters that include, but are not limited to: communications transitions, telecommunications relay services, emergency access, and video programming accessibility.

The DAC will hold its first meeting of the fourth term on **Thursday, February 18, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.** The meeting will be held remotely, with video and audio coverage at [www.fcc.gov/live](http://www.fcc.gov/live). 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: Brian Scarpelli, Senior Policy Counsel of ACT | The App Association, and Isidore Niyongabo, Director of Advocacy and Public Engagement of National Black Deaf Advocates.

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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 on the Committee*, Public Notice, 35 FCC Rcd 6973 (CGB 2020).

The DAC may also receive briefings from Commission staff on issues of interest to the Committee and may discuss topics of interest to the Committee, including, but not limited to, matters concerning communications transitions, telecommunications relay services, emergency access, and video programming accessibility. This agenda may be modified at the discretion of the DAC Chairs and Designated Federal Officer (DFO).

The DAC meeting will be open to the public and has been moved to a wholly electronic format due to the COVID-19 pandemic. 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 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 and Governmental Affairs Bureau (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: Debra Patkin, DFO, (202) 870-5226, or [DAC@fcc.gov](mailto:DAC@fcc.gov); or Will Schell, Deputy DFO, (202) 418-0767.

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

*Debra Patkin, Designated Federal Officer*  
*Will Schell, Deputy Designated Federal Officer*

**Co-Chairs:**

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

Isidore Niyongabo, President  
*National Black Deaf Advocates*

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

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

Clark Rachfal, Director of Advocacy and Governmental Affairs  
Alternate: Anthony Stephens, Director of Development  
*American Council of the Blind*

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

Maria Kirby, Senior Policy Counsel  
Alternate: Sarah Herrlinger, Director, Global Accessibility Policy and Initiatives  
*Apple, Inc.*

Abe Rafi  
Senior Director, Technology Strategy & Programs  
*The Arc*

Linda Vandeloop, Assistant Vice President, External Affairs and Regulatory  
Alternate: Susan Mazrui, Director of Public Policy  
*AT&T*

Wendy Sapp, Director of Research  
Alternate: Matthew Kaplowitz, President/CEO  
*Bridge Multimedia Corporation*

Mark Hill, President  
*Cerebral Palsy and Deaf Organization*

Carl Richardson, Member of Mayor's Commission for Persons with Disabilities Advisory Board  
*City of Boston*

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

Thomas Wlodkowski, Vice President, Accessibility and Multicultural Technology and Product, Comcast  
Alternate: Angela Ball, Vice President, Regulatory Affairs, NBCUniversal  
Alternate: Jerry Parkins, Senior Director of Technology and Standards, Comcast Cable  
Alternate: Chris Wendt, Director of Technical Research and Development, System Engineering, Comcast  
Cable  
*Comcast Corporation and NBCUniversal Media, LLC*

Juli Robinson, Vice President, CSD Contact Centers  
Alternate: Pat Myers, President, CSD Global Contact Centers  
*Communications Service for the Deaf, Inc.*

Rachel Nemeth, Senior Director, Regulatory Affairs  
Alternate: Jamie Susskind, Vice President, Policy and Regulatory Affairs  
*Consumer Technology Association*

Amanda Montgomery, Chief Legal Officer  
*Convo Communications, LLC*

Kara Graves, Assistant Vice President, Regulatory Affairs  
Alternate: Sarah Leggin, Director, Regulatory Affairs  
*CTIA - the Wireless Association*

George Stern, Vice President  
Alternate: Divya Goel, Member  
*DeafBlind Citizens in Action*

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

Beth Slough, Director of Account Management and Compliance Manager  
Alternate: Dixie Ziegler, Vice President of Relay  
*Hamilton Relay, Inc.*

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

Mary Jo Mueller, Accessibility Standards Program Manager  
Alternate: Pamela Siebert, Software Engineer  
*IBM*

Cristina O. Duarte, Director of Regulatory Affairs  
Alternate: Joseph C. Duarte, Co-Chief Executive Officer  
*Mezmo Corporation dba InnoCaption*

Travis Dougherty, Maryland Relay Manager  
Alternate: Rebecca Rosenthal, Telecommunications Resources Program Manager, State of North  
Carolina Division of Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing  
*National Association for State Relay Administration*

Joshua N. Pila, General Counsel, Local Media and Video, Meredith Corporation  
Alternate: Larry Walke, Associate General Counsel, National Association of Broadcasters  
*National Association of Broadcasters*

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

Isidore Niyongabo, President  
Alternate: Ushera DeBerry, Director of Advocacy and Public Engagement  
*National Black Deaf Advocates*

Richard Ray, Accessibility Committee Member  
*National Emergency Number Association*

Everette Bacon, President of the National Federation of the Blind of Utah and National Board Member  
*National Federation of the Blind*

Jared S. Sher, Chief Counsel, Program Network Policy & Deputy General Counsel  
Alternate: Jacqueline Clary, Vice President and Associate Counsel, Program Network Policy  
Alternate: Radhika Bhat, Vice President & Associate General Counsel  
*NCTA – The Internet & Television Association*

Kristyn Leigh, Manager, Massachusetts & Rhode Island, National Deaf-Blind Equipment Distribution Program  
Alternate: Marcia Brooks, Director, Perkins National Deaf-Blind Equipment Distribution Program  
*Perkins School for the Blind*

Michael D. Maddix, Director of Government and Regulatory Affairs  
Alternate: Bruce Peterson, Vice President of Government and Community Relations at CaptionCall  
*Sorenson Communications, LLC*

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

Shellie Blakeney, Director, Government Affairs Department  
Alternate: Dennis Selznick, Business Development Manager  
*T-Mobile US, Inc.*

Zachary Bastian, Manager, Strategic Alliances  
Alternate: Ian Dillner, Associate General Counsel and Director, Federal Regulatory  
*Verizon Communications, Inc.*

Gregory Hlibok, Chief Legal Officer  
Alternate: Mark Stern, Director, Product Management  
*ZP Better Together, LLC*

Ex Officio Federal Government Representatives (Non-Voting Members)

Timothy P. Creagan, Senior Accessibility Specialist  
Alternate: Bruce Bailey, Accessibility IT Specialist  
*U.S. Access Board*

Brianne Burger, Director and Liaison to the Special Institutions  
Alternate: Tara Courchaine, Education Program Specialist  
*U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services*

Stephen Bauer, Program Officer, National Institute on Disability Independent Living and Rehabilitation Research  
Alternate: Lisa Bothwell, Program Analyst, Office of Policy Analysis and Development  
*U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Community Living*

Aaron Kubey, Communications Access Specialist, External Affairs  
Alternate: Gay Jones, Strategic Communications Access Specialist, Office of Disability Integration and Coordination  
*U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency*

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