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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

**[DA 15-194]**

Disability Advisory Committee; Announcement of Members and Date of First Meeting

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This document announces the date of the Disability Advisory Committee's (Committee or DAC) first meeting. The meeting is open to the public. During this first meeting, members of the Committee will discuss the roles and responsibilities of the Committee and its members; issues that the Committee will address; recommended subcommittees, subcommittee membership and meeting schedule, and the tasks for which each subcommittee will be responsible; and any other topics related to the DAC's work that may arise.

**DATES:** The Committee's first meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 17, 2015, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (EST), at the headquarters of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

**ADDRESSES:** Federal Communications Commission, 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554, in the Commission Meeting Room.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Elaine Gardner, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, (202) 418-0581, e-mail [Elaine.Gardner@fcc.gov](mailto:Elaine.Gardner@fcc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On December 2, 2014, in document DA 14-1737, Chairman Tom Wheeler announced the establishment and process for appointment of members to and a Chairperson of the DAC, an advisory committee, which will provide advice and recommendations to the Commission on a wide array of disability matters within the jurisdiction of the Commission. The DAC is being organized under, and operated in accordance with, the

provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). In response to the Commission's call for nominations for membership in the Committee, the Commission received over 120 applications. After careful consideration of all applications and nominations for membership received, the Commission has selected the members named below. The membership is well-balanced, with 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. FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler has appointed Andrew Phillips, Policy Counsel, National Association of the Deaf, as the Committee Chairperson. E. Elaine Gardner, Attorney Advisor at the Commission's Disability Rights Office, will serve as the Designated Federal Officer of the DAC.

## **MEMBERS**

Dr. Maggie Nygren, Executive Director & CEO

American Association on Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities

Henry Claypool, Executive Vice President

American Association of People with Disabilities

Eric Bridges, Director of External Relations and Policy

American Council of the Blind

Mark Richert, Director of Public Policy

American Foundation for the Blind

Tafaimamao Tua-Tupuola, Director, University Center for Excellence on Developmental Disabilities, American Samoa Community College

Alternate: Phyllis Guinivan, Project Manager, Center for Disability Studies, University of Delaware

Association of University Centers on Disability

Susan Mazrui, Director of Public Policy

Alternate: Jamie Tan, Director of Federal Regulatory

AT&T

Paul Michaelis, Distinguished Engineer

Alternate: Mark Fletcher, ENP, Chief Architect, Worldwide Public Safety Solutions

AVAYA, Inc.

Richard Ray, ADA Technology Access Coordinator

City of Los Angeles, Department on Disability

Eddie Martinez, DeafBlind Service Coordinator

Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind

Thomas Wlodkowski, Vice President for Accessibility

Comcast

Alexander Reynolds, Senior Manager and Regulatory Counsel

Consumer Electronics Association

Matthew Gerst, Director of State Regulatory & External Affairs

CTIA - the Wireless Association

Jamie Taylor, Representative

Deaf Blind Citizens in Action

Al Sonnenstrahl, Vice President

Alternate: Nancy Rarus, President

Deaf Seniors of America

Lee Knife, Executive Director

Alternate: Gregory Barnes

Digital Media Association

Dr. Christian Vogler, Associate Professor and Director, Technology Access Program

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

Hearing Loss Association of America

Bryen Yunashko, Regional Representative and National Advocacy Specialist

Helen Keller National Center

Jim Tobias, Principal

Inclusive Technologies

Toni Dunne, ENP, External Affairs Manager, Access to 9-1-1 Emergency Services Sector

Intrado, Inc.

Joshua Pila, General Counsel, Local Media, Meredith Corporation

National Association of Broadcasters

Brenda Kelly-Frey, Relay Director, Maryland Relay

National Association for State Relay Administration

Kari Cooke, Director of Policy and Government Affairs

National Black Deaf Advocates

Diane Burstein, Vice President and Deputy General Counsel

National Cable & Telecommunications Association

Everette Bacon, Field Services Coordinator, Utah Division of Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired

National Federation of the Blind

JoAnn Becker, Technical Support Specialist, Perkins School for the Blind

Alternate: Marcia Brooks, National Project Manager, Perkins School for the Blind

Perkins

Sam Joehl, Accessibility Consultant

SSB BART Group

James Forstall, Chair

Alternate: Sabrina Fields, Vice Chair

Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program Association

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.

Dr. Ann Marie Rohaly, Director, Accessibility Policy and Standards, Regulatory Affairs, Microsoft

Alternate: Avonne Bell, Senior Manager, Government Affairs

Telecommunications Industry Association

Abe Rafi, Director, Digital Strategy & Online Services

The Arc

Jeff Kramer, Executive Director, Strategic Alliances and Public Policy

Verizon

Dr. Helena Mitchell, Executive Director, Center for Advanced Communications Policy, Georgia Institute of Technology

Wireless Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center

Larry Goldberg, Director of Accessible Media

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Ron Bibler, Consumer

Hannah Thompson, 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

U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency

Mohammed Yousuf, Research Transportation Specialist, Office of Operations Research and Development, Federal Highway Administration

U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration

As authorized by FACA, the Commission intends to establish subcommittees of the DAC, and may invite individuals and organizations who are not members of the full Committee to participate on these subcommittees. The Commission initially plans for the establishment of subcommittees on the following four issues:

- telecommunications relay services
- video programming access (including closed captioning, video description, access to video programming apparatus, and access to televised emergency information)

- access to 9-1-1 emergency services
- access to communications services and equipment (including advanced communications, telecommunications, hearing aid compatibility, and the National Deaf-Blind Equipment Distribution Program)

During its first meeting, members of the Committee will clarify the Committee's roles and responsibilities and begin to define, clarify, and prioritize issues that the Committee and its subcommittees will address.

The meeting site is fully 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](mailto: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.** The meeting will be webcast with open captioning at [www.fcc.gov/live](http://www.fcc.gov/live).

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](mailto:fcc504@fcc.gov) or call the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418-0530 (voice), (202) 418-0432 (TTY).

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