**Disability Advisory Committee (DAC)**

**Meeting Minutes**

**April 26, 2023**

*Certified by DAC Co-Chair Kyle Dixon — May 4, 2023*

On April 26, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. EDT, the first virtual meeting of the fifth term of the DAC was called to order by DAC Co-Chairs Kim Charlson of the Perkins School for the Blind and Kyle Dixon of NCTA – the Internet & Television Association.

Commissioner Geoffrey Starks welcomed the members of the new DAC term. He discussed the importance of access to communication technology and expressed gratitude to the DAC and staff of the Consumer and Government Affairs Bureau (CGB) on their accomplishments. Commissioner Nathan Simington discussed accommodations in the digital age and functional equivalents of AI services.

Alejandro Roark, CGB Chief, welcomed the members and introduced the DAC Co-Chairs. He then expressed gratitude to DAC members for their commitment and collaboration. Diane Burstein, CGB Deputy Bureau Chief, expressed her gratitude next.

Joshua Mendelsohn, DAC Designated Federal Officer (DFO), summarized the DAC meeting communications protocols and housekeeping rules. DAC Co-Chair Kyle Dixon then led a roll call of members, where the DAC members introduced themselves and their organizational affiliations and made any necessary disclosures.

Suzy Rosen Singleton, Chief of the Disability Rights Office (DRO), Will Schell, DRO Deputy Chief, and Eliot Greenwald, DRO Deputy Chief, shared briefings from DRO and discussed topics of interest, including matters concerning video programming, emergency communications, and modern communications.

Paula Silberthau, Attorney Advisor with the Office of General Counsel presented on general Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) matters. Darice Gamble from the Office of the Managing Director then discussed record retention obligations.

The meeting opened for public participation. There were no public questions or comments. Closing remarks were made by DAC Co-Chairs Kim Charlson and Kyle Dixon.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

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| **Organization** | **Representative** |
| American Association of the DeafBlind (AADB) | John Winstead |
| American Council of the Blind (ACB) | Clark Rachfal |
| American Foundation for the Blind (AFB) | Sarah Malaier |
| Amazon.com, Inc. | Shadi Abou-Zahra  Kristine Hackman |
| Apple, Inc. | James Craig  Megan Stull |
| The Arc | Katy Schmid |
| AT&T Corporation | Linda Vandeloop  Susan Mazrui |
| Cerebral Palsy and Deaf Organization (CPADO) | Mark Hill |
| City of Boston, Mayor’s Commission for Persons with Disabilities | Carl Richardson |
| ClearCaptions, LLC | Michael Strecker  Matthew Palmer |
| Comcast NBCUniversal | Tom Wlodkowski  Crystal Evans  Jerry Parkins  Richard Wikoff |
| Communication Service for the Deaf (CSD) | Juli Robinson  Karen Peltz Strauss |
| Consumer Technology Association (CTA) | Rachel Sanford Nemeth |
| Convo Communications, LLC | Tommy Horejes |
| CTIA - the Wireless Association | Sarah Leggin  Avonne Bell |
| Dicapta | Maria Victoria Diaz |
| Hamilton Relay, Inc. | Beth Slough |
| Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA) | Lise Hamlin  Brian Meyer |
| Helen Keller National Center (HKNC) | Scott Davert  Christopher Woodfill |
| InnoCaption | Cristina Duarte  Paul Lee |
| National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) | Joshua N. Pila  Larry Walke |
| National Association of the Deaf (NAD | Zainab Alkebsi |
| National Association of State Agencies Serving Deaf and Hard of Hearing (NASADHH) | Annie Urasky  Eric Raff |
| National Captioning Institute (NCI) | Darlene Parker  Beth Nubbe  Meredith Patterson |
| National Emergency Number Association (NENA) | Richard Ray |
| National Federation of the Blind (NFB) | Everette Bacon |
| NCTA – The Internet & Television Association | Kyle Dixon  Radhika Bhat |
| Perkins School for the Blind | Kim Charlson  Kristyn Leigh |
| Sorenson Communications, LLC | Michael Maddix  Adriana Featherstone |
| Telecommunications for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Inc. (TDI) | Mark Seeger  Blake Reid |
| T-Mobile USA, Inc. | Shellie Blakeney  Dennis Selznick |
| University of Pittsburgh Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center on Wireless Technologies for People with Disabilities | Dan Ding  Lindsey Morris |
| Verizon Communications, Inc | Ian Dillner |
| VITAC | Scott Ready |
| ZP Better Together, LLC | Mark Stern |
| U.S. Access Board | Timothy P. Creagan  Bruce Bailey |
| U.S. Department of Education | Brianne Burger  Eric Caruso |
| U.S. Department of Health and Human Services | Lisa Bothwell  Timothy Beatty |
| U.S. Department of Homeland Security | Gay Jones |
| U.S. Department of Transportation | Brian Tegtmeyer |

CGB Staff Speakers

Alejandro Roark

Diane Burstein

Suzy Rosen Singleton

Eliot Greenwald

Will Schell

Josh Mendelsohn