**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-ZahraKristine Hackman |
| Apple, Inc. | James CraigMegan Stull |
| The Arc  | Katy Schmid |
| AT&T Corporation | Linda VandeloopSusan Mazrui |
| Cerebral Palsy and Deaf Organization (CPADO) | Mark Hill |
| City of Boston, Mayor’s Commission for Persons with Disabilities | Carl Richardson |
| ClearCaptions, LLC | Michael StreckerMatthew Palmer |
| Comcast NBCUniversal | Tom WlodkowskiCrystal EvansJerry ParkinsRichard Wikoff |
| Communication Service for the Deaf (CSD) | Juli RobinsonKaren Peltz Strauss |
| Consumer Technology Association (CTA) | Rachel Sanford Nemeth |
| Convo Communications, LLC | Tommy Horejes |
| CTIA - the Wireless Association | Sarah LegginAvonne Bell |
| Dicapta | Maria Victoria Diaz |
| Hamilton Relay, Inc. | Beth Slough |
| Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA) | Lise HamlinBrian Meyer |
| Helen Keller National Center (HKNC) | Scott DavertChristopher Woodfill |
| InnoCaption | Cristina DuartePaul Lee |
| National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) | Joshua N. PilaLarry Walke |
| National Association of the Deaf (NAD | Zainab Alkebsi |
| National Association of State Agencies Serving Deaf and Hard of Hearing (NASADHH) | Annie UraskyEric Raff |
| National Captioning Institute (NCI) | Darlene ParkerBeth NubbeMeredith Patterson |
| National Emergency Number Association (NENA) | Richard Ray |
| National Federation of the Blind (NFB) | Everette Bacon |
| NCTA – The Internet & Television Association | Kyle DixonRadhika Bhat |
| Perkins School for the Blind | Kim CharlsonKristyn Leigh |
| Sorenson Communications, LLC | Michael MaddixAdriana Featherstone |
| Telecommunications for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Inc. (TDI) | Mark SeegerBlake Reid |
| T-Mobile USA, Inc. | Shellie BlakeneyDennis Selznick |
| University of Pittsburgh Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center on Wireless Technologies for People with Disabilities | Dan DingLindsey Morris |
| Verizon Communications, Inc | Ian Dillner |
| VITAC | Scott Ready |
| ZP Better Together, LLC | Mark Stern |
| U.S. Access Board | Timothy P. CreaganBruce Bailey |
| U.S. Department of Education | Brianne BurgerEric Caruso |
| U.S. Department of Health and Human Services | Lisa BothwellTimothy 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