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The Communications Equity and Diversity Council met via Videoconference, at 10:00 a.m. EDT, Heather Gate, Council Chair, presiding.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

JESSICA ROSENWORCEL, Chairwoman NATHAN SIMINGTON, Commissioner GEOFFREY STARKS, Commissioner

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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1 P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S 2 10:02 a.m. Good morning everyone. 3 MS. CAREY: Welcome to the inaugural meeting of the 4 5 Communications Equity and Diversity Council. Ι am Michelle Carey, Chief of the Media Bureau. 6 Ι 7 am so delighted that such a dedicated and 8 talented group of experts are so willing to 9 volunteer their time to be part of this Thanks to all of you. 10 Committee. 11 Before we begin, I want to thank in 12 particular the leadership of this Committee, starting with its intrepid Chair, Heather Gate. 13 14 I'm so thrilled that she agreed to be the 15 fearless leader of this new council. I would 16 also like to thank her two Vice Chairs, Dr. Nicol 17 Turner Lee and Susan Allen. 18 Finally, I want to give a special 19 shout out to Anna Gomez, Chair Emeritus, who will continue to lend her boundless enthusiasm and 20 wisdom to this Committee. On behalf of the Media 21 22 Bureau, I look forward to working with all of you

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1 during the next two years.

Now without further ado, I would like
to introduce our Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel,
to give welcoming remarks.

CHAIRWOMAN ROSENWORCEL: Thank you, 5 and good morning. It is so great to be here with 6 the FCC's Communications Equity and Diversity 7 8 Council even virtually. Hopefully in the future 9 we can do this in person. Now this is your first meeting since the group was rechartered with a 10 new name and an expanded mission to focus on 11 12 diversity and equity issues across the tech 13 sector.

14So I'm very excited to kick off your15inaugural discussion and I'm really glad to see16that Commissioner Starks and Commissioner17Simington could be here this morning to lend18their support as you begin your work.

All right. Let's start with some
recent history. It was a little over four years
ago that this Committee's predecessor's name was
put in place, and the predecessor was tasked with

providing advice on how to empower disadvantaged 1 2 communities and accelerate the entry of small businesses, including those owned by women and 3 people of color, into the media industry. 4 5 Now this is really important, because all of the statistics show that the number of 6 7 broadcast stations owned by women and persons of color have for too long been just way too low. 8 Α 9 lack of diversity in ownership has consequences, because what we see, hear and read in the media 10 11 says how much about who we are as individuals, as 12 communities and as a nation. But I also know that our work should 13 14 not stop with this effort, and looking at issues of diversity strictly through the lens of 15 16 traditional media, well I just think it's way too 17 narrow, because the challenges are bigger and 18 broader and they are all across technology. 19 So we changed the name of this group, we expanded the mission and we brought in all 20 21 kinds of dynamos, that would be all of you, to help us find, plan and make progress. 22 That's not

all we're doing at the agency, because at the
 start of this year I set a new strategic goal for
 the FCC, of promoting diversity, equity,
 inclusion and accessibility.

5 In other words for the first time 6 ever, we're going to look at it in everything we 7 do, and you could already see evidence of that in 8 our rulemakings, which now consistently ask a set 9 of questions about diversity and service to 10 communities that for too long have been under-11 served and overlooked.

12 And finally, the one thing I can tell you with total certainty is that these issues are 13 always front of mind, because they're personal. 14 I've been the only woman at the table, at the 15 16 witness table and the room where decisions are 17 being made for so much of my professional life. 18 Technology is where our economic and civic life 19 is growing faster than anywhere else.

20 Yet those behind it do not reflect the 21 full diversity of our communities across the 22 country. And if we want to reach the full

potential that we have as individuals and as a nation, we're going to have to find ways to address it.

Lastly, I was chosen by the President 4 5 to serve as the first woman who would be the permanent Chair of the Federal Communications 6 7 Commission, but you know the glass above, it 8 doesn't get broken by one person all alone. So 9 let me salute my former colleague Mignon Clyburn for her time leading the agency, and may the two 10 of us not be the last. 11

12 All right. That's our regularly 13 scheduled programming. We have selected three 14 remarkable women as your Chair and Vice Chairs. 15 So a big thank you to Heather Gate for serving as 16 the Council's Chair. Thank you also to Vice 17 Chair Susan Allen and Dr. Nicol Turner Lee.

In addition, as you all know Anna Gomez just did a really wonderful job leading the previous iteration of this committee, and two weeks ago we named her the Chair Emeritus of the CEDC. I'm grateful we're going to continue to

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benefit from her expertise on these important
 issues as we move forward.

Special thanks are also in order for 3 4 the three of you who have stepped up to serve as 5 Working Group Chairs, and that's Robert Brooks, who's going to lead our Innovation and Access 6 Group; Dr. Dominique Harrison, who's going to run 7 8 point for the Digital Empowerment and Inclusion 9 team, and Chris Wood, who is heading up our Diversity and Equity Group. 10

And as always, I want to thank the members of the FCC team who support this group. Jamila Bess Johnson continues to do a great job serving as our Designated Federal Officer. We're so glad she can stick with us. And also you want to get to know her two talented new deputies, Rashann Duvall and Keyla Hernandez-Ulloa.

And we have staff from across the agency who support this group, from our Media Bureau to the AV Team, who's responsible for making this all happen and they deserve a shout out for their help. I'm really grateful for

them, and I know my colleagues are too. 1 2 So here's the long and short of it. You've got work to do, important work. 3 But I want you to make time to introduce yourselves, 4 5 know one another, and forge the kind of bonds and connections that make it possible to get things 6 7 done. 8 But that sense of connection 9 ultimately goes beyond all of you, because I want everyone who is participating know they can reach 10 out to anyone on FCC staff, myself included if 11 12 you need help or a sounding board. You know, it's the FCC. We answer our 13 14 phones, we respond to emails, and of course we value your input. And while this iteration of 15 16 this Council may be new, we are not starting from 17 scratch. So let me encourage you to review the 18 reports and recommendations of your predecessors 19 and then think big because you can. Because if 20 you can come up with ideas that drive meaningful, 21 sustainable change, you're going to really leave 22 your mark.

1	You'll help us address digital
2	inequities that we cannot afford to continue to
3	let grow, and you will help us pry open doors for
4	women and people of color that have been shut for
5	far too long. Thank you again to everyone for
6	supporting this effort. Thank you for being
7	here, now get to work.
8	MS. CAREY: Thank you Chairman
9	Rosenworcel. Next, I'd like to introduce
10	Commissioner Starks. Commissioner, you're still
11	muted.
12	COMMISSIONER STARKS: Well, how about
13	that? I'm so excited to get going and talking to
14	you all. I forgot those basic Zoom first things
15	first. So good morning to everyone and thank you
16	truly for inviting me to of course this very
17	first meeting of the newly-chartered
18	Communications Equity and Diversity Council, the
19	CEDC, transitioning of course from the Advisory
20	Committee on Diversity and Digital Empowerment to
21	a Council with an expanded focus that reaches
22	beyond just the media space, to include the

broader tech sector, and that is timely, 1 2 appropriate and necessary, certainly to meet the challenges that we face today and as the 3 Commission, as the nation really deal with the 4 many critical issues before us, including those 5 across the board on diversity and equity issues. 6 7 And as you know, I have for years valued the work of this Council's predecessor 8 because of the invaluable contributions it has 9 provided in support of the Commission's work, to 10 11 promote and ensure diversity in the media's ownership, management, employment arenas. 12

13 Today marks that new beginning, that 14 new chapter in the expansion of that mission by this dedicated group that truly represents the 15 16 diversity of our constituency, bringing together 17 different perspectives, vast knowledge, resources 18 that will bear on the critical questions to help 19 us solve real world problems, inform our 20 deliberations on these important issues that are 21 affecting the technology sector in ways never before. 22

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1	So as we heard from the Chair, I'll
2	second thank you for your service. Equity and
3	diversity are a central part of our shared path
4	forward. As a Commissioner, I take this work
5	seriously, and it mirrors of course the stated
6	mission that I'd like to just recount here of the
7	CEDC, and that is to make recommendations to the
8	Commission on advancing equity in the provision
9	of and access to digital communication services
10	and products for all people of the United States
11	without discrimination on the basis of race,
12	color, religion, national origin, sex or
13	disability.
14	And in particular, given my long-
15	standing focus on broadband equity issues, I
16	welcome the CEDC's input on how we can accelerate
17	the deployment of broadband services in all
18	communities by reducing and/or removing
19	regulatory barriers to infrastructure investment,
20	and I look forward to these recommendations how
21	to strengthen existing broadband networks and of
22	course develop new ones.

1	There is much work to be done, and I'm
2	pleased that the CEDC will continue the work of
3	course of the prior committee, by making
4	recommendations to the Commission on how to
5	accelerate the entry of small businesses,
6	including those owned by women and people of
7	color into the media, digital news, information,
8	audio-video programming industries, including as
9	owners, suppliers, employees.
10	This work is particular and not only
11	key to our broader efforts regarding the
12	quadrennial review of the Commission's broadcast
13	ownership rules in a post-Prometheus world, it's
14	also mission-critical to ensuring that we hear
15	from a broad group of stakeholders on issues that
16	perennially have been challenging to address,
17	including access to capital and job skills
18	training.
19	Also regarding the very able
20	leadership chosen for this Council, I'd like to
21	congratulate the new Chair Heather of Connect
22	Nation, who has long who has a long and

1	impressive record of working on broadband
2	adoption inclusion issues. Her previous tenure
3	as Vice Chair of the ACDDE and as Chair of the
4	Digital Empowerment and Inclusion Working Group
5	will serve her well in this new role at the helm.
6	And of course we'd like to recognize
7	the vice co-Chairs. The unstoppable Nicol Turner
8	Lee of Brookings, and equally matched Susan Allen
9	of the U.S. Pan-Asian American Chamber of
10	Commerce Education Foundation, also veterans of
11	the ACDDE, who served with distinction on those
12	committee's working groups.
13	I'm excited to see how their expertise
14	and knowledge will combine to help meet the
15	moment in the tech sector, especially around the
16	Council's goals here.
17	Speaking of the working groups, very
18	quickly I'm pleased to see the continuation of
19	the Digital Empowerment and Inclusion Working
20	Group, which under the last charter of course
21	provided a number of targeted recommendations,
22	where among other things expanding resources and

1 funding to diverse businesses.

2	The addition of two new working
3	groups, the Innovation and Access and Diversity
4	and Equity, will enable this Council to meet this
5	broad agenda described in its charter in pursuit
6	of the FCC's mission. So thank you all in
7	advance for your hard work, your dedication to
8	empowering all Americans in this technology and
9	communications space. You certainly have your
10	work cut out for you, but I am excited, eager,
11	confident and above all I know this group is up
12	to the task.
13	So I look forward to seeing how the
14	CEDC continues to build upon this strong
15	foundation built previously by the ACDDE and
16	we'll build something new and even stronger. So
17	thank you everyone, and of course everyone be
18	safe, be well and we'll look forward to seeing
19	you soon. Thank you.
20	MS. CAREY: Thank you very much
21	Commissioner Starks for your remarks. Next, I
22	would like to introduce Commissioner Simington.

1	COMMISSIONER SYMINGTON: Thank you.
2	I'm delighted to speak this morning alongside
3	Chairwoman Rosenworcel and Commissioner Starks at
4	the newly-chartered Communications Equity and
5	Diversity Council, and I thank Commission staff
6	and other members of the CEDC group for
7	participating in this vital work.
8	I have no doubt that led by Chair
9	Heather Gates and Vice Chairs Nicol Turner Lee
10	and Susan Allen, that the CEDC will effectively
11	continue the progress made under the Advisory
12	Committee on Diversity and Digital Empowerment,
13	while at the same time broadening that mission to
14	advance equity in the provision of digital
15	communication services and products for every
16	American.
17	Equity and access to digital services
18	and connections is critical. Connecting
19	Americans in rural communities and communities on
20	tribal lands of course must remain a priority,
21	when costs are often high and service quality is
22	often not yet where it should be. And while the

Commission has done good work arm in arm with industry to connect our most vulnerable and often poorest people in rural communities and on tribal lands, there's much work left to do.

5 I encourage the committee to examine 6 the equities surrounding connectivity through the 7 lens of metrics like cost per bit, the 8 availability of consumer subsidies for access and 9 overall connectivity services uptake rates on a 10 county-by-county basis.

11 According to the Appalachian Regional 12 Commission, for instance, the Appalachian Region suffers from a digital divide within the region 13 14 itself, whereas within the 28 counties in the 15 Appalachian that have broadband subscription 16 rates at or above the national average, 26 were 17 urban. In the 18 Appalachian counties that had 18 fewer than 60 percent of households with a broadband connection, more than half were 19 considered rural. 20

This is but one example of an imbalance in access to digital connections in the

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interior of our country that must be remedied, and I look forward to following closely the CEDC's work here and helping where I can and learning as much as I can as well. Thank you very much for the invitation and opportunity to speak today.

Thank you Commissioner 7 MS. CAREY: 8 Simington, and thanks again to the Chairwoman and 9 to Commissioner Starks for participating today. We have a full agenda, and before we get started, 10 I wanted to say that I, you know that none of 11 12 this would be possible without our fabulous DFO, 13 Jamila Bess Johnson. I know that many of you 14 have gotten to know her well over the last few 15 years, and we are so grateful that she's agreed 16 to continue steering this Committee.

In this round, as you heard, she will
be joined by two very senior members of the FCC
staff as deputy DFOs, and that is Rashann Duvall
from the Wireline Bureau and Keyla HernandezUlloa from the Consumer and Governmental Affairs
Bureau. Thank you ladies. We are so happy to be

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working with you and with that, I will pass
 things along to Jamila.

Good morning everyone. 3 MS. JOHNSON: 4 Thank you so much, Michelle. Good morning. Μv 5 name is Jamila Bess Johnson, and I serve as the Designated Federal Officer for the Communications 6 7 Equity and Diversity Council at the FCC. We are 8 delighted to have you join us today for our 9 kickoff meeting of the CEDC.

10 Our appreciation to Chairwoman 11 Rosenworcel, to Commissioner Starks and to 12 Commissioner Simington for joining us to make 13 welcome remarks, and to our Media Bureau chief, 14 Michelle Carey. We truly appreciate your 15 support.

16 Our goal today as we move through this 17 meeting is to acquaint those participating in the 18 meeting, as well as those who are watching the 19 meeting online with the work of this Council. We 20 have been extraordinarily fortunate to have 21 dedicated professionals volunteer their time and 22 service to this initiative in the recent past,

and we look forward to working with returning
 members and new members.

I'd also like to welcome our new staff 3 team members to the Council, Rashann Duvall and 4 5 Keyla Hernandez-Ulloa, who will serve as the Deputy Designated Federal Officers. 6 Rashann, 7 would you like to say good morning? 8 Sure, good morning MS. DUVALL: 9 It's really great to see many familiar evervone. faces and some new faces and names this morning 10 11 as well. As Jamila mentioned, my name is Rashann 12 Duvall. I'm one of the co-deputy Designed Officers for the CEDC, and I'm also with the 13 14 Wireline Competition Bureau, Telecommunications 15 Access Policy Division. 16 We are very excited about the CEDC and 17 the incredibly strong slate of candidates that 18 are on the CEDC this year, as well as the Chair 19 and the co-Chair, and I am very much looking 20 forward to working with you over the next years. 21 MS. JOHNSON: Thank you, Rashann.

Keyla, would you like to say good morning?

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1	MS. HERNANDEZ-ULLOA: Good morning
2	everyone. I will make this brief as everyone has
3	already said everything I want to say too. But I
4	am happy to be here with all of you today. I'm
5	Keyla Hernandez-Ulloa with the co-deputy
6	Designated Federal Officer of the CEDC, and also
7	I am really happy to say that it will be a
8	pleasure for me working with all of you here
9	today, especially with Chair Gates and Vice
10	Chairs Dr. Turner Lee and Ms. Allen.
11	I look forward to working with
12	everyone on this Committee on advancing equity in
13	all its aspects as it's related to the digital
14	communications services. Thank you.
15	MS. JOHNSON: Thank you, Keyla. Now
16	I have the great pleasure to turn the meeting
17	over for its official beginning to our new Chair
18	of the CEDC, Heather Gate. Many of you know
19	Heather's work as a tireless advocate for digital
20	inclusion and adoption.
21	So we're excited that she accepted the
22	gavel for this Council. Without further ado, I

turn the meeting over to Chair Heather Gate. Heather?

3	CHAIR GATE: Thank you very much
4	Jamila. I would like to officially call to order
5	the first meeting of the Communications Equity
6	and Diversity Council. Welcome and thank you for
7	joining this wonderful meeting. I'd like to
8	start by thanking Chairwoman Rosenworcel for
9	rechartering this Committee, and for on behalf
10	of my organization, Connected Nation, and myself,
11	I would like to express my appreciation for
12	appointing me and trusting me as Chair of this
13	Committee.
14	Thank you for your commitment to
15	digital equity and diversity, which has been
16	illustrated not only by the rechartering of this
17	Council with a broader mission, but your
18	mobilization of the FCC to deploy programs and
19	resources designed to intervene in light of the

20 pandemic in the last 16 months. These services
21 and tools have been critical to helping families
22 facing issues such as the homework gap over the

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2	Congratulations on your recent
3	nomination for permanent Chairmanship of the FCC.
4	That's another glass ceiling broken in the books
5	for us, so we will continue to celebrate those
6	achievements. I'd also like to thank
7	Commissioner Stark and Simington for joining us
8	today. Your call to action is received.
9	Thank you to Michelle Carey and all
10	the FCC staff members who are responsible for
11	getting us to where we are today, who are helping
12	navigate the ethics review and the Media Bureau
13	for all your work in bringing us together today.
14	Thank you to Jamila Bess Johnson for accepting
15	this role as our Designated Federal Officer. We
16	also want to welcome and thank our co-deputy
17	Designated DFOs, Rashann Duvall and Keyla
18	Hernandez-Ulloa.
19	Also I want to thank the working group
20	Chairs fresh off the presses, Robert Brooks, Dr.
21	Dominique Harrison and Chris Wood for accepting
22	this role. We all know all the magic happens

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within the working groups. Your leadership will be very critical to leading us to meaningful results.

I want to thank Dr. Nicol Turner Lee 4 5 and Susan Allen for going on this journey with me in leading this Council. Nicol, you and I have 6 7 been in the trenches since we were babies, 8 fighting the good fight on programs including No 9 Child Left Offline. I respect you as a scholar and a champion for digital equity and technology. 10 11 Susan, we have been in this dance 12 since 2017. Susan, I respect and appreciate you 13 as a fierce and award-winning advocate for 14 minority and woman-owned businesses. I trust that the three of us will form a good team with 15 16 our different skill sets that you all will 17 continue to trust and rely on for the next couple 18 of years. 19 Lastly, I'd like to welcome the new

and returning members of the CEDC. To the returning members, I honor your commitment to continue to serve in this advisory capacity to

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the FCC. To the new members, I look forward to
 your contribution to the Council and to the
 broader mission of the Council.

I had the pleasure as serving as the 4 5 Vice Chair of the previous ACDDE with Anna. Anna Gomez is our Chair. Anna, it was an honor to 6 7 serve with you, and I'm so glad that you are back as our Chair Emeritus. I'm extremely proud of 8 9 the work we were able to accomplish together. Like the rest of the country, we had to pivot and 10 continue to move forward in the face of the 11 12 pandemic.

In the last year alone of our charter, we were able to facilitate six public events, and each one of those events were unique in their goals, determined by working groups and their desire to serve and provide information, timely information to communities that were facing and transforming in light of the COVID pandemic.

20 We had subject matter experts, women, 21 minorities and other members with diverse groups 22 participate in events that helped to educate,

uplift, provide pathways to breaking down barriers to economic advancement, communications and in the technology sector. We were able to engage thousands of people in a very short period 4 of time through those meaningful events, and also millions using social media and via our virtual events.

8 We were also able to disseminate 9 materials that provided information, including details on access to capital for small and 10 11 diverse broadcasters and other toolkits that were 12 designed to help during, not only during the time 13 of the beginning of the pandemic, but to help 14 with issues and challenges that preceded COVID. We were also -- we also led in the 15

16 issuance of two public statements on the -- one 17 was on the civil rights demonstrations and racial 18 divide of 2020 -- civil rights demonstration and 19 racial divide issues that we experienced in 2020. 20 The other statement was concerning violence 21 against Asian American and Pacific Islanders. 22 These statements were sent out to

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reaffirm our commitment to assisting the FCC in 1 2 expanding digital equity and empowering diverse communities. As a group of professionals, we 3 asserted our belief that protection of 4 constitutional rights and access to full 5 empowerment under the Constitution are necessary 6 7 and fundamental to a true United States. Today's a new day with new challenges 8 9 because of the pandemic, along with old challenges that preceded the pandemic. We have 10 11 seen an unprecedented level of funding 12 appropriated for broadband deployment and, I'm 13 happy to say, adoption. This means now -- this means that now is a time for our Council to 14 provide recommendations to the FCC that ensure 15 16 equitable deployment of broadband to all that can 17 access -- to all, to ensure that all can access 18 broadband at speeds required to meet their needs, 19 particularly in communities that have been 20 historically under-served, and adversely affected 21 by persistent poverty and inequality.

Now is the time for our Council to

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make recommendations to the FCC that will break 1 2 down barriers to digital communications ownership and supply diversity, because empowering women, 3 people of color, people living in low income, 4 5 rural and urban areas, the LGBTQ Plus community, people with disabilities, is not only good for 6 7 building individual wealth; it is good for our 8 economy and it is good for our country. 9 Now is the time we should help assure that we have a workforce that is able to meet the 10 11 labor needs in media, tech and 12 telecommunications. With the deployment of 13 funding via programs including the American 14 Rescue Plan and other capital funding programs, there is and will continue to be a need for a 15 16 diverse workforce. 17 According to a recent study conducted 18 by the President's National Infrastructure and 19 Advisory Council on Workforce and Talents, 20 workforce development -- according to that 21 report, they stated that workforce development requires the same level of care and attention 22

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afforded to physical infrastructure.

2	They also had key findings that
3	illustrated that lack of diversity presents
4	significant and persistent challenges for
5	recruitment and retention, and that diverse
6	groups who do not see themselves reflected in
7	infrastructure workforce are likely to not pursue
8	careers in this industry. Therefore, we have a
9	we have a great opportunity to provide
10	insights and input on how we can make sure that
11	diverse groups are able to access not only
12	skills, but employment opportunities in
13	communications and infrastructure deployment.
14	So let's roll up our sleeves and get
15	ready to work. If I had a glass right now, I
16	would raise it up and say to you may we work
17	together productively with a shared desire for
18	digital inclusion and equity, because when all
19	win because we all win when we uplift those
20	that we see as the least among us.
21	Now I would like to turn the floor
22	over to my Vice Chairs for their opening remarks.

So, Dr. Turner Lee, you have the floor. 1 2 VICE CHAIR TURNER LEE: Well thank you Chairwoman Heather Gate. As she has said, 3 Heather and I have known each other for the last 4 5 two or three decades as a matter of fact, working this good fight to close the digital divide. 6 Ι 7 first want to say formally again, thank you to 8 Chairwoman Rosenworcel, to Commissioner Starks 9 and Simington. I want to also thank Jamila Bess, who 10 is our fabulous exemplary DFO, who has stuck 11 12 around on this Committee for as long as I've been 13 on it, in the appointment of Chairman Genachowski 14 many years ago, and the Deputy DFOs who we're excited to work with. Some of us have worked 15 16 with them before, and it is just going to get better as we work with them in this iteration of 17 18 the charter. 19 And to my distinguished co-captain I 20 call her, my woman in beige, Susan Allen, who I'm 21 excited to work with as part of this tenure, as 22 well as Anna Gomez, who really showed us that we

could do all things as we managed to navigate
 through the pandemic.

3	And most importantly to all of you who
4	accepted the invitation, this work is not easy.
5	We all realized last year with COVID and our
6	normal day jobs, that we had a lot of things to
7	do, huge charges that came in the murder of
8	George Floyd and the statement that this
9	Committee in its previous iteration put out.
10	The work that we had to do to ensure
11	that we closed the digital inequities that showed
12	up during the pandemic, when being connected
13	really mattered.
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14	And so I'm excited for all of you that
14	And so I'm excited for all of you that
14 15	And so I'm excited for all of you that have either rejoined the Committee or you stand
14 15 16	And so I'm excited for all of you that have either rejoined the Committee or you stand as a new member of the Committee, that we are
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who do not know me, I come to you from the 1 2 Brookings Institution as a senior fellow, as well as the director of the Center for Technology 3 Innovation. I'm not a technologist, I'm a 4 sociologist, and I come as a child from the 5 activist community, those of us who have worked 6 7 in civil rights, starting with my tenure at the 8 Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, 9 actually The One Economy where Heather met me, to what I did at the MMTC, the Multicultural Media 10 11 Telecom and Internet Council under the guidance 12 of both Ralph Everett and David Honig, and here I 13 am today at Brookings sort of fighting the good 14 fight within that institution, to ensure that we intersect digital equity, systemic inequalities 15 16 and social justice.

I also want to say that I'm an ally to
all of our friends who are part of this
Committee, from the LGBTQ community to those in
the older and aging communities, as well as tech
entrepreneurs and minority-owned businesses. I
have fought for years on digital equity from a

policy perspective and also for media ownership. 1 2 So I'm excited to join this Committee, particularly under the new umbrella of 3 4 communications equity. We have a fight to do 5 when it comes to ownership, we have a fight when it comes to infrastructure, and we definitely 6 7 have a fight when it comes to inclusivity, and 8 ensuring that all parties are at the table and 9 nobody is not unrepresented in what their needs 10 are. 11 I'm also excited that this particular 12 committee includes people from the media field, 13 people who are going to be responsible for 14 telling the narratives of what it is that we want 15 to say about ourselves. And I think that's 16 important because as a previous organizer and one 17 who is always in spirit, it's important that the 18 glass is always seen as half full and not half 19 empty. 20 So I'm very excited to serve on this 21 Committee with Heather and Susan, because I think 22 our goal is to actually deploy the same assets

that we have done for years, which is the assets of the people in this Committee, as well as the potential that technology has to help us solve problems.

5 That was the original intent and design of technology, and it is our intention to 6 7 keep that at the forefront, and to ensure that, 8 as the Chairwoman has said, that this ecosystem 9 is both diverse, inclusive and fair. I also think as we go through this tenure together, that 10 11 it's important for us to realize coming out of 12 COVID that there are new challenges that we're 13 actually going to face.

14 Heather guite well articulated the 15 fact that we are going to have to find jobs in 16 this new ecosystem. We're going to have to find 17 ways to have our 15 to 16 million school-aged 18 children learn differently. We'll have to do it 19 with a sense of urgency because the learning 20 losses that have been experienced by black and 21 brown kids or kids on tribal lands, it's been 22 unacceptable.

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1	And as Heather said we've got to find
2	a way in this Committee to promote digital
3	equity, not just in those areas at which we may
4	have a future reach, but where there are concerns
5	right now, and ensuring that people have a
6	pathway to digital equity and inclusion is so
7	important. But it's equally important that we
8	are not just the products of this technology, but
9	we are also producers and engage in its design
10	and development.
11	So to all of us that are actually
12	sitting here right now at this inaugural meeting,
13	I honestly say thank you. I say thank you to the
14	FCC for trusting my stewardship. I say thank you
15	to the friends that have been on this long
16	journey to ensure the next generation of civil
17	and equal rights to address structural
18	discrimination and racism and unfairness, and I
19	say thank you to the FCC for doing it over and
20	over again, recognizing the importance of this
21	Committee for decades, and having the leadership
22	before us in the new Chairwoman and the

Commissioners to trust us and to use our Council 1 2 to move this, you know, this journey forward. And so I come yes, with the same 3 4 compassion and conviction that I always have, and 5 I say again humbly that I will serve to the fullest alongside my colleagues, and let's just 6 7 get ready for this ride because we've got a lot 8 of work to do. And so I'll come back later with 9 my colleagues Susan and Heather to talk about the work that was already started, but I again thank 10 11 you for allowing me to serve in this capacity as 12 co-Vice Chair. 13 CHAIR GATE: Thank you. Thank you 14 Nicol. Always powerful as always. Now I'd like to introduce Susan Allen, my other co-Chair. 15 16 Susan, take the floor. 17 VICE CHAIR ALLEN: Wow. Heather and 18 Nicol, how can I lift that up, live up to that? 19 Well, well, well. First, I'm honored and humbled 20 to be appointed by Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel 21 as the Vice Chair of this Council, and I join my Chair, Heather Gate, in thanking Chairwoman 22

Rosenworcel and Commissioners Stark and
 Simington, for joining us today and for your
 wonderful, very encouraging remarks.

I come to you very humbly because my 4 5 tenure at the Commission at this level is only four years, and I have learned a lot. Listening 6 to all of you in this nearly four years of time I 7 8 have been a member of the former entity, the 9 Advisory Committee on Diversity and Digital Empowerment, I have met, worked with and learned 10 11 from professionals and experts in this field of 12 communications technology, and information and 13 its related ecosystem.

I've also heard from diverse voices 14 and exchanged ideas, including from the minority 15 16 and diverse businesses and members of the under-17 served community. I have the privilege of 18 telling you that I have also -- I also serve on 19 the Small Business Administration's National 20 Council on Underserved Communities. 21 So I've got a lot of work cut out for 22 me, and I will be rolling up my sleeves to work

with you. I've learned much on the critical and 1 2 equity-related issues and you, all of you of this Committee in the last four years and today, have 3 4 broadened my horizon. 5 As I take on this new challenges of the Communications, Equity and Diversity Council, 6 I will work with you every day to continue to 7 strengthen our mission that is focused on 8 9 diversity and equity across each sector, the tech 10 sector. 11 I hope that my experience as an 12 immigrant from Hong Kong, born in China and I transitioned to the United States after I had 13 14 finished high school, and my international trade and immigration law experience and as the 15 16 national president of the U.S. Pan-Asian American 17 Chamber of Commerce Education Foundation, that 18 will help me to add value as we champion the 19 rights of our constituencies. 20 I recognize the variability of talents 21 and of diverse community, the power of potential 22 and the promise of better opportunities for them.

I'm proud to be part of a team of talented and committed people, whose relentless focus is on making sure America's tech sector in the coming years will be competitive, innovative and inclusive because of its mandate on diversity and equity.

7 These are challenging times for all, 8 and for an Asian American immigrant, we have been 9 through a lot. I am just humbled and proud to be picked to serve on the leadership, because I will 10 11 definitely bring the voice of the Asian American 12 and my experience working across racial and other diverse sectors, with the Hispanic Chamber of 13 14 Commerce, the Black Chamber of Commerce, the national LGBT Chamber of Commerce, with the 15 16 disability in whose member is with us today in this Committee, Council, and with the veterans 17 18 organizations as well.

I have a lot of experience with them,
and I cannot wait to bring that experience and
their ideas to this Council. Although we have
challenging times, but with all this that we have

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heard today, it is truly optimistic and
 uplifting, and I trust we will all emerge
 stronger.

4 Under Chair Heather Gates' leadership, 5 fellow Vice Chair Nicol Turner Lee, her energy, 6 her voice, her expertise in the social landscape 7 of America, particularly the underserved and 8 unserved communities, the future of the country, 9 our youth, they will fill so much of the 10 workforce that America is crying out for.

With all of you by our side, I know that together we can succeed and effectively serve the mandate and responsibilities that we have been entrusted with. Thank you so much. Let's get to work.

Thank you, Susan. 16 CHAIR GATE: And 17 now we are going to do our roll call. Just as a 18 matter of housekeeping, please feel free to turn on your camera and your audio to respond and then 19 20 turn it back off so we can see each member and 21 move on. So for the time being, keep your 22 camera off unless to respond to the roll call.

Clayton Banks? 1 Okay. 2 MEMBER BANKS: Well, can you hear me? CHAIR GATE: 3 Yes. 4 MEMBER BANKS: Okay, good enough. The 5 video's off, but I'll try to get it on. I'm trying to, you know. You know how it is with 6 7 resources. So good to see everyone and thank you 8 so much for having me. I'm honored and really 9 just, you know, shocked by the leadership here, some of the greatest people I know, including Dr. 10 11 Nicol Turner Lee and Heather Gate from way back 12 when. 13 So it's just an honor to be here. I'm 14 so happy to have this, and I received a, what I 15 call an iconic letter from the very first female 16 FCC Chair, which in my mind is a historic So I'm looking forward to working with 17 document. 18 Thank you very much, I'm here. everyone. 19 CHAIR GATE: Thank you. 20 VICE CHAIR TURNER LEE: Thanks 21 Clayton.

Thanks Clayton.

CHAIR GATE:

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Good to

have you on the Committee. Matthew Bauer? 1 2 MEMBER BAUER: Hello. Hi Heather, I'm here and also honored to be 3 hello everyone. 4 serving with you all and look forward to meeting 5 everybody and rolling up the sleeves and doing this important work. So thank you. 6 7 CHAIR GATE: Thank you. Caroline 8 I believe -- Caroline, are you on the Beasley. 9 call? I believe she had to jump on a flight, but she was on the call earlier. Robert Branson? 10 11 MEMBER BRANSON: Good morning 12 everyone. Glad to see so many friends, past and 13 hopefully future. Robert Branson with the 14 Multicultural Media Telecom Internet Council, MMTC for short because you know that's way too 15 16 much to be saying every time. So I'm very, very 17 pleased to be here. I mean this Committee has a 18 lot of work ahead, you know what I mean? 19 One of the things, one of the reasons I came out of retirement to be with MMTC to do 20 21 things like this because, you know, there's a lot of work ahead of us. You know we -- the last 22

four years we're trying, to say the least for
 those of us who were concerned with diversity and
 inclusion.

We have a clean path now and with a Chair like Chair Rosenworcel, who I greatly admire and respect and have worked with in the past, I'm so looking forward.

8 And with the leadership of you ladies 9 that I think, you know what I mean, couldn't have 10 picked a better group. So I'm very happy to be 11 here. I just hope I can contribute a little bit. 12 Thank you very much.

13 CHAIR GATE: Thank you. Just thank 14 you so much, and just a reminder to the members, everybody will have an opportunity to fully 15 16 introduce themselves later on. So if you can 17 just mark present and we can move through roll 18 call, and then we'll get back to introductions so we can get to know you better. So Robert Brooks. 19 Robert? 20 Unmute yourself if you're present. 21 Joi Chaney.

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MEMBER CHANEY: Present.

1 CHAIR GATE: Hi Joi. 2 MEMBER CHANEY: Hi, how are you? CHAIR GATE: Good. Milton Clipper. 3 4 MEMBER CLIPPER: Present. 5 CHAIR GATE: Thank you. Michele Cober. 6 7 MEMBER COBER: Good morning. Michele 8 Cober is present. 9 CHAIR GATE: Good morning. Melody Spann Cooper? Melody? 10 Skip Dillard, Graham Skip Dillard. 11 12 MEMBER DILLARD: I am here. Good to 13 see everybody. 14 CHAIR GATE: Present. Welcome back, 15 Skip. 16 MEMBER DILLARD: Thank you. Glad to be back. 17 18 CHAIR GATE: Okay, Sarah Kate Ellis. 19 MEMBER ELLIS: Good morning. Sarah 20 Kate is present. 21 CHAIR GATE: Good morning. Anna 22 Gomez?

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1	MEMBER GOMEZ: Oh goodness. Good
2	morning Heather and everybody. I'm here.
3	CHAIR GATE: Good morning our esteemed
4	Chair Emeritus. Cecelia Gordon. Cecelia Gordon?
5	Dominique Harrison.
6	MEMBER HARRISON: Hi there, good
7	morning, present.
8	CHAIR GATE: David Honig.
9	MEMBER HONIG: Hello Heather, I'm
10	present. Congratulations.
11	CHAIR GATE: Thank you. Thank you,
12	David. Jill Houghton.
13	MEMBER HOUGHTON: Good morning,
14	present.
15	CHAIR GATE: Good morning. Chris
16	James. Chris James?
17	Broderick Johnson.
18	MEMBER BRODERICK JOHNSON: Hi. It's
19	very good to be here. I know we're going to do
20	introductions later. I do have a window from
21	11:00 till about 11:20 when I'll have to drop
22	off, but I look forward to coming back and

1 introducing myself a bit, and it's great to be 2 here. CHAIR GATE: Awesome. You're better 3 4 than Rudy (phonetic). 5 MEMBER BRODERICK JOHNSON: Okay. Ι 6 won't say --7 Tell him I said that. CHAIR GATE: 8 MEMBER BRODERICK JOHNSON: He's right 9 He heard you. I'll tell him. here. Ronald Johnson. 10 CHAIR GATE: 11 MEMBER RONALD JOHNSON: Good morning, 12 present. CHAIR GATE: Sherman Kizart. 13 14 MEMBER KIZART: Good morning, good morning everyone. Yes, this is Sherman --15 16 CHAIR GATE: Good morning. 17 MEMBER KIZART: Yeah, this is Sherman 18 Kizart. It's good to be here today. 19 CHAIR GATE: Nicole Lazarre. 20 MEMBER LAZARRE: Good morning, Nicole 21 Lazarre present. 22 CHAIR GATE: Bear with me y'all.

English is my second language. Rosa Mendoza. 1 2 MEMBER MENDOZA: Good morning Heather and congratulations. I'm present and honored to 3 4 be part of this great team. 5 CHAIR GATE: Thank you, thank you Welcome back. Aama Nahuja. 6 Rosa. 7 MEMBER NAHUJA: Good morning, Heather 8 and everyone. I'm present. Glad to be back. 9 CHAIR GATE: Thank you. Louis 10 Peraertz. MEMBER PERAERTZ: Good morning 11 12 everyone. I am thrilled to be present. Thank 13 you. 14 CHAIR GATE: Thrilled to have you. 15 Henry Rivera. 16 MEMBER RIVERA: Yes, I'm present. Good to be back. 17 18 CHAIR GATE: Steven Roberts. 19 MEMBER ROBERTS: Present, good 20 morning. 21 CHAIR GATE: Good morning. Vickie Robinson. 22

1 MEMBER ROBINSON: Good morning and 2 present. CHAIR GATE: Hi Vickie. 3 4 MEMBER ROBINSON: Hello. 5 CHAIR GATE: Brian Scarpelli. Brian? I didn't -- did Brian? I didn't see him pop up. 6 7 VICE CHAIR TURNER LEE: Did we lose 8 our esteemed Chair? So I guess this is where we 9 jump in. So we'll continue the roll call. Charlyn Stanberry. 10 11 MEMBER STANBERRY: Good morning. 12 Happy to be here. 13 VICE CHAIR TURNER LEE: Joycelyn Tate. 14 MEMBER TATE: Good morning. Happy to 15 be here, present. 16 VICE CHAIR TURNER LEE: Hey. Antonio 17 Tijerino. 18 MEMBER TIJERINO: Hey Nicol, thanks 19 for having me. Hi Susan, Heather. I'll see you in a minute --20 21 VICE CHAIR TURNER LEE: Good to see 22 you Antonio.

1	MEMBER TIJERINO: You too.
2	VICE CHAIR TURNER LEE: Felicia West.
3	Felicia West.
4	James Jim Winston.
5	MEMBER WINSTON: Good morning. Very
6	happy to see all of you.
7	VICE CHAIR TURNER LEE: Happy to see
8	you too.
9	VICE CHAIR ALLEN: Good morning.
10	VICE CHAIR TURNER LEE: And
11	Christopher Wood.
12	MEMBER WOOD: Good morning. Pleasure
13	to be here, present.
14	VICE CHAIR TURNER LEE: Hey, welcome
15	back. Welcome back. Okay. Jamila Bess, have we
16	recovered our friend Heather? If not, we will I
17	think go into a break, is that correct? Our DFO?
18	MS. JOHNSON: I don't see Heather yet.
19	CHAIR GATE: There she is.
20	VICE CHAIR TURNER LEE: She's in the
21	lobby.
22	MS. JOHNSON: Okay, and you'll

1 remember introductions next, according to the 2 agenda. Hi Heather. VICE CHAIR TURNER LEE: Heather we 3 4 finished -- Madam Chairwoman, we finished the 5 roll call. Everybody who's here are duly noted. Oh, you did? 6 CHAIR GATE: VICE CHAIR TURNER LEE: Yes, we did. 7 8 That's why we're a team. We're one in the same. 9 CHAIR GATE: Oh good. I thought y'all fired me before I even started. 10 11 (Laughter.) 12 CHAIR GATE: Well that was quick. VICE CHAIR TURNER LEE: So we're at 13 14 the next -- we are at the next thing, which is 15 Member Introductions. 16 CHAIR GATE: Okay. So shall we go 17 ahead and just follow the roll call order for 18 introductions? 19 MS. JOHNSON: That sounds good, uh-20 huh. 21 CHAIR GATE: We'll go ahead and welcome Mr. Banks, Clayton to open with an 22

introduction of yourself.

2	MEMBER BANKS: Thank you. Thank you
3	very much. My name is Clayton Banks. I am the
4	CEO of Silicon Harlem. I also work very
5	diligently in the space of education for high
6	schoolers all the way up to senior citizens
7	around technology. My focus is on ensuring
8	there's equity across all of the tech sector.
9	I've been focused on that for many,
10	many years for those who've known me, and we're
11	happy to be in the, in the same space that I
12	think we all are on this call, which is everyone
13	needs to be connected.
14	So I am looking forward to getting on
15	one of the committees and rolling up the sleeves,
16	and bringing whatever historic and future
17	thinking that I have, and I look forward to
18	getting to know everyone that I haven't met yet,
19	but certainly love the fact that I know there's
20	people on here that I know for many, many years
21	and many more years to go. So thank you very
22	much everyone.

1	CHAIR GATE: Thank you Clayton and
2	welcome to the Committee. We look forward to
3	having you and working with you, and your
4	tremendous energy that I'm very familiar with.
5	VICE CHAIR TURNER LEE: Madam
6	Chairwoman
7	MEMBER BANKS: I hope you're ready for
8	me.
9	VICE CHAIR TURNER LEE: Oh yeah, we're
10	ready for you. Broderick Johnson had suggested
11	that he had to leave. So I see he's got the
12	camera on. Can we break protocol and have him
13	come on next?
14	CHAIR GATE: Absolutely.
15	MEMBER BRODERICK JOHNSON: Thank you
16	very much. I appreciate the accommodation here.
17	So again good morning everyone. It's indeed a
18	tremendous honor to be a member of this Council.
19	I joined Comcast NBC Universal just a couple of
20	months ago from the law firm Covington and
21	Burling. At Comcast, I wear two leadership hats.
22	First, I'm the Executive Vice

President for Public Policy, and also the 1 2 Executive Vice President for Digital Equity. In those roles, I lead both our public policy and 3 4 digital equity teams. 5 Let me just say that my designation at the Executive Vice President level to lead our 6 digital equity efforts really speaks volumes of 7 8 the degree to which closing the digital divides 9 is a long-standing and long-term priority for 10 everyone at Comcast. 11 So my thanks to the Commissioners and 12 staff, and I very much look forward to working 13 with everyone. It's great to be here. 14 CHAIR GATE: Thank you. 15 MEMBER KIZART: What's his first name 16 again and last name? 17 CHAIR GATE: Broderick Johnson. 18 MEMBER BRODERICK JOHNSON: Broderick 19 Johnson. 20 VICE CHAIR TURNER LEE: Broderick 21 Johnson. MEMBER KIZART: Broderick Johnson? 22

1	CHAIR GATE: Yes.
2	MEMBER BRODERICK JOHNSON: Yes. Not
3	to be confused with my son, who's also a
4	Broderick Johnson who lives here in D.C.
5	MEMBER KIZART: Welcome Broderick.
6	VICE CHAIR TURNER LEE: Love it.
7	MEMBER BRODERICK JOHNSON: Thank you.
8	CHAIR GATE: Okay. Matthew Bauer.
9	MEMBER BAUER: Hello. Hi everyone
10	again. So Matthew Bauer, a long-time resident of
11	Washington, D.C., about 20 years. Lived in
12	Adams-Morgan and started my career. But I'm now
13	living in Colorado, and I'm vice president of the
14	Wireless Research Center, and I'll just tell a
15	second about that.
16	But got my career started with then-
17	Chairman Markey of the Telecom and Finance
18	Subcommittee back in the mid-80s. So stepping
19	back a few years dating myself. But then quickly
20	went on to the private sector and started three
21	telecom companies and led them, telecom carriers
22	as all social ventures. B Corp, we helped form

the B Corp movement and get that going in the 2000s.

So everything we've been doing is 3 weaving in the telecom and the social venture and 4 5 social mission, and so with Wireless Research Center, it's based -- it was formed in 2010 and 6 7 is based in Wake Forest in North Carolina, and 8 I'm in our office here in Winter Park, about an 9 hour and half west of Denver. And so WRC is an independent non-10 11 profit and focused on research development and 12 implementation of systems-wide solutions for digital divide and broadband and digital skills, 13 14 and that's my focus is deploying these. We're working on a number of programs here in Colorado 15 16 and North Carolina, and then bubbling that up to 17 an action tank. 18 So this was a perfect moment. Really 19 couldn't be more excited to be part of this

21 contributing however we can from the WRC side, so 22 thank you.

esteemed group, and we look forward to

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Thank you so much. 1 CHAIR GATE: Thank 2 you, thank you very much. All right. So we're going to go a little bit out of order here. 3 Ι 4 have a couple of people that have to leave, so I 5 think we're going to go to -- I believe I received a message from Henry Rivera. 6 Henry, are you still on to offer --7 8 Yeah. Yeah, thanks MEMBER RIVERA: 9 I appreciate your taking me out of Heather. I just wanted to say I'm very pleased to 10 order. re-enlist here for the -- for this Committee. 11 Ι 12 have been a member of every diversity advisory 13 committee since Chairman Fowler empaneled the 14 first one. I've also chaired several of these 15 16 committees. So it's good to be back in harness, 17 and I'm hopeful that we can accomplish some great 18 things. I wanted to mention also FCC Ethics 19 Council wanted me to be sure to let everyone know that I am Chairman emeritus of the Multicultural 20 21 Media Telecom and Internet Council, which is 22 separately represented on this Committee.

1	So with that, I'll turn it back over
2	to you Heather. Thank you for the opportunity.
3	VICE CHAIR TURNER LEE: Thank you
4	Henry too. This is Nicol. We love you.
5	CHAIR GATE: Thank you so much.
6	MEMBER RIVERA: Likewise, likewise.
7	CHAIR GATE: Thank you. All right.
8	We are going to offer the floor to Milt Clipper.
9	MEMBER CLIPPER: Thank you for the
10	opportunity to be on the Committee again, okay.
11	We look forward to it. I'm Milt Clipper,
12	president of Clipper and Company and we do
13	diversity, strategic innovation planning, and I
14	actually have a diversity workshop that we
15	scheduled several months ago.
16	So I'm sorry we have to miss it, miss
17	the rest of the meeting but it's also a pleasure
18	to represent America's public television
19	stations, and we hope to bring our resources to,
20	to the Committee and the extraordinary work
21	that's being done. So we look forward to it, and
22	thank you for very much for the opportunity to

1	continue our services. Thank you.
2	CHAIR GATE: Thank you. Thank you so
3	much, and now we move to Robert Branson.
4	MEMBER BRANSON: You know, I already
5	did my intro so
6	CHAIR GATE: You don't have anymore?
7	MEMBER BRANSON: So I'm going to be
8	brief and say here. Thank you.
9	CHAIR GATE: Thank you. Thank you so
10	much. Thank you very much, and I did not hear
11	Robert Brooks at all, so we'll move on to Joi
12	Chaney.
13	MEMBER CHANEY: Hi everyone. I am
14	very proud to join you all. It's so good to see
15	so many familiar faces, long-time friends, but
16	even better to see new folks that I will grow in
17	a relationship with and work alongside. It's
18	very excited, and congratulations to our Chair,
19	to Vice Chairs as well as our working group
20	chairs. It's going to be exciting to following
21	your leadership.
22	My name is Joi Chaney, and I am the
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representative of the National Urban League. 1 JI 2 am so thrilled to be here. We look forward to working to close the digital divide with you and 3 build on hopefully some of the recommendations we 4 5 had or some of the vision we had in our Lewis Latimer Plan for Digital Equity and Inclusion. 6 7 I will say on a personal note that, 8 you know, while we are very focus at the Urban 9 League on closing the digital divide for communities of color and women, I come from a 10 11 women's rights background, so I surely enjoy the 12 opportunity to bring that perspective to this and 13 especially where race and gender intersect. So I'm thrilled to be on. 14 I look forward to working alongside all of you. 15 Thanks 16 so much. 17 CHAIR GATE: Thank you. Okay, Michele 18 Cober. 19 Good morning everyone. MEMBER COBER: 20 So nice to meet you all. Those of you who I know 21 and hope to meet in the future, my name is Michele Cober. I am here representing Verizon. 22

I am in the Public Policy Group and we work on 1 2 digital divide issues and also Verizon has been doing a lot of work to help those who are 3 4 working, who are recovering after this pandemic. 5 So digital divide, small business work, education issues and one of my personal 6 7 passions is HBCUs, where we've been spending a 8 lot of time and effort these days. So I look 9 forward to working on this Committee and getting 10 to know you all, and helping to advance equity 11 and inclusion. 12 CHAIR GATE: Thank you Michele. Skip? 13 MEMBER DILLARD: Ready. Let me get my 14 camera on here. 15 CHAIR GATE: Great. There you are. 16 MEMBER DILLARD: Greetings, good 17 morning from New York City. I am so happy to be 18 invited back after our past two years. I mean 19 I've learned so much and I felt like we 20 accomplished a lot with our advertising agency 21 best practices, as well as talking about, you 22 know, the Nielsen part of the picture in terms of

ratings and having sustainable operations for 1 2 your station. So looking forward to rolling up my 3 4 sleeves once again, getting busy, and I just am 5 humble to be back with this newly rechartered and revised committee. Thank you. 6 7 CHAIR GATE: Thank you. Sarah Kate 8 Ellis. 9 MEMBER ELLIS: Good morning again, hi. 10 CHAIR GATE: Hi. 11 I'm coming live from MEMBER ELLIS: 12 New York City. I am the president and CEO of 13 GLAD, which is the leading LGBTQ media advocacy 14 organization, media being the verb here and I'm 15 really thrilled. What a powerhouse. These are 16 all new faces to me, which I'm really excited about, and I think I, you know, I'm twofold in 17 18 what I bring to this. 19 One is obviously represent -- one of 20 the representatives of the LGBTQ community, which 21 is depending on which statistics you're looking 22 at, 10 to 30 percent of the general population in

the United States. So being a voice for our 1 2 community here, but also in my work in GLAD in bringing attention to the great work that's 3 4 happening on this Committee, because I think that 5 builds more momentum and it builds greater work So thank you for having me. 6 out there. I am 7 honored and thrilled. 8 Thank you. CHAIR GATE: Anna? 9 MEMBER GOMEZ: Sorry. It's taken me 10 forever to get the camera up and everything. 11 CHAIR GATE: You should know the 12 protocol. 13 MEMBER GOMEZ: No, I'm sorry. Good 14 morning everybody. I'm delighted to see 15 everyone, and equally delighted that Heather has 16 been named Chair of this Committee. Heather's 17 depth of expertise and her willingness to pull up 18 her sleeves make her the perfect choice to lead 19 this Committee. 20 And Vice Chairs Dr. Turner Lee and 21 Susan Allen will also contribute with deep 22 knowledge, energy and enthusiasm, and of course

that the apparently tireless Jamila Bess Johnson 1 2 will continue as our DFO, and her deputies' gentle but firm guiding hands will make sure this 3 Committee delivers on its mission. 4 I also want to thank Chairwoman 5 Rosenworcel for appointing me to this position, 6 7 and Michelle Carey as always for your support. Ι am representing the Hispanic National Bar 8 Association on the Committee. 9 The HNBA as we 10 call it represents the interests of Hispanic legal processionals, and also advocates on issues 11 of importance to the 58 million people of 12 13 Hispanic heritage living in the United States. 14 So I hope this Committee continues to help to identify and provide recommendations on 15 16 ways to expand access to emerging technologies in 17 all communities, including the Latin-X community, 18 and to ensure that everyone has equal access to 19 the opportunities presented by communications, 20 media and next technology networks. 21 Finally, in the interest of full 22 transparency, the Commission also suggested that

1	I inform this Committee that in my day job, I am
2	a partner at Wiley Rein, which represents several
3	members of this Committee. I look forward to
4	working with all of you on these important
5	issues.
6	CHAIR GATE: Thank you Anna.
7	Dominique.
8	MEMBER HARRISON: Hi there once again.
9	I am Dr. Dominique Harrison, the Director of
10	Technology Policy at the Joint Center for
11	Political and Economic Studies. We are a think
12	tank located in D.C. and we focus exclusively on
13	black communities. We have programs that focus
14	on Hill diversity, workforce policy, economic
15	policy and then there's a tech policy program
16	that I lead.
17	Within the tech policy program we
18	explore the impact of emerging technologies and
19	develop policy solutions that improve the lives
20	of the black community. The program highlights
21	issues on platform accountability, broadband
22	access and adoption and privacy and algorithmic

theories.

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2	So I'm very honored to be here and
3	also to serve as chair of the Digit Empowerment
4	Working Group, and I'm excited to make new
5	relationships with people within this Committee
6	and Council, and I appreciate the leadership of
7	all of the chairs. Thank you.
8	CHAIR GATE: Thank you, Dominique.
9	David, David Honig.
10	MEMBER HONIG: Hello, and
11	congratulations to all. I would not tell my age,
12	but will tell you that I either staffed or served
13	on (audio interference), the original diversity
14	committees, including the one in 1977 that Wiley
15	chartered. (Audio interference) Rivera has
16	served on all (audio interference), Jim Winston
17	served on all of them. We're still alive. These
18	committees were known as the most productive and
19	prolific advisory committees on any subject that
20	the FCC has had in the last four generations,
21	four decades.
22	The Ethics people also asked that I

inform the body that I'm serving as CEO of JulGlo 1 2 Productions, which makes multicultural movies and civil rights-focused movies. But in my day job, 3 4 I'm president emeritus of MMTC. 5 Thank you David, and CHAIR GATE: thank you for serving these committees since 6 7 before I was born. 8 VICE CHAIR TURNER LEE: I know, right? 9 Thank you David for turning on your camera, the light, the light. 10 11 MS. JOHNSON: And Heather, I'm sorry 12 Madam Chair. I think the additional disclosure from the Office of General Counsel for David 13 14 Honig is that I believe he's senior advisor MMTC. 15 CHAIR GATE: Yes. 16 MS. JOHNSON: Thank you. 17 CHAIR GATE: Thank you Jamila. 18 VICE CHAIR TURNER LEE: Thanks David, 19 thanks Jamila. Jill? 20 MEMBER HOUGHTON: Good morning. My 21 name is Jill Houghton. I serve as president and CEO of Disability: IN. It is an honor to be part 22

of this Committee. For those of you not familiar 1 2 with Diasbility: IN, we empower business to achieve disability inclusion and equality. 3 We are a global non-profit, and I'm really 4 interested, we're really interested in digital 5 accessibility, you know. 6 31 years ago when the Americans With 7 8 Disabilities Act was passed, it was really about 9 getting in the front door, and that front door is now technology, and so really excited to work 10 11 alongside of you. I was advised by Ethics to 12 share that I serve on the board of the U.S. International Council on Disabilities. 13 14 CHAIR GATE: Thank you. Thank you, And next, Ronald, Dr. Johnson. 15 Jill. 16 MEMBER RONALD JOHNSON: Fine. Good 17 morning, everyone. It's -- it's really great to 18 be back. I was listening to Nicol earlier. 19 Nicol and I came to this organization the same 20 time, and we've been working together for a long 21 time. I want to congratulate her and Susan, who 22 I know very well, and of course you Heather. We

1 look forward to the leadership that three of you 2 all will provide for us going forward. I'm really excited about that, and 3 those on the line who do not already know you 4 5 all, the three of you all, it's a trio, you know. You guys come in together, you know, and we 6 7 really enjoy that. Because last year you worked 8 to so well together, and now to know that you'll 9 be working again. Of course Anna will be in the shades giving advice and helping. I'm sure 10 she'll be doing that. 11 12 But I'm so elated to be able to work 13 with you all again. We have so much to do going 14 forward, and we cannot be weary in well-doing, and we cannot get tired because there's just so 15 16 much work to do. And so for a full disclosure 17 here, I'm representing the Wireless 18 Infrastructure Association, and you all know that 19 Jonathan Adelstein, the former FCC Commissioner, 20 is the president and CEO of that organization. 21 From an Ethics perspective, I was 22 asked to also share with you that I am the chair

of the board of MMTC, and that we have five other
members, four additional persons on this
Committee in some leadership role with MMTC. So
we want to give full disclosure on that.
And secondly from a political
perspective, I was asked to make note that I am a
political appointee to the Fairfax County
Economic Development Authority, have been for the
last 22 years where I serve not only as
Commissioner but also as secretary. So here
again I'm so happy to be back. We have a lot of
work to do around supply diversity, want to pick
up where we left off last time ladies, and try to
move the needle in that area.
So I'm looking forward to working with
my new colleagues, and welcome the old ones back.
We had a wonderful time and I look forward to it.
So thank you so much for having me again.
CHAIR GATE: Thank you Dr. Johnson.
Sherman?
MEMBER KIZART: Thank you and good
morning everyone, and I first want to start off

by saying congratulations to you Heather, on your 1 2 role as the Chair and of course to the incomparable Nicol Turner Lee and Susan as well 3 in their roles as vice chairs. 4 5 So congratulations to all of you, and I know that you'll do phenomenal jobs, as I've 6 7 had the privilege of working with you in this 8 Committee in its previous iteration. So all the 9 best there. I'd also like to say Heather, it's 10 okay and I'm equally excited that Anna's still 11 12 with us as emeritus because at the point that we 13 get back together, you know, she gives the 14 absolute best hugs in the world, so I'm excited about that. 15 16 But what I want to say is that I've 17 had the privilege of serving with this Committee 18 in its different iterations dating back to 19 Michael Powell, who was chairman of the FTC when he launched the first committee. I started as an 20 21 industry expert and have had the privilege of serving full committees under Kevin Martin 22

Wheeler and of course leading you two, the 1 2 reiteration with the Communications Council. I'm remiss if I didn't say that 3 certainly Jamila Bess Johnson is the absolute 4 5 best in the work that she does as a Designated Officer. She's responsive. I've heard someone 6 7 else say that she's firm but she's fair in how 8 she works with all of us. So certainly excited 9 about the opportunity of having the chance to work with Jamila. 10 11 What I want to see Heather more than 12 anything else is that we're at a pivotal time in 13 our country's history around the importance of 14 diversity, equity and inclusion, and my work in working with the country's leading primarily 15 16 minority broadcasters, African-American and 17 Hispanic, in the area of how they generate 18 revenue, because revenue for broadcasters is 19 their life blood and how they get to stay in 20 business. 21 I was happy that as in our last 22 report, we had an opportunity to talk about how

global marketers like Proctor and Gamble, like 1 2 General Motors and many, many others have pivoted to around the importance of minority-owned 3 broadcasters in not just supporting them but 4 5 creating programs to create more. And that is consistent with the kind 6 7 of mission that part of our mission in working to 8 come up with ways to create a framework of 9 creating more minority and women broadcasters. 10 So we're still, I say we're -- to repeat what Ron 11 said, we can grow weary in doing good work around 12 this issue, and I think from a digital 13 perspective, we have to look at a couple of 14 different areas in terms of everything from broadcast diginets and how they're important in 15 16 helping to increase.

But all aspects of ways that we can look at creating more minority and woman owners has to be an important part of what we do, and I'm hopeful that we'll get the opportunity to do it. So thank you again for allowing me to share a few words. I'm certainly excited about the

1	work we have ahead.
2	CHAIR GATE: Thank you. Thank you,
3	Shawn. Nicole?
4	MEMBER LAZARRE: I'm assume it's
5	Nicole Lazarre, so let me say hello again and
6	good morning, and thank you Heather. I am Vice
7	President-External Affairs at Charter
8	Communications, which is a meeting connectivity
9	company and cable operator with more than 31
10	million customers through the Spectrum brand,
11	which I'm sure you're all very familiar.
12	We have a workforce of 96,000 highly
13	skilled employees that are in-sourced, and
14	reflect the diversity of the communities in which
15	they serve and work.
16	We are committed to all of the
17	important work that's been raised by the other
18	members of this committee, including digital
19	inclusion, deployment in unserved communities and
20	just, you know, of making things, advancing the
21	important work of the Council and moving things
22	forward in a number of fronts, including

programming and procurement, and there is a lot
 of work to be done.

I am pleased to be serving on this 3 Council along with a number of esteemed 4 colleagues, and to advance the important goals 5 and objectives of the CEDC's expanded mandate. 6 Ι think I do want to disclose that I am a board 7 8 member of the Multicultural Media 9 Telecommunications and Internet Council, and I'm pleased to be here with our new president, Robert 10 11 Branson, Ron Johnson, David Honig, alum Nicol 12 Turner Lee and many others. 13 I've represented community-serving 14 institutions in the social impact sector for over a decade, including as senior vice president and 15 16 general counsel for the National Urban League, and general counsel and chief compliance officer 17 18 for the Urban Resource Institute, the largest 19 provider of domestic violence shelters in the 20 country. 21 I've also served as an associate 22 adjunct at Columbia University's Graduate School

of Non-Profit Management. 1 I've practiced for 2 many years as a corporate and commercial law attorney, with a focus on corporate finance and 3 4 corporate governance. However, on a personal 5 note, I've long worked at the intersection of 6 civil rights and telecommunications, beginning 7 with my time clerking at Georgetown University 8 and Law Centers, Institute for Public 9 Representation under the esteemed Angela Campbell, and under the mentorship of David 10 11 Honig. 12 So I'm very happy to be here with you 13 all and I'm pleased to represent Charter 14 Communications on this Council, and I'm just 15 pleased to hear and see from so many familiar 16 faces that I've come across over the years. 17 Thank you so much. 18 CHAIR GATE: Thank you. Thank you, I think James Winston, you will be the 19 Nicole. 20 jump off. If you would like to jump, say 21 something before you leave, that would be 22 awesome.

1	MEMBER WINSTON: Yes. Thank you,
2	Heather. Because I am jumping the line, I'm
3	going to be brief. But I do want to just
4	acknowledge, as David pointed out, that he, Henry
5	and I have served on all of the diversity
6	committees since the very beginning, and it's
7	always a pleasure, and it's always a pleasure to
8	meet new people. It's wonderful to see the
9	diversity of people who are on this Committee. I
10	look forward to working with all of you.
11	It I guess the Ethics Office missed
12	me, but they probably want me to point out that
13	I'm a partner in the law firm of Rubin, Winston,
14	Diercks, Harris and Cooke, and I represent
15	clients who are regulated by the Commission. And
16	just one other point. There are other members of
17	NABOB who are on this Committee, and we all look
18	forward to joining in the great work that you all
19	are going to be doing. With that, I thank you.
20	CHAIR GATE: Thank you. Thank you
21	very much. Rosa.
22	MEMBER MENDOZA: Good morning
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everyone, and congratulations to our new Chair, 1 2 Heather Gate, our Vice Chairs and our group I am very, very happy to work with all 3 leaders. 4 of you to accomplish the important mission of 5 this Committee. Again, my name is Rosa Mendoza, and I'm the president and CEO of ALLvanza. 6 ALLvanza is a non-profit that focuses on tech and 7 8 telecom policy issues. Thank you for having me, 9 and again it's a pleasure to work with all of 10 you. 11 CHAIR GATE: Thank you, Rosa. Nahuja. 12 MEMBER NAHUJA: Good morning everyone (audio interference). 13 14 Nahuja, we're having CHAIR GATE: issues with your audio. 15 VICE CHAIR TURNER LEE: Nahuja, you 16 may want to turn off your camera, your broadband 17 18 (audio interference). 19 MEMBER NAHUJA: Oh, okay. Is that 20 better? Can you hear me better? 21 CHAIR GATE: That's much better. (Audio interference.) 22

1	MEMBER NAHUJA: is well-deserved.
2	Of course we are to congratulate ourselves for
3	having Jamila Bess Johnson with her staff
4	returning to steer us. Are you still hearing me
5	okay?
6	CHAIR GATE: It's improved. Yes, we
7	can hear you now.
8	MEMBER NAHUJA: Hello? Are you still
9	hearing you okay?
10	VICE CHAIR TURNER LEE: Yes, we can
11	hear you.
12	MEMBER NAHUJA: I'm delighted to be
13	working with the expanded communications equity
14	and diversity council. I am legal counsel for a
15	black and woman-owned company, Wonder Media
16	Company, which also includes Super Radio Networks
17	and American Urban Radio Networks (audio
18	interference).
19	CHAIR GATE: We're losing you.
20	VICE CHAIR TURNER LEE: Yeah, we're
21	losing you a little bit there.
22	MEMBER NAHUJA: collectively our

1	company provides (audio interference) and
2	syndicated programming. Anyway, I look forward
3	to working with everyone in the future, and thank
4	you very much.
5	VICE CHAIR TURNER LEE: Now you know
6	what why have to address this broadband issue.
7	(Laughter.)
8	MEMBER NAHUJA: Yes, yes, very much.
9	CHAIR GATE: Okay, Louis.
10	MEMBER PERAERTZ: Hi. Louis Peraertz,
11	Vice President of Policy for the Wireless
12	Internet Service Providers Association or WISPA.
13	As I mentioned before, I am thrilled to be
14	present here. So that was kind of a spiritual
15	shout out to Nicol, because Nicol I have missed
16	your energy for so long.
17	To others who know me, and I see a lot
18	of familiar names and I've seen your faces, I
19	used to represent Mignon Clyburn as a senior
20	legal advisor for wireless, international
21	satellite and public safety matters for more than
22	seven years. So I am thrilled, because I know

how important the mission of this Committee is, and your -- I forget who pointed it out, it may have been the Chairwoman Rosenworcel, but others.

4 Everything that the -- that this 5 Committee does, the FCC really takes it to heart, 6 and really tries as much as they can to improve 7 diversity and inclusion in the communications 8 industry. And of course it was a passionate goal 9 of my former boss, Mignon Clyburn, that your 10 Committee did so well.

11 So that's why I'm thrilled. I'm 12 thrilled to be able to see folks that I know are tremendous leaders and talented in this field of 13 14 digital inclusion and equity. I want to say congratulations to the Chair for her appointment, 15 16 but also to the deputy chairs. Nicol of course a 17 good friend, and Ms. Susan Allen, who I've never 18 met you before, but I could just tell by, you 19 know, your opening remarks how passionate you are about this work. 20

I agree with you. My first reactionwhen I got the announcement from Jamila was

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1	humble, humility, because again, this is this
2	is kind of a labor of love for everybody on this
3	call, and as well for me. Prior to my this is
4	my first attendance of this Council.
5	Prior to my appointment, WISPA was
6	represented by S. Jenell Trigg, and I have to say
7	just a couple of kind words for S. Jenell. She
8	did tremendous work on behalf of WISPA. Her work
9	in terms of what we need to do to prevent
10	overbuilding is a fundamental aspect of something
11	that we are that is a top goal for WISPA
12	members.
13	I need to and for her work at this
14	Council and the prior for the last four years,
15	she just received the President's Award for WISPA
16	for this tremendous amount of work that she did
17	with this Council. She told me again just how
18	important this work was. For various reasons,
19	she's decided that she could no longer continue,
20	and therefore I got to step up. I'm going to be
21	standing on her shoulders as I'm representing
22	WISPA.

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1	A couple of things that I want to
2	point out about WISPA. We have about 700
3	operator-members, so broadband service providers.
4	But 70 percent of them have ten or fewer
5	employees. So when it comes to understanding the
6	challenges to investment and to growth, our
7	members really know what that means. I've
8	been over the past two years, I've been with
9	WISPA since 2019, I've been learning an awful lot
10	of lessons.
11	And I'm happy to learn from you,
12	collaborate with all of you and share some of
13	those lessons, and I can't wait to I know that
14	I'm going to be learning so much from all of you.
15	So thank you very much. I think I'll pause right
16	there, allow you allow other folks to
17	introduce themselves.
18	VICE CHAIR TURNER LEE: And Heather,
19	can I just say one thing about what he said also?
20	He represented the first acting female Chair of
21	the FCC, Mignon Clyburn, and so her legacy still
22	continues to go forth, and we're appreciated of

Chairwoman Rosenworcel acknowledging that. But thank you for coming back. It's good to see you too, and it's also the kind words of S. Jenell Trigg, for those of you who don't know, who really is a strong partner and leader in this space.

7 CHAIR GATE: Yeah. I would like to 8 echo those sentiments about S. Jenell Trigg. All 9 three of us had the opportunity to work side by 10 side and she took a heavy lift in putting 11 together and working alongside Susan Allen on our 12 diversity, supply diversity work.

So she will be greatly missed. We
welcome you, Louis, but we'll miss her as well as
a valid member of -- valued member of this
Committee.

VICE CHAIR ALLEN: And I want to add
to it because for the last two years, I worked
closely with her. We talked, once we got on the
phone we talked for two hours, okay. This is
behind the scene. We talked -- we were on the
phone like two hours. So I know her very well

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and she knows me, and I know I could depend on 1 2 her. She is the grammarian, she is the 3 4 person who'd pick on our writing, and it was 5 because of her that we produced such good She was keeping the mission of the FCC, 6 results. the Committee. I will miss her sorely. 7 I will 8 miss her sorely. 9 CHAIR GATE: Yes. VICE CHAIR TURNER LEE: And don't be 10 11 fooled. She's watching. 12 CHAIR GATE: Oh yes. I actually asked 13 her. I said so, is your phone going to be available for us to contact and come and talk to 14 us, and she said yes. We made sure she's not 15 16 going too far from us. 17 MEMBER PERAERTZ: Awesome. 18 VICE CHAIR ALLEN: Well S. Jenell, if 19 you're hear listening, you heard us. But even 20 before, I know that you're on the phone. 21 (Simultaneous speaking.) 22 VICE CHAIR ALLEN: S. Jenell, from the

heart.

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2	CHAIR GATE: Thank you, Louis.
3	MEMBER PERAERTZ: My pleasure.
4	CHAIR GATE: Hi Steve.
5	MEMBER ROBERTS: Hi Heather. I am
6	hi everyone, I'm Steve Roberts with Roberts
7	Broadcasting. It's a pleasure to be back on the
8	Committee again. I have too served on some of
9	the previous committees. I have kind of a unique
10	perspective. I serve on the board of directors
11	of NABOB, so I have to disclose that I know, and
12	also MMTC.
13	And so just like we were talking about
14	Ms. Trigg, she and I actually went into the Hall
15	of Fame of MMTC several years ago. So she is
16	well-loved and respected by a lot of us who have
17	been in this field for a long time. So three
18	things. I'm probably a little unusual for those
19	of you who don't know the history of the Roberts
20	Company.
21	We are a three-time licensee of the
22	FCC. We were the only minority-owned radio and

TV and telephone company. We have licenses in all of those different areas. We built out the first network, wireless network that was minority-owned and controlled, as well as Tower Broadcasting Company.

6 So my experience with the FCC and the 7 team of the FCC goes very long and very deep. 8 So it's a real honor to be back on with you. 9 However, all of you who know me on this call know 10 that I have seen the change in the industry, 11 particularly radio and TV over the years, and the 12 reduction of minority women-owned businesses.

So I will continue to be an advocate 13 14 for access to capital as we did the last round with this group, for mentorships, for incubation, 15 16 to get more diverse communities involved with the 17 ownership of broadcast properties, both TV and 18 radio. So I'm looking forward to taking this to 19 the next level. Congratulations to Chair Heather 20 and my other two friends who are the co-chairs. 21 We know each other well, so just try to keep in line Nicol as best you can. 22

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1	CHAIR GATE: Thank you, Steve.
2	MEMBER ROBERTS: Thank you.
3	CHAIR GATE: Vickie, Vickie.
4	MEMBER ROBINSON: Thank you and good
5	morning Chairwoman Gates and Vice Chairs Turner
6	Lee and Allen. Again, my name is Vickie
7	Robinson. I'm the general manager for the
8	Microsoft Airband Initiative, which is a global
9	program focused on expanding digital equity
10	across the world.
11	From more than two decades, I'm almost
12	ashamed to say that, I've worked alongside many
13	of you to do the great, necessary work to expand
14	broadband access and adoption, including working
15	for more than 14 years at the FCC. So I want to
16	say Chairwoman Rosenworcel and other former FCC
17	colleagues, please accept my heartfelt thanks and
18	appreciation and the thanks of my organization
19	Microsoft, for my appointment to this very
20	distinguished body, led by a triple threat of
21	amazing, accomplished women.
22	I'm fully committed to rolling up my

1	sleeves to do the very necessary work to increase
2	diversity and equity and digital Communications,
3	and again humble to serve. Thank you.
4	CHAIR GATE: Thank you.
5	VICE CHAIR TURNER LEE: Thanks Vickie.
6	CHAIR GATE: Thank you, Vickie.
7	Charlyn.
8	MEMBER STANBERRY: So good morning
9	everyone. I just want to say it's an honor to be
10	here, to be with mentors, to be with family and
11	be with friends, Nicol, a dear mentor of mine;
12	Heather, adore you; Susan, looking forward to
13	definitely working with you.
14	My name's Charlyn Stanberry. I serve
15	as Vice President of Government Relations for the
16	National Association of Broadcasters. You know
17	us as the voice for America's local radio and TV
18	broadcasters. I'm humbled to be here, great to
19	see so many Broadcasters on this Council.
20	In my previous career, I am an MMTC
21	alum, so happy to see all these MMTC people here.
22	I also worked on Capitol Hill with the

Congressional Black Caucus and Congresswoman 1 2 Yvette Clarke, who sits on the House Energy and Commerce Committee. Communications equity and 3 4 diversity is a passion of mine, and I'm looking 5 forward -- Vickie said it perfectly. Rolling up my sleeves and getting the work done, and just 6 thank you for allowing me to represent NAB here 7 8 today. 9 CHAIR GATE: Thank you Charlyn. The first time I met Charlyn we bonded over knowing 10 11 Nicol. 12 VICE CHAIR TURNER LEE: I was going to 13 say that some people used to think she was my 14 daughter, but I'm not her mother. Your aunt, 15 your aunt. 16 (Simultaneous speaking.) 17 CHAIR GATE: Okay. Joycelyn Tate. 18 MEMBER TATE: Hello everyone. I'm 19 Joycelyn Tate. Let me get the full disclosures 20 and transparencies out of the way. I'm the co-21 founder of Make IT For Change, an innovation hub. 22 It's a program that empowers youth and adults to

be a catalyst for social change by developing
 technology.

3	I'm also a board member of the Tech
4	For All Alliance, where we facilitate policy,
5	advocacy, strategies and collaborative
6	initiatives to advance a more diverse tech
7	ecosystem. On this Council, I represent the
8	Black Women's Roundtable, which is a program of
9	the National Coalition on Black Civic
10	Participation, where I work in the civil rights
11	and equity space, and we advocate for just and
12	equitable public policy to promote the
13	empowerment of black women, and I'm happy to be
14	working with all of you.
15	CHAIR GATE: Thank you. Thank you
16	Joycelyn. Antonio.
17	MEMBER TIJERINO: Hi. It's a pleasure
18	to be on here.
19	VICE CHAIR TURNER LEE: Wait a minute.
20	You're not driving, are you?
21	(Laughter.)
22	MEMBER TIJERINO: Not at this very

1	second. I'm at a stoplight.
2	VICE CHAIR TURNER LEE: You're at the
3	FCC advisory meeting.
4	(Simultaneous speaking.)
5	MEMBER TIJERINO: No, I'm on the side
6	at a stoplight. If I'm driving, I'll turn my
7	camera off.
8	VICE CHAIR TURNER LEE: Okay.
9	MEMBER TIJERINO: I am the president
10	of the Hispanic Heritage Foundation, and it's a
11	privilege to be here. We focus on education,
12	workforce development, social justice and
13	culture, and you're not going to be able to be
14	very effective at any of those if you don't have
15	access to technology and to broadband. That's
16	been a big issue for us. I wrote an article that
17	said that there's no vaccine for the for the
18	educational crisis of 2020, which of course is
19	going to impact the workforce crisis, and it's
20	exacerbated by access to technology.
21	I've been working, following the lead
22	of my sister Nicol, as well as others that are on

here, Anna and Rosa and so many others, and 1 2 Jessica Rosenworcel, I've been working alongside of her for over ten years now. So I'm just very 3 4 proud to be here. My organization teaches 100,000 kids 5 how to code, and I can tell you that it's become 6 7 more and more difficult, the more difficult it is to connect our community to the Internet. 8 So 9 thank you again for having me. 10 CHAIR GATE: Thank you Antonio, thank 11 you. 12 VICE CHAIR ALLEN: Thank you. 13 CHAIR GATE: Next we have Felicia. VICE CHAIR TURNER LEE: I don't think 14 she was on Heather when we did original roll 15 16 call. 17 CHAIR GATE: Oh okay. That's when I 18 was in my dream network. So she wasn't on, and 19 last but not least our beloved Chris Wood. 20 MEMBER WOOD: Hello, and thank you so 21 much for having me. I'm honored to serve now for 22 my third term on the diversity committee, and

very excited also to serve as a chair on the
 Diversity and Equity Working Group. So I'm very
 honored to be here.

Chairwoman, it's been an honor to serve with you on all three, and deputy chairwomen, it's an honor to serve with both of you and work with you again, as well as our Designated Federal Officers. It is an honor to be here.

LGBT Tech as an organization that 10 11 works at the intersection of the LGBT community 12 and technology. We're actually one of the first 13 to really look at and research how LGBT 14 individuals use technology, the benefits and the challenges. We use that research to inform our 15 16 programmatic work in distributing hundreds of 17 thousands of technology pieces across the country 18 and to U.S. Territories, as well as get more 19 individuals involved in STEAM fields, science, 20 technology, engineering, arts and math. 21 We also use that research to really 22 inform our policy education, ensuring that

companies, tech policymakers as well as federal, 1 2 state and local legislators understand the importance of LGBTO unique needs, the challenges 3 and benefits around technology. We're really the 4 5 first, and we're proud, and I'm very proud to be alongside one other. I think there's one other 6 7 LGBTQ organization, GLAD with Sarah Kate Ellis on 8 this Committee as well.

9 We were the first LGBT organization to 10 be appointed to the diversity committee several 11 years, and I'm really excited to be here today. 12 The one thing about technology is that it has 13 been a great equalizer for many marginalized 14 communities, but especially the LGBTQ community 15 in ways that we're seeing even more today.

I think -- I started my career many years ago in non-profits, I also moved into print media and digital media, including having served as in marketing for Discovery Communications. So I've had quite a diverse past. I'm also known as a serial entrepreneur, so I bring that to the table along with my LGBT Tech experience.

I run with my husband currently a
global e-commerce business, and so I really
understand the benefit, the benefits and the
challenges that have of being connected or not
being connected can really bring, what prosperity
and economics it can bring to an individual,
especially those that are marginalized, and the
opportunities that it can provide.
I also live in rural America, about
two and a half hours outside of Washington, D.C.
I'm also a foster who adopts parents. So I bring
many facets to the table, and I'm very honored
and excited to be here, as well as serve as a
chair for the Working Group. Ladies, thank you
so much for having me and appointing me as the
Chair.
VICE CHAIR TURNER LEE: And if I could
say something, because Chris served on my
committee and we're so happy you have a formal
title now, because Chris was the quasi-deputy to
everybody for the last three years, so
congratulations.

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1	CHAIR GATE: Thank you. Thank you
2	very much, Chris.
3	MEMBER BANKS: Hey Heather, this is
4	Heather, this is Clayton. Can I just quickly
5	give a disclosure? I'm forgot to give you that
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7	CHAIR GATE: Yes.
8	MEMBER BANKS: disclosure, that I am
9	serving on a board which is called the Hope
10	Community. It's an advisory board, but they are
11	focused on affordable housing. I also serve on
12	the See Better Foundation, which is a non-profit
13	that focuses on African-American women
14	entrepreneurs, and the third one is the Greater
15	Harlem Chamber, the Greater Harlem Chamber of
16	Commerce.
17	CHAIR GATE: Okay, sounds good. Thank
18	you Clayton for those disclosures. And now
19	before we go to break, I just want to check on
20	Brian Scarpelli, to see if you have some audio
21	before we take a brief break.
22	MEMBER SCARPELLI: Ah, there we go.

Can you hear me?

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2	VICE CHAIR TURNER LEE: Hey Brian.
3	CHAIR GATE: There you are.
4	MEMBER SCARPELLI: Hey, yeah. I
5	apologize. I think I'm using the browser, so it
6	didn't it doesn't show me like my account
7	anyway. Thank you, thank you so much, and I can
8	give a super-brief intro, especially if I'm the
9	last person standing between us and a break. But
10	yes, Brian Scarpelli, senior Global Policy
11	counsel of the ACT/The App Association. We're a
12	not-for-profit trade association for thousands of
13	small businesses in the software development and
14	technology development fields across consumer and
15	enterprise context.
16	Extremely excited and honored for our
17	community to be able to participate and
18	contribute in any way that we can. We've served
19	on previous iterations of this Committee, so it's
20	just even more exciting to be back and we really
21	appreciate that. The very deep commitment that
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we have for advancing equity, including with

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1 respect to some of the core areas, broadband 2 adoption, etcetera, as well as tech workforce diversity is a big priority for us and many other 3 4 issues. 5 So yeah, I guess if there were one --I'm not sure if I need to make the disclosure or 6 7 not, but I also serve on the board of the World 8 Institute of Disabilities. I don't think that 9 there would be an intersection, but just to make 10 sure. Thank you so much. 11 CHAIR GATE: Thank you. Thank you so 12 much. I believe that wraps up our member 13 introduction. 14 MS. JOHNSON: Excuse me, Heather? 15 CHAIR GATE: Yes. 16 MS. JOHNSON: I'm sorry, this is 17 Jamila. I believe Robert Brooks was able to join 18 us, if Robert is here, if you would acknowledge 19 Thank you so much. him. 20 CHAIR GATE: Thank you Jamila. Robert, please turn on your camera and jump on to 21 the floor. 22

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1	MEMBER BROOKS: Okay, I'll see. I
2	think my camera's coming on. Can you hear me?
3	CHAIR GATE: Yes we can.
4	VICE CHAIR ALLEN: Hi Robert.
5	MEMBER BROOKS: Hi, how are you doing?
6	Hi everybody. You know first of all, thank you
7	for yeah, inviting me back in. I mean that's the
8	first thing. Last year was my first time being a
9	member of this Committee. It was very I was
10	very excited then, I'm very excited now. I'm
11	very happy about the expansion of what it's going
12	to embrace or engulf now.
13	My current status at work were at WHUR
14	as a Digital Solutions Specialist, which is the
15	station owned by Howard University. Background
16	is a mix of working corporate and work as free-
17	lance, cities from all over from New York to St.
18	Louis to Dallas even
19	You know it's funny, because some of
20	the people I've met here like Skip Dillard had a
21	who I was nice to meet, I just remember
22	listening to music that he was overseeing in New

York while I was working on productions. 1 2 So it was like really fascinating meeting Mr. Roberts. You know, I shared with him 3 that he and his brother were one of the reasons 4 5 why I moved to St. Louis, when I found out about So it was being able to be around that, 6 them. 7 this collective is very, I'm very appreciative of 8 that. So I look forward to continuing to 9 contribute, and thank you for the opportunity. HG Thank you so much. Thank you. 10 11 Thank you Robert. So Jamila, are we good to go 12 on a 15 minute break? I believe so. 13 MS. JOHNSON: I think 14 whenever you are ready to adjourn for a break, and then we can come back at the appointed time, 15 16 whenever you want people to come back. 17 CHAIR GATE: Okay. We are about seven 18 minutes behind our schedule, and so Vice Chairs, 19 are we good with returning at 12:05? 20 VICE CHAIR TURNER LEE: Yes. 21 VICE CHAIR ALLEN: 12:05 would be fine. 22

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1	VICE CHAIR TURNER LEE: And Madam
2	Chairwoman, and with the help of Jamila Bess
3	Johnson, can you let people know the protocol?
4	Are they to keep their cameras off, mute off, are
5	they to log back in before people actually are
6	dismissed?
7	CHAIR GATE: So when we if you
8	don't have to log off, please stay on just for
9	the sake of expediency, so we don't have people
10	coming in as we return. Please keep your cameras
11	off at the beginning. We are going to go through
12	some discussions that are formal around we're
13	going to have some FCC staff talk to us for a
14	little while.
15	So keep your cameras on and your audio
16	off until I come back and let you know the
17	protocol for when we start having discussions
18	around our previous working group discussions.
19	At that point, we will open the floor for
20	discussion, and everybody is welcome to turn
21	their camera on.
22	But we would love it if you would

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1	raise your hand if you are ready to make a
2	comment for the sake of order, as we make sure
3	that everybody's heard in this format. But
4	12:05, please come back. Jamila could we do
5	we need to do roll call or can we just come back?
6	MS. JOHNSON: It's fine Heather if we
7	just come back, since we're not requiring a
8	quorum today.
9	CHAIR GATE: Okay.
10	MS. JOHNSON: But if everyone could
11	come back, that would be greatly appreciated
12	because the Office of General Counsel and the
13	Office of the Managing Director have very
14	important information to share with everyone. So
15	please, please do come back.
16	CHAIR GATE: Okay. So you we will
17	see you all at 12:05, and I believe Jeff will
18	give me the notice for us to for us to go live
19	again at that point, and Jamila will do the
20	introductions and we'll move to the next item on
21	our agenda. Anything else from Nicol or Susan?
22	VICE CHAIR ALLEN: Nope.

1	CHAIR GATE: Perfect. That's a good
2	start.
3	VICE CHAIR TURNER LEE: A great start,
4	great start.
5	CHAIR GATE: Okay.
6	VICE CHAIR ALLEN: All right, thank
7	you.
8	CHAIR GATE: All right. We'll see you
9	at 12:05.
10	(Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
11	went off the record at 11:50 a.m. and resumed at
12	12:06 p.m.)
13	CHAIR GATE: Welcome back to the
14	inaugural meeting of the CEDC. We have reached
15	the second part of our meeting where we get to
16	invite important people from the FCC to tell us
17	what we should and shouldn't do. So I am going
18	to go ahead and hand over the floor to Jamila, so
19	she can introduce us to OGC. Jamila?
20	MS. JOHNSON: Thank you, Heather.
21	This is the really important part of the meeting
22	and the only part for which there will be a test

later. We will have a presentation, and I will 1 2 invite all of you to pay close attention to two of our internal trusted advisors. 3 4 We're going to be hearing from Paula 5 Silberthau, attorney advisor in the Office of General Counsel, and unfortunately her title 6 7 doesn't convey really what she does. Paula keeps 8 all of us straight on the FACA rules, ethics 9 rules, and everything governing the work that we 10 do. 11 And we're also going to hear from 12 Darice Gamble, who is Senior Records Information 13 Management Specialist with the Office of the 14 Managing Director. And as you may know, there are many rules and regulations pertaining to the 15 16 operation of federal advisory committees, and these rules come from the General Services 17 18 Administration. 19 And so Paula and Darice are going to 20 guide us through a conversation on that, and we 21 turn the meeting over to them. Paula? Sorry, I just muted 22 MS. SILBERTHAU:

myself by mistake. Yep, actually Darice is going 1 2 to go first. She's here? 3 MS. GAMBLE: Yep, I'm here. Good 4 morning, everyone. Thank you everyone for giving 5 us this time. I am Darice Gamble. I am the Senior Records and Information Management 6 7 Specialist. Tony McGowan is the Records Officer 8 for the FCC and I work hand in hand with her, I'm 9 here today to talk about, a little bit about the 10 records management responsibilities. So the National Archives and Records 11 12 Administration oversees all federal agencies 13 records management programs, and they have very 14 specific guidance and laws and regulations that we need to follow. So federal advisory 15 16 committees specifically, records of federal 17 advisory committees are to be maintained in 18 accordance with the General Records Schedule 6.2, 19 Federal Advisory Committee Records.

20 And what that is is basically a 21 listing of all of the types of committee records 22 that come out of -- you know, your important

work, so that you know how long to keep them, 1 2 where to file them and eventually those records, because they are important enough and they're 3 documenting the important business that you do, 4 they get transferred over to the National 5 Archives. 6 I will make sure to get a copy of that 7 General Records Schedule to you all, and there's also a disposition authority. There's a checklist that outlines, you know, all of the

8 General Records Schedule to you all, and there's 9 also a disposition authority. There's a 10 checklist that outlines, you know, all of the 11 different types of documentation that's required 12 for us to transfer those records over to NARA at 13 the end of your committee or the termination, 14 when you retire or whichever comes first.

So basically I'm not going to take up 15 16 a whole lot of time, but just to overview. The 17 actual disposition schedule, the GRS 6.2 is 18 media-neutral, meaning it applies to all records, 19 regardless of their format whether they're paper 20 records, audiovisual records, electronic records. 21 I do want to note there is a -- to comply with a 22 December 31st, 2022 NARA deadline, all

documentation going forward is to be electronic,
 with the exception of any meetings that are
 recorded like this one.

Those will be in a digital format that complies with NARA and our AV Department is aware of these requirements and they work with us to make sure that those get over there correctly. So we've tried to make this relatively easy. We basically work very closely with Deborah Klein, the CMO and your DFO, right.

11 So all you're required to do from a 12 recordkeeping perspective is ensure that you're 13 keeping complete, accurate records that document the Committee's deliberations and decisions. 14 And 15 so your Committee members have to copy the DFO on 16 all emails pertaining to the business of the 17 committee or its working groups, and also copy 18 the FACA-specific mailbox for your committee. I think one's already set up for you 19 20 It's in the -- it's in the Outlook global quys. 21 listing. So the DFO will make sure to send out a

copy of the GRS schedule and the checklist, and

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copy that mailbox so you guys all know and it's 1 2 very clear. We also talk about or ask for file What's a file plan? Each spring, we're 3 plans. 4 going to ask for your committee to basically give 5 us a listing of what you have as far as records that are coming out of this committee, and that 6 7 we can keep track of what needs to go to the 8 National Archives and when, and what can be 9 deleted.

We've done pretty much all of the work for you. So again, all you need to do is copy, make sure that mailbox is copied and then once a year we'll check in with you and make sure that, you know, you have identified those records, met their retention period and make sure everything is copied into that mailbox.

17 It sounds simple, it sounds 18 repetitive, but again it's something that we do 19 need the follow, because again the work that 20 you're doing is very important and the National 21 Archives wants to have a record of that 22 permanently, you know, for posterity and history

1 and all that good stuff.

2	If you have questions along the way,
3	you can always refer them to myself or Tony
4	McGowan, and again we work closely with Deborah
5	Klein and your DFO to make sure that all of this
6	stuff is captured and accessioned appropriately.
7	I think that's all I have. If you
8	have any questions, again you know how to reach
9	me. If there's nothing else, I'm going to go
10	ahead and turn it over to Paula.
11	MS. SILBERTHAU: Hi. Thanks so much.
12	Whoever's doing the slides, if you could go to
13	the next page, that's good. Right. So in case
14	you didn't know and I believe most of you do know
15	this, we operate we're governed by the Federal
16	Advisory Committee Act, which we call FACA, and
17	that covers the operations of most committees
18	unless a committee is exempted by statute.
19	There are a couple of guiding
20	principles which will explain the rules, which
21	are openness in government, very important to
22	have a diverse and balanced membership, including

membership being balanced on the working groups, 1 2 and ultimately there is public accountability. Next slide. We have to give timely 3 notice of committee meetings, not working groups 4 5 meetings but full committee meetings in the Federal Register, generally 15 days in advance 6 and for us that often means getting things in 21 7 days in advance or even longer in advance, 8 9 because of the backups in part due to COVID that will register publication. 10 11 So we give -- if people are thinking 12 of changing a meeting date for some reason, 13 please don't do that at the last minute. Let's 14 see, and our meeting notices are also posted on the website and Internet postings and probably 15 16 other media. Meetings can include videoconferencing like this and teleconferences. 17 18 It's not limited to in-person meetings. 19 So all meetings must be Next slide. 20 open to the public with sort of advance permission. Written statements are sometimes 21 accepted by third parties subject to reasonable 22

regulations.

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2	Next slide. But under certain limited
3	circumstances, which conceivably could come up in
4	the case of your meetings, some portions of
5	meetings may be closed with the approval of the
6	agency head and provided we give prior notice in
7	the Federal Register. This could include, you
8	know, foreign policy matters which your group
9	wouldn't cover, but also, you know, trade secrets
10	confidential to a particular entity.
11	So one never knows necessarily in
12	advance when that will occur. But we once the
13	meeting's started and there's no notice that a
14	portion will be closed, it has to remain the
15	meeting will remain open.
16	Next slide. So documents, we keep
17	minutes of meetings and a record of people who
18	are present, and we record that and that's part
19	of the records that Darice was just talking
20	about. But also all documents that are committee
21	documents will be available for public inspection
22	and copying, since we're not at a headquarters.

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1	Now that could be by, you know,
2	request to the DFO, and I would just note that if
3	there are FOIA exemptions, they can be claimed by
4	the agency.
5	Next slide. Okay. Next slide. Okay.
6	Roles of the committee chair and vice chair.
7	Committee chairs and vice chairs are, serve as a
8	focal point for committee members. So if you
9	have questions, informal questions, you can ask
10	your chairs and also if they're not aware of the
11	answer, they would bump up the question to your
12	DFO. And chairs are often very helpful in
13	helping to make recommendations on what working
14	groups should be set up, and also as you've seen,
15	the chairs or vice chairs conduct any meetings
16	and often suggest meeting agendas.
17	Next, next slide. The Designated
18	Federal Officer Jamila, have a lot of duties to
19	carry out, and this includes the meetings,
20	approving the agendas, attending meetings,
21	maintaining the committee members and just to
22	emphasize as Darice said, the DFO should be

1	copied on all emails pertaining to the business
2	of the committee or the working groups, in
3	addition to copying the general mailbox that's
4	been set up.
5	Okay, next slide. We can skip that.
6	That's just about the records. Good, thank you.
7	So a big topic is the informal working groups and
8	their roles, and some do's and some don't do's.
9	So working groups can gather information. They
10	can develop work plans. Working groups can
11	create draft reports with preliminary findings,
12	and very importantly the informal working groups
13	have the flexibility to meet without public
14	notice.
15	So you can meet more frequently, you
16	can get your work done. In this regard, our
17	working groups do not have a quorum of the full
18	committee members, which is what enables you to
19	meet informally and to not be the same as the
20	parent committee. And ultimately the goal is for
21	the working groups to follow their agendas and
22	make recommendations to the parent FAC.

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1	Next slide. So here are some of the
2	cannots. An informal working group cannot
3	function as the de facto parent advisory
4	committee. So that means that the working groups
5	cannot speak on behalf of the full Committee
6	without prior approval and consent. They cannot
7	make direct recommendations to the FCC.
8	So whatever working group, whatever a
9	working group does should be followed up by a
10	formal vote by the full committee, because the
11	working group alone doesn't otherwise speak for
12	the full Committee. In that regard, once the
13	recommendations move up to the full committee,
14	there should be, you know, an ample discussion by
15	those of you who are not working group, of what
16	the recommendations involve, and you should be
17	free to ask any questions you have about the
18	stuff that you get from the working group.
19	So in short, the working group
20	recommendations should not be rubber-stamped but
21	they should be you know, I'm sure they'll be
22	good, but they should also be subject to a full

review by the rest of you as members of the FAC. 1 2 Okay, next one. Something that comes up occasionally is surveys and just please 3 remember, working groups and the FAC itself 4 cannot conduct surveys because surveys, which are 5 I think ten or more people ask identical 6 7 questions. That would be a survey. The working groups and the FACA are 8 9 subject to these Paperwork Reduction Act. So if you need to get more information from the general 10 public or even from specific people, but it would 11 12 be ten or more people, please get in touch with 13 your -- with Jamila or any of the other liaisons. 14 Let them know that you really would like to get some information, you know, from the 15 16 public or from like a bunch of people more than 17 ten, ten or more, and then they will work with 18 some folks in the General Counsel's office to try 19 to see if there are other appropriate ways for 20 you to get that information. 21 For example, in the past we've issued like public notices, either by the Bureau or 22

1 through the FACA website.

2	Next page please, and right. And
3	sometimes people are able to formulate questions
4	and direct them so that they're like nine or
5	fewer people getting the questions and just
6	divide the questions up by different groups of
7	people, but do things in a way. The key thing is
8	to not trigger the Paperwork Reduction Act
9	because that would require OMB approval and it
10	takes a long time.
11	By the time OMB has approved your
12	outreach efforts, it's probably too late to get
13	the information in in a timely manner. Okay. As
14	I mentioned before, informal working group
15	meetings are not subject to the public notice and
16	public participation requirements of the Advisory
17	Committee Act, and to be consistent with that the
18	number of committee members serving on any one
19	working group should be less than a quorum of the
20	full committee.
21	Next meeting, next slide. Just again
22	in terms of participation, I might say this

later, but that doesn't mean that if you're a 1 2 member -- if you are a member of the parent advisory committee but you're not a member of a 3 4 particular working group, to keep informed about 5 what's going on or just if you're curious, it's okay for you to sort of attend as an observer the 6 7 meetings of a working group of which you're not a 8 member.

9 That's perfectly okay, but what you can't do is participate. So if you do want to 10 find out what some other working group is doing, 11 12 because maybe it relates to what your working 13 group is doing, that's fine. But you can't talk 14 at that meeting. You can't debate, you can't offer opinions, you can't vote. 15 It's merely a 16 matter of you can attend to find out what's 17 happening.

Also the agendas for the working groups are set by the DFO, and we do that just to help keep things on track. So if you have an assignment, the agenda should be to discuss things relating to that assignment, as opposed to

sort of taking a different route.

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2	Okay, next one. And of course I think
3	most of you know this, but there are really great
4	experts in different areas, where you just might
5	want a different perspective. It's fine to
6	invite third parties to make presentations at a
7	group's closed meetings. However, once that
8	person has completed the presentation and
9	answered all your questions, they will need to
10	leave the meeting because the meetings are closed
11	except as noted to the membership and to the
12	invited third parties.
13	Okay, next slide. Next slide.
14	Whoops, ex parte rules, first page. Yep. Just
15	so you know, many of you are aware the Commission
16	has ex parte rules, which essentially require
17	when you're talking to decisionmakers or people
18	involved in a proceeding, and you buttonhole
19	them. Well, in the old days you could talk to
20	them in the hallways. Now, I guess it would be
21	virtually.
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But if you do make presentations to

people in your role as a FACA member, that would trigger the ex parte rules. However, typically and I think that's the case for you folks. Typically your DFO and the Bureau will issue an exemption from the ex parte rules for matters in which you've spoken to people in your capacity as an advisory committee member.

So let's see the next slide. 8 Right. 9 Next slide. So just to be clear, if you 10 represent the company but you happen to be a committee member, if you have an ex parte 11 12 presentation you may on behalf of your 13 organization, your personal organization, that 14 would still be subject to the ex parte rules. But if you make a presentation, let's 15 16 say you're the vice chair of the FACA and you 17 want to explain to a Commissioner the basis for

18 the recommendations, that communication on behalf 19 of the FACA would be within the exception.

20 Okay, next slide. Occasionally radio 21 stations, media, all the things you guys are 22 actually involved with would ask someone from the committee or working groups to communicate their views about what's going on with the committee, what's pending, what's happened, what should happen.

So in those situations, we merely ask 5 6 that you make clear that you're speaking as an 7 individual member, and what you're doing is 8 giving your individual views, perhaps about what 9 should be voted. If something of course is public and they're just saying what's on the 10 11 agenda or when's that happening, that's fine. 12 That's public information.

13 So it could be tricky sometimes, 14 because you get involved in giving, you know, the presentation, either to the media live or in a 15 16 letter. But please try to make clear the 17 distinctions between what you're saying that's 18 public information and it represents the views or 19 recommendations voted by the advisory committee, 20 versus your own views and your own 21 recommendations.

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Okay. So this is just

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reiterating that if you identify yourself as 1 2 being part of the committee, you do want to also say and my presentation or my opinion letter or 3 whatever represents my personal views, not those 4 necessarily of the full CEDC. 5 Next slide. Okay, we've covered this. 6 Next slide. Aha, and just one little reminder. 7 8 To the extent -- well basically members are 9 appointed to represent the perspective of their employers or their organizations. 10 11 So if in the future you're no longer 12 employed or associated with the organization 13 you've been chosen to represent, then please 14 immediately advise the DFO, so that alternative arrangements can be made, and it could be if you 15 16 leave one organization for another, then the new 17 organization could make a request to have you 18 appointed as a member representing them. 19 It's also possible that the original 20 organization -- sorry. That the original 21 organization would be able to appoint a new member to serve in your stead. But the key thing 22

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1	here is that if you do switch jobs, you know, or
2	are going to switch jobs soon, please get in
3	touch with Jamila so that appropriate
4	arrangements can be made.
5	And that's really it. That's what I
6	have to say. Does anyone have any questions? No
7	hands? Okay. Thanks for listening and good luck
8	with the work of your Committee.
9	VICE CHAIR TURNER LEE: Paula and
10	Darice, thank you so very much. It's always good
11	to get a refresher on the do's, and as you say
12	Paula, the cannot do's, because it's the cannot
13	do's that we have been really, really successful
14	in avoiding, and we'd like to continue to do
15	that.
16	So on behalf of the Bureau and the
17	full council membership, thank you Paula, thank
18	you Darice and we will certainly touch base with
19	you throughout the charter if we have any
20	questions, or if we run into any issues.
21	(Simultaneous speaking.)
22	MS. SILBERTHAU: Thanks very much.

1	VICE CHAIR TURNER LEE: Clayton has a
2	question.
3	MEMBER BROOKS: Just a question, that
4	we ought to (audio interference) the designation
5	on a website or any other place (audio
6	interference).
7	MS. SILBERTHAU: Did someone for
8	some reason that came across to me as blurred.
9	I'm not sure what he
10	CHAIR GATE: Nicol. What Clayton
11	asked is this available somewhere on a website or
12	access to in terms of the rules, or is there a
13	PowerPoint presentation?
14	MS. SILBERTHAU: The rules are pretty
15	extensive, and I can get you the I don't have
16	the citation offhand, but they're GSA rules. So
17	they're under the GSA geez. They're under the
18	GSA Code of Federal Regulations, and I can get
19	that to Jamila, and she can, you know, she could
20	send out an email on that to you guys.
21	MS. JOHNSON: Yeah. We might, we
22	might be able to put together sort of a thumbnail

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1 document for you all to use, kind of a high 2 level, and we may be able to extrapolate from the PowerPoint presentation also, just so that you 3 4 all will have it front of you. 5 MS. SILBERTHAU: I also have something 6 (audio interference) I call a FACA Primer, and 7 but that basically is just a shorthand version of 8 what you just heard of this PowerPoint 9 presentation. But you know, that's fine if Jamila wants to distribute that. 10 11 MS. JOHNSON: Great. So we can do 12 that Clayton. We can get you all a document that 13 gives you the overview of what Paula discussed. 14 You're welcome. Thank you. 15 MEMBER BROOKS: That would 16 be very helpful. 17 MEMBER BANKS: Thank you again Paula. 18 I have -- with your permission, the DFO team will 19 not proceed to do our brief overview. 20 CHAIR GATE: Thank you, Jamila. 21 Continue. Thank you very much. 22 MS. JOHNSON:

1	Okay. So that was a great overview of the FACA
2	rules and the records management issues, and
3	we'll check in on those issues from time to time.
4	So now we just wanted to take a few moments,
5	Rashann, Keyla and I, to share with you some
6	things that you may find useful, and again as we
7	break out into the respective working groups,
8	we'll go over things again and again.
9	But the working groups, just for your
10	information, meet primarily by telephone. They
11	meet often from twice a week, I'm sorry not twice
12	a week, twice a month to once every week. We had
13	one working group last year that had a standing
14	call on Friday mornings. Needless to say, they
15	got quite a lot done.
16	But the decisions about how often
17	you'll meet will be up to you all once you have
18	that initial first meeting and you sort of lay
19	out what you think your overarching goals and
20	missions will be over the course of the two-year
21	charter. We do need regular attendance at the
22	working group meetings in order to get this work

done well, and to get it done efficiently. 1 2 So we do ask that you make it a priority to attend these meetings, and if you're 3 4 not going to be available to please let us know. 5 We take minutes at these meetings, so that we know what we're talking about, what we're doing 6 7 and what we're accomplishing, and as Paula 8 mentioned these meetings are not open to the 9 public. We do need for members to willingly 10 11 take assignments as part of the working group 12 That is actually how the work gets structure. 13 done, and so we do need, in addition to your 14 attendance at the meetings, we need for you to accept some responsibility for the work and how 15 16 it gets done. 17 So if you're asked to do something, 18 please follow through on it, or even better 19 volunteer to take on an assignment. The work may 20 involve research, it may involve writing and 21 drafting, or it may involve planning workshops and symposia. So each member of this Council 22

will be assigned to a working group, and has been 1 2 mentioned, we will have three working groups, Innovation and Access, Digital Empowerment and 3 4 Inclusion and Diversity and Equity. And now Rashann will give us an 5 overview of how the assignment to the working 6 group will be handled. 7 Rashann. 8 MS. DUVALL: Sure, good afternoon 9 everyone. As Jamila mentioned -- okay. As Jamila mentioned, the CEDC will have three 10 working groups. How we'll determine the working 11 12 groups, I will be emailing everyone a ballot in 13 the next couple of days, and on the ballot you 14 will mark your first and second choice for working group selections. 15 16 Please note that we will try our best 17 to give everybody their first choice, we may need 18 to assign people to different working groups from 19 their first choice, just to balance out the needs 20 of the groups. We ask that you return your 21 ballots to me by no later than November 10th, and then we will let the members know the working 22

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group assignments soon thereafter.

2 So then you'll receive an email from me with the ballots that you'll respond to, and 3 4 if you have any questions about the working 5 groups or the ballots you can directly email as well when you receive that email. And Jamila, 6 7 turn it back over to you. Thank you so much 8 MS. JOHNSON: 9 So as you see, this process we're going Rashann. 10 to ramp up pretty, pretty quickly. So when you see Rashann's email, please do your level best to 11 respond to it, let us know which working group 12 13 you'd like to be on, and then Rashann is going to 14 take it from there. Thank you again Rashann. Now Keyla will provide some information on the 15 16 CEDC website, which is a very rich location 17 online, and we hope that you all will visit it 18 and acquaint yourselves with the materials there. 19 Keyla. 20 MS. HERNANDEZ-ULLOA: Thank you 21 Jamila. So all information about the work of 22 this Committee and its working groups, including

1	information about all previous meetings of the
2	Advisory Committee, information about previous
3	Advisory Committee on Diversity and Digital
4	Empowerment or ACDDE reports, recommendations,
5	public notices and statements, will be posted on
6	the website. That is address is
7	fcc.gov/communications-equity-and-diversity-
8	council.
9	Public comments on the work and issues
10	before the CEDC can be found using the FCC's
11	electronic comment filing system otherwise known
12	as ECFS, at the website www.fcc.gov/ecfs/filings.
13	When filing, please use GN Docket 17-208. Thank
14	you and back to you Jamila.
15	MS. JOHNSON: Thank you so much,
16	Keyla. That's a lot of useful information, and
17	as Keyla mentioned it's really a repository of
18	what this Committee has done, and it also when
19	you go to that website, it will also if you
20	desire link you to archived locations of earlier
21	iterations of the FCC's diversity advisory
22	committee work.

1	So now we're just going to do very
2	briefly an introduction of the three working
3	groups. Each of them are distinct. There's a
4	little bit of overlap because we are adhering to
5	the Presidential executive order regarding
6	diversity, equity and inclusion. So you will see
7	those as touch points in each of the working
8	group mission statements, but each working group
9	is kind of a thing unto itself.
10	So the first working group is
11	Innovation and Access. Thank you. Thank you,
12	Keyla. So the definition for this working group,
13	its mission and its goal over the two-year period
14	is to recommend solutions to reduce entry
15	barriers and encourage ownership and management
16	of media, digital, communication services and
17	next generation technology properties and start-
18	ups to encourage viewpoint diversity by a broad
19	range of voices, including people of color,
20	women, LGBTQ, we lost our screen all right.
21	I'm going to pull up my oh thanks. We got it
22	back. I don't have to pull up my version, and

the persons with disabilities, among others. 1 2 Secondly, it's to study successful approaches to fostering diversity, equity and 3 non-discrimination in video, media and technology 4 ownership, management and distribution. 5 Thirdly, it's to make recommendations 6 on how to accelerate the entry of small 7 businesses, including those owned by women and 8 9 people of color, into the media digital news and information, and audio and video programming 10 industries including as owners, suppliers and 11 12 employees. 13 Fourthly, it's to examine issues 14 surrounding access to capital, financing and participation or small, diverse businesses in the 15 16 media and technology sectors, and lastly this 17 working group is to evaluate the impact of new technologies, including algorithms, on diverse 18 19 consumers.

20 So that's Innovation and Access, and 21 now Rashann will give us an overview of the 22 Digital Empowerment and Inclusion Working Group.

1	MS. DUVALL: Thanks Jamila. So in
2	terms of the Digital Empowerment and Inclusion
3	Working Group, the working group definition for
4	this group is identify innovative solutions and
5	provide recommendations for how to sorry, I
6	thought my camera was off how to accelerate
7	the equitable deployment of broadband access in
8	all communities, including those communities that
9	comprise people of color and others who have been
10	historically underserved, marginalized, and are
11	virtually affected by persistent poverty and
12	inequality in access to technology, communication
13	services and next generation networks, which have
14	resulted in negative impacts in education and
15	employment.
16	Provide recommendations for reducing

and removing regulatory barriers to the equitable deployment of and investment in broadband access and adoption in all communities, including tribal, rural and historically marginalized communities. Provide recommendations for strengthening existing networks and developing

new ones, and make recommendations for addressing 1 2 digital redlining and other barriers to impact equitable access to emerging technology in 3 underserved and under-connected communities 4 5 including among people of color, persons with disabilities and LGBTO Plus. And Keyla will 6 7 introduce our final working group. MS. HERNANDEZ-ULLOA: Hello everyone. 8 9 I am going to provide an overview of the Diversity and Equity Working Group, which will 10 study the under-representation, under-employment 11 12 and challenges to the advancement of diverse 13 employees in the media, communications and 14 technology sectors, that serve as barriers to 15 equal opportunity. 16 It will also identify practices to 17 encourage participation, upscaling, development, 18 promotion and advancement opportunities for 19 historically under-represented groups in these 20 sectors, including people of color, women, 21 persons with disabilities, veterans, tribal 22 citizens and LGBTQ Plus.

1	It will also propose solutions and
2	approaches on how the FCC can affirmatively
3	advance equity, civil rights, racial justice and
4	equal opportunity in the telecommunications
5	industry, including government not-for-profit
6	sectors and for-profit businesses, to address
7	inequalities in workplace employment, policies
8	and programs. It will highlight best practices
9	of industry leaders in training and employment
10	diversity in the media, communications and
11	technology fields, and develop recommendations
12	for innovative training programs in science,
13	technology, engineering and math.
14	MS. JOHNSON: Super. Thank you so
15	much Keyla and Rashann. So that gives you all an
16	idea of the kind of work we'll be engaged in, and
17	certainly hopefully the public that is watching,
18	and again we invite the public. If you are
19	interested in participating in this work, as
20	Keyla mentioned, you are more than welcome to
21	file comments in our Docket GN17-208.
22	And now we'll turn the meeting back

over to Chair Heather Gate, who will introduce
 the Working Group chairs for their remarks.
 Heather?

CHAIR GATE: Thank you Jamila and thank you to all the FCC staff for helping to set the stage for us. And now I would like to introduce our working group chairs. I know that they were announced yesterday, so we fully don't expect them to have the agenda figured out.

10 But Robert Brooks, if you can turn 11 your camera on. Robert will be chairing the 12 Innovation and Access Working Group. Robert, are 13 you still on?

14 MEMBER BROOKS: Yeah, I'm here. Wait, 15 my camera's giving me a moment, so I apologize. 16 But yeah, thank you for the opportunity. Yeah, I 17 don't have much to say other than just being very 18 humbled and appreciative of the opportunity. 19 We'll make sure we get it done. 20 CHAIR GATE: Yeah, and thank you.

Thank you very much for accepting this challenge.
We look forward to your leadership and we will

definitely look forward to continuing to work with you. All right, and now I would like to introduce Dr. Dominique Harrison, who will be chairing the Digital Empowerment and Inclusion Working Group.

Hi there again. 6 MEMBER HARRISON: So 7 really excited about this work and really excited 8 that we'll be able to make in this working group. 9 We just released from the Joint Center about three weeks ago a report called Availability and 10 11 Affordability: Expanding Broadband in the Black 12 Rural South, and one of the recommendations that 13 we actually talked about is providing local 14 leaders with the kind of policies and programs, and models and best practices to ensure that 15 16 digital redlining does not occur in communities, 17 you know, based on income, zip code or color. 18 So I'm really excited about this work, 19 and I think the -- again, the impact that we will 20 make will be large, and so I hope you will join 21 this group and I look forward to working

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1	CHAIR GATE: Thank you Dominique.
2	Last, I would like to welcome Chris Wood, who
3	will be chairing the Diversity and Equity Working
4	Group. As Nicol said earlier, Chris provided,
5	supported leadership in more than one. I know in
6	my working group, he played a key role in
7	providing, supporting and leading. So I'm glad
8	that you are now official.
9	MEMBER WOOD: Thank you so much. I'm
10	really excited to lead this group, and I'm
11	excited to have many of you join me. This is
12	something that's very passionate, I'm very
13	passionate about and very near and dear to my
14	heart. Having worked and now running businesses
15	that really work to try to hire diverse
16	individuals, and see those individuals excel in
17	their individual fields, I think this is
18	extremely important.
19	I know that these conversations have
20	been happening for many years. Many of them I've
21	been part of, from the founding and the beginning
22	of LGBT Tech. So I'm really excited about

bringing together the working group and ensuring 1 2 that there is true change for individuals and ensuring that we can raise all ships here for 3 4 everyone, those that are under-represented, those 5 that are under-employed and making sure that we're moving those barriers. 6 7 So I look forward to getting my group 8 together and look forward to the work ahead. 9 Thanks. 10 CHAIR GATE: Thank you. Thank you, 11 Chris, and Jamila, I think we -- are we good to 12 move into the issue discussion? 13 MS. JOHNSON: Absolutely. Take it 14 away. Thank you, and now I 15 CHAIR GATE: 16 would like to welcome Nicol and Susan back on 17 camera, so we can lead this discussion, and for 18 housekeeping sake, once we're done with our introductory comments on the formal working 19 20 groups, you are welcome to turn on your cameras 21 and if you wish to offer a comment, please just 22 raise your hands and we'll recognize you.

1	And also what I would like to do,
2	since we have so many returning members, I urge
3	you to support the discussion around your former,
4	your former working group. Since you gave us
5	those recommendations, this is your chance to
6	make sure that this new Council understands the
7	goals and the intentions of that former
8	committee. All right. Audio check for my fellow
9	chairs. Are you good, Susan and Nicol?
10	VICE CHAIR TURNER LEE: All right.
11	CHAIR GATE: Okay, awesome. So here
12	we go. So the goal of this discussion is really
13	to bridge the gap between the last committee and
14	this committee, so that this Council can consider
15	picking up some of the recommendations of the
16	last committee, where we left off, pick up the
17	bread crumbs and continue with that work.
18	At the same time, we fully expect new
19	and innovative ideas. As Chairwoman Rosenworcel
20	said, we should think big. So this is our
21	opportunity to think big. There is a lot of
22	funding, a lot of movement, and a lot of

attention to these matters that we care about. So again as I said in my opening, now is the moment for us to make big and broad recommendations.

5 So in that last committee, we had three critical working groups. The first working 6 7 group was the Access to Capital Working Group 8 that was led by Caroline Beasley. The second one 9 was the Diversity and Tech Working Group that was led by our own Dr. Nicol Turner Lee, and the 10 11 third one was Digital Empowerment and Inclusion 12 that was led by Rudy Brioche, and Susan Allen 13 played a critical role in leading one of the 14 workstreams, along with S. Jenell Trigg.

So I think that those working groups are well-represented to actually provide some opening comments on that. So in June, on the 24th of June, the full Committee unanimously and adopted all the recommendations, the reports and the submissions of every working group. This was great. In fact, Commissioner

Starks called us one of the most productive

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working groups, and that was a compliment for all the work that the returning members did, and as leadership. And so not only do we submit these 4 recommendations to the FCC, we also recommended that the FCC share these recommendations with other federal agencies, including the Department of Commerce and Agriculture, IMLS and the White House.

9 And so, as required by our charter, we did a lot of work. We spoke to a lot of people, 10 11 learned a lot of information, collected best 12 practices as I said earlier, facilitated events, 13 partnered with other important entities such as 14 ALA and a lot of other, The Internet Association 15 and many, many groups that came in to support our 16 work over the two year period.

17 And so what I want to do is I want to 18 begin by talking about -- I know the agenda has 19 you Nicol up first, but we're going to move that 20 around and talk about the Digital Empowerment 21 Inclusion, since Susan and I will partner in that discussion. 22

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1	So the Digital Empowerment and
2	Inclusion Working Group was a continued working
3	group from the previous iteration of the advisory
4	committee, and in the previous committee the
5	advisory group really focused on issues related
6	to deployment. And so one of the recommendations
7	that we had in that committee was that the next
8	committee should focus on issues related to
9	adoption. And so the Committee really took a
10	lead in looking at the human aspect of the
11	digital divide, and not just the infrastructure
12	aspects.
13	In addition to that, the Digital
14	Empowerment and Inclusion Working Group also
15	focused on supplier diversity in what we call
16	digital empowerment, and that was looking at the
17	access for small and diverse businesses, the
18	economic opportunities in the tech sector.
19	And so COVID happened after we had set
20	our agenda and were getting to go. So we had to
21	shift our focus a little bit, even though our
22	work was still relevant, we had to fix our

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approach a little bit so that we could address 1 2 the issue that was right there in front of us. And so the Digital Empowerment Group that was led 3 by Susan and S. Jenell examined the plight of 4 5 small and diverse communications businesses during the economically distressing period at the 6 7 beginning of the lockdowns, and looked at issues of inequalities resulting from the pandemic, and 8 9 those that preceded the pandemic as well. From the adoption side of things, the 10 working group examined the efforts of public 11 12 libraries, non-profits and private business, 13 technology companies to advance adoption in 14 response to the COVID-19 crisis. The goal was twofold, to gather information on what was 15 16 happening in response to COVID, but to also 17 gather best practices that we could share with 18 other stakeholders moving forward. 19 So we really worked closely and examined the role of U.S. and tribal-serving 20 21 libraries and community-based organizations 22 throughout our tenure, and some of our primary

insights from that information gathering included the fact that we needed to clarify the term adoption, and made sure that the term adoption really encompasses a broader view beyond just subscription.

6 And so looking at digital adoption 7 from the lens of not only subscription but the 8 availability of affordable devices, digital 9 relatedness, digital literacy and job skills. We 10 also looked at libraries and the need to continue 11 to prioritize digital skills training for 12 underserved and low income communities.

13 We also looked at the need of digital 14 adoption resource map to make sure even though 15 there were all these programs, there seemed to be 16 a disconnect between the availability of those 17 programs and the people that need those programs. 18 We also discussed the need to better coordinate 19 resources and services between federal, state and 20 local agencies, and we discussed the need to 21 assess the emergency response measures that have 22 been and continue to take place, and look at

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their impact and consider, consider keeping 1 2 those, some of those emergency programs in the long run based on the fact -- based on whether 3 4 they worked or they did not work. 5 But also the need to really look at 6 some of the changes that we rapidly made, that we 7 felt maybe two-three years ago we couldn't 8 achieve, and yet some of them we were able to do 9 in the short run. And yet I'm sure Nicol can attest to some of these needs that we've been 10 11 fighting for. 12 So we realized that we can do these 13 things, and so we don't want to return to the way 14 things were before COVID. We want to make sure 15 that we keep the programs that worked, and we 16 changed the ones that still need to be changed. 17 We also addressed the importance of community and 18 public/private partnerships. The issue of 19 digital divide is not one that one federal agency 20 can solve. It takes a village. It takes all of 21 us to bridge the digital divide, the private

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sector, government, local communities, parents.

We all have a role to play in these things. 1 2 And so in terms of recommendations, we recommended the consideration or the evolution of 3 some of the key terms and definitions when it 4 comes to adoption. For example, digital 5 adoption, we thought it's just -- it's more than 6 7 just subscription to broadband at home. It is 8 use and participation in digital readiness, 9 digital literacy, skills training, and it 10 comprises a range of engagements with digital technology, content, platforms and services that 11 12 are designed to meet the needs of the individual 13 user. 14 We also recommended that the processes be simplified and be better -- there be better 15 16 coordination between government agencies to 17 support connectivity and technology constraints

18 for organizations such as libraries, and to
19 prioritize digital adoption. We also recommended
20 that this Committee be part of the process of
21 reviewing what's worked and what's not worked as
22 far as best practices and interventions that were

1 triggered by the pandemic.

2	We also recommended revisiting tribal,
3	the role and challenge of tribal libraries, and
4	the challenges they face with funding
5	eligibility, definition and accessing (audio
6	interference) which are critical to increasing
7	broadband adoption on tribal lands.
8	And so I will stop there and ask my
9	esteemed vice chair to talk a little bit about
10	the other workstream for the Digital Empowerment
11	and Inclusion Working Group, which was the
12	additional empowerment/supply diversity stream.
13	VICE CHAIR ALLEN: Thank you Heather.
14	Thank you very much. Heather has given a great,
15	wonderful background of where we came from in the
16	last two years, particularly after 2020s January
17	when COVID-19 came onto our shores. I'm here to
18	talk about the digital empowerment through supply
19	diversity and speaking from the Chamber of
20	Commerce, the National Asian American Chamber of
21	Commerce that crosses, as I said earlier, the
22	barrier and worked with the Hispanic Chamber, the

Black Chamber, the LGBTQ Plus, Disability:IN,
 veterans and women.

I can tell you that since President 3 Biden signed Executive Order 13985, instructing 4 5 all federal agencies to increase its annual spend on procurement of products and services that the 6 7 federal government contracts with the outside 8 from five percent to 15 percent a year, that was 9 truly great news for us all. But we have to make sure the 10 11 government, hold the government agency

12 accountable, to live up to the President's 13 expectation. Because if the government pays 14 attention and implements what the President wants 15 them to do, corporation will follow suit. 16 Corporation will, because they always look to the 17 cooperation, the government's movements.

So I'm here to talk about supply
diversity, which in the government's sector is
called small business program. In the small
government sector, it is the Small Business
Administration's program that implement the 8(a)

program for economically and socially 1 2 disadvantaged individuals, and minorities are presumed to be economically disadvantaged. 3 But there are others, women and others 4 5 who if they can prove that they have been discriminated because of their inability to 6 obtain loan or contracts through the normal 7 process, they could also apply for that status. 8 9 And first of all, I'm going to reiterate again. I had a wonderful tenure with S. Jenell Trigg the 10 11 last two years as she brought a lot of energy, 12 ideas and it's her, the women who I call the 13 Woman of All Seasons that can come through for 14 us. In supply diversity, we want to make 15 16 sure that all communities of color have the 17 opportunity of a level playing field. So our 18 goals was to develop ways to ensure these 19 communities and businesses are not denied the 20 wide range of educational, economic, health care 21 and civic participation opportunities enabled by 22 advanced communication technology.

We wanted that to happen because of 1 2 our experience in COVID-19. It put into sharp focus why broadband is important, and that's why 3 I'm looking forward to the infrastructure bill 4 5 being passed, because if it passes we will have a potential of \$800 billion of broadband budget to 6 7 spend, and this -- we hope that FCC and this 8 Committee to do our level best to bring those 9 opportunities to the community that we talk about 10 so often. 11 Last year, we focused on an 12 examination of the plight of small and diverse communication businesses during the rise of the 13 14 economic distress and inequality resulting from the pandemic, and the efforts of public 15 16 libraries, non-profit organizations and information which hasn't been talked about. 17 We 18 also reaffirmed our mission and issued two public 19 statements by the Advisory Committee, ACDDE, to 20 address civil rights demonstrations and the 21 racial divide, and I was grateful that the Committee was sensitive and sensible enough to 22

also issue a public statement to condemn the violence against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

You know, that truly brought tears to my eyes when you all did that. I didn't ask for it, you volunteered, came together and crafted a statement that touched our hearts and our souls. Talk about this, I still feel a bit emotional. So thank you.

10 And our goal was to bridge the divide of access to economic opportunities for small, 11 12 diverse communication businesses, and as Jenell 13 very fondly called them DCBs, and the DCBs include small businesses under the U.S. Small 14 Business Administration's, a state agency or the 15 16 FCC's size standard, women-owned businesses, 17 minority and ethic-owned businesses, LGBTQ Plus 18 owned or veteran owned or disability people 19 owned. 20 We held two events in our last year,

20 we held two events in our last year,
21 the Technology Supply Diversity Opportunity
22 Showcase, and the Technology and Communications

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1	Diversity Opportunity Symposium and virtual fair.
2	We had for the Technology Supply Diversity
3	Opportunity Showcase, we had 170-some registrants
4	and 131 attended, actual attendance.
5	We held two substantive sessions. The
6	tag line was #showmethemoney, traditional and
7	alternative sources of capital and the second
8	session was well how to pivot in a COVID 10
9	world, opportunities and reinvention strategies
10	for diverse communications businesses.
11	In total, we had 407 registrants and
12	291 participants. For us, it was quite a feather
13	in our cap, the whole committee, because you all
14	came together and helped. For the TAC and
15	Communications Diversity Opportunities Symposium
16	and virtual fair, we had 230 registrants for the
17	symposium and 160 attended.
18	Ten panelists came and speak for two
19	substantive sessions, one, Your Tax Dollars at
20	Work: Government Programs and Initiatives That
21	Could Help You; the second, For We Have Promises
22	to Keep, the private sector programs initiatives

that also help our diverse businesses. 1 Our 2 social media campaign was very, very successful. It generated, listen 2,746,800 potential impacts. 3 In them, we have 880,000 plus 4 5 potential reach, 82 original tweets, 40 total contributions and 880,000 followers per 6 7 contributor. For that accomplishment, I must tip my hat and curtsy to Heather Gate, our Chair and 8 9 Chris Wood from the LGBT Committee. Thank you 10 very much. 11 All of that could not have been 12 possible and could not have been broadcast to the 13 public, and the let the wider public know what we 14 have done but for the social media campaign, and the work of the entire committee, pulling people 15 16 together and attend this event, during COVID-19. 17 Our virtual fair provided one on one 18 networking sessions for 80 diverse communications 19 businesses to meet 14 corporate, government and 20 non-profit entities who were looking for diverse 21 communication business suppliers and vendors, and 22 who had financial support, uh-uh, and

opportunities 1 in -- let me -- I missed my -- I'm 2 going to have to go back. Go to my hard copy 3 The two events. 4 here to get it. Bear with me. 5 CHAIR GATE: Susan? 6 VICE CHAIR ALLEN: Yes, are you there? Yeah. While you're on 7 CHAIR GATE: 8 that thought, I know you haven't got to your 9 recommendation. Do you mind very much if we move to Nicol and come back to you, because she has to 10 11 leave for another -- Nicol's so important, she 12 has three or four meetings happening at the same 13 time. 14 VICE CHAIR ALLEN: Okay. 15 CHAIR GATE: So do you want --16 VICE CHAIR ALLEN: Nicol, go ahead. 17 I was just about to finish. 18 (Simultaneous speaking.) 19 VICE CHAIR TURNER LEE: Well Susan, if 20 you have just a couple of minutes, then I 21 apologize. No, just a couple 22 VICE CHAIR ALLEN:

of sentences.

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2	VICE CHAIR TURNER LEE: Okay, okay.
3	VICE CHAIR ALLEN: We were talking
4	about the 14 entities we brought together, met
5	the 80 diverse businesses who just those 14
6	entities were looking for supplies in our space,
7	right, and they also offered training,
8	educational or consulting program initiatives
9	for them.
10	They have discounted or special
11	services and products for them, and they have
12	mentoring, incubator or apprenticeship program
13	initiatives for them, and employment
14	opportunities for them and their employees. So
15	finally our virtual fair also had the 14
16	participants and more than 80 PCPs who wanted to
17	participate.
18	All in all, we had a very successful
19	years. Thanks to all the Committee members and
20	the FCC team who helped to make this possible.
21	It is the feather in our cap, but our
22	recommendation for this year's council is stay on

1 supply diversity, don't let it go because the 2 opportunities there under President Biden's executive order and the Congressional bill that's 3 4 going to go through very quickly I hope, and then 5 we have some money to invest in the community that we care so much about, that you have all 6 7 fought so hard about. 8 I am just the new kid on the block, 9 You'll have to hold my hand, tell me how okav. 10 high to jump, not just me, my team in the office 11 is ready to work with you. Thank you. 12 CHAIR GATE: Thank you. Thank you so 13 much, Susan. Nicol go. I know you have to go. 14 VICE CHAIR TURNER LEE: Yes. No, and I apologize. When Heather changed the order, I 15 16 kind of got put down towards the tail end of a 17 previous commitment that was scheduled. SoIj 18 just want to say a couple of things. First and 19 foremost, I was honored to serve as the 20 Chairwoman of the Diversity and Tech Working 21 Group. 22 That working group, I think, did great

work under the guise of our working group 1 2 chairpeople, which were Rosa Mendoza-Davila, Dr. Ron Johnson and Dr. Fallon Wilson. Each of those 3 4 groups actually submitted recommendations that 5 were a continuation of the previous subgroup, which focused on diversity and tech. 6 That previous subgroup worked 7 8 specifically on a report where they tapped into 9 Silicon Valley companies to determine why was it that we weren't seeing the type of representation 10 11 or over-representation in the tech sphere. 12 As you all know, the Federal Communications Commission does not always have 13 14 direct jurisdiction over these entities, but what was nice about our work last year, as we 15 16 continued the fervor of the previous working 17 group, we were able to come up with what I think 18 were pragmatic solutions that are all available 19 within the FCC's public record of the June 24th 20 meeting. 21 With that being the case, I would like 22 to just share, as we go into these new

constitution of working groups, that this 1 2 particular subgroup, the Diversity and Tech Subgroup, which was chartered by the FCC, really 3 did delve into workforce development, the tech 4 5 entrepreneurship ecosystem, as well as supply and diversity, and in particular around the areas of 6 burgeoning industries like IG and what needed to 7 8 be done to calibrate the type of representation. 9 So I think the purpose of this discussion is to really leave all of you, as you 10 11 think about the constitution of new working 12 groups which have unfinished business. So I will 13 use this, my remaining couple of minutes and then I know Heather will go into the final 14 presentation of the broadcast group, just to 15 16 highlight I think some of the open items that we 17 would urge this new constitution of this new 18 committee to take on.

In the area of workforce development,
a couple of things that I would like to
highlight, is that this group really talked about
the facilitation of opportunities and

coordination and partnerships that actually help 1 2 us to advance young people entering these fields. In a workshop that was publicly put on 3 by this subgroup, we actually had high school 4 students that came, that knew nothing about the 5 range of technology and telecommunications 6 7 careers. The recommendations from this group 8 9 headed by Rosa, who's actually on this Committee 10 now, really were about institutionalizing Commissioner Stark's program that actually 11 12 encourages early career staff development of 13 students of color, forming relationships with 14 historically black colleges, Hispanic-serving institutions and predominantly black 15 16 institutions, to actually encourage more young 17 people to pursue careers in these spaces in the 18 communications sector, but also thinking about 19 ways to actually institutionalize and bring 20 together chief diversity offices who are 21 responsible for the human resources of their 22 particular companies, whether in tech or telecom.

1	I would urge this Committee to
2	continue to look at those recommendations,
3	because what we found is we've got to actually
4	hit the entire pipeline, and that pipeline means
5	from the beginning to where people are in terms
6	of their professional or early or mid-careers,
7	because there is enough room for everybody to
8	participate.
9	In the supply diversity can maybe be
10	led by Dr. Johnson, the key thing is we have
11	these new industries like 5G that are not only
12	going to expedite our ability to be more
13	seamlessly connected, but they are going to
14	require people to work in those jobs, and they're
15	going to require minority-owned and woman-owned
16	businesses to be the suppliers of those
17	particular industries, those industries that are
18	now among us that have the potential to actually
19	advance our communications network ecosystem.
20	Dr. Johnson's group actually came up
21	with I think some very interesting and almost
22	controversial findings last year around trying to

engage in some volunteer relationships with the FCC, and with telecom companies to really expose and understand the type of needs that they have, both from a supply and diversity side, as well as the workforce side.

They held some series of workshops 6 7 around that. A survey was actually put together, and I think what we found is we were very excited 8 9 the Commission under the chairmanship of Ajit 10 Pai, allowed us to assert I think a statement, a 11 formal statement that any monies that are taken 12 from federal, state or local entities really 13 should have implications for supplier diversity 14 or workforce development.

So it's sort of an intersection with 15 16 our own internal subgroup, but also with the work 17 of Susan and S. Jenell and Rudy Brioche on the 18 digital empowerment side. And then lastly, Dr. 19 Fallon Wilson, who is of MMTC, who's with MMTC, 20 led our tech diversity group when it came to 21 looking at the tech entrepreneurship ecosystem. 22 She coined I think for this group

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something that I actually still use today, which 1 2 is how to do we ensure that tech entrepreneurs are not subjected to the digital divide as they 3 were in the pandemic. There were just as many 4 people disconnected there as there were students 5 out of school. But also what do we need to do to 6 ensure that public policy pays attention? 7 So I'm proud to say that some of the 8 9 recommendations that they had in addition to a 10 handbook, a guidebook that came out of that -- a 11 resource guide that came out of that group on 12 some additional resources that we need to put 13 towards entrepreneurs that are of color, come 14 from tribal communities, are LGBTQ background or from the disabilities community, really who need 15 16 the funding and the support and obviously the 17 public policy recognition that there work 18 matters. 19 So some of the recommendations that 20 came out of that also available in the PowerPoint 21 of June 24th of the last meeting, were the

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convening of an inter-agency working group, as

well as some partnership with the Small Business Administration to help in the public policy efforts.

I share these points rapidly because I know we're also nearing the end of the meeting, but I share that to say to all of you who have taken on the leadership of the new subgroups, as well as all of you who are participating in this Committee, there was some unfinished business that we actually left behind.

It hink it's good that we build upon that unfinished business that came during the midst of a pandemic, but we also figure out ways that we can expand upon some of the tech learning that many of the subgroups had. It also gives you an indication that this group does entail some work.

So in addition to the workshops and the white papers and the recommendations that you heard from all three of us so far, it means that people are listening and the impact that we have are both pragmatic as well as future-proofing our

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ability to participate increasing in this
ecosystem. So Madam Chairman, I will leave the
group with that, and again direct them to the
PowerPoint, and I apologize for my having to
leave just a little bit early, but I am very
grateful for the ability to serve.

CHAIR GATE: Thank you. 7 Thank you, 8 thank you so much Nicol. So I wanted to go ahead 9 and move on to the Access to Capital Working Group before I open the floor for discussion with 10 11 the full group, and like I said earlier, I 12 encourage members of those working groups to 13 speak up and provide more context or information. 14 Unfortunately Caroline Beasley couldn't be with us because of some travel 15 16 airline changes, so she is in the air right now. 17 So she sent me her notes, so I hope I do justice 18 to her in telling you what she sent me. 19 So she said the Access to Capital

20 Working Group was, their goal was to develop 21 recommendations on how to improve access to 22 capital for minorities, and also how to operate

once you have capital and own a property, and 1 2 finally they also focused on government legislation that could improve opportunities for 3 minorities as far as in media ownership. 4 And so they divided their workstream 5 into three subgroups. The Lender Finance 6 7 Subgroup disseminated materials that they had generated from a symposium that they hosted, 8 9 outlining access, capital access. So for this working group, for this committee, they would 10 11 like this new committee, at least their 12 recommendation to the FCC was that this new 13 committee continue to engage with lawmakers to 14 help diverse broadcasters stay abreast of 15 evolving challenges around financing. 16 So and they also recommended diverse 17 ownership via an incubator program, to encourage 18 other broadcasters to do business with diverse 19 media groups. They, the last thing that the 20 subgroup recommended was that the FCC seek 21 policies and programs to encourage more lenders to loan to small and diverse broadcasters. 22

1	The second working group was the
2	Broadcast Subgroup, and they recommended that
3	should the committee be rechartered, they should
4	update the advertising best practices guide that
5	that subgroup created, and make sure that it is
6	publicly available. They said also the FCC
7	should consider ongoing dialogue with Nielsen, to
8	better understand the changing technology and
9	methodology that may hinder, help or hinder
10	minority broadcast ownership.
11	The FCC should work with Nielsen to
12	continue to update the toolkit that the working
13	group had begun. They said the FCC should
14	consider a formal study of the current state of
15	minority Broadcasters to give insight on how to
16	better address barriers to entry issues.
17	Then the last subgroup was the
18	Political Subgroup, and they recommended that
19	continued support of the Butterfield bill,
20	H.R.3957, that is currently in Congress or to
21	substitute it. They recommend amendments to
22	direct the FCC to determine a safe harbor percent

of debt equity and voting power for diverse
 control of stations, to make them eligible for
 reestablishing, the reestablished tax
 certificate.

5 Then the last recommendation from the 6 Political Subgroup was that the -- was for the 7 support of donor eligibility for tax certificate 8 for donations to a station, to a non-profit 9 training school to train members of diverse communities on broadcast ownership. 10 So I'm 11 hoping more members of that Access to Capital 12 Group can put their hands up and provide more 13 input, since we couldn't have the benefit of Caroline. 14 And now I welcome everybody to turn on 15 16 the camera and let me know by raising your hand 17 if you'd like to provide comments. I see David's.

18MEMBER HONIG: Okay, thanks. Can I19speak for just a minute?

20 CHAIR GATE: David, the floor is all
21 yours.
22 MEMBER HONIG: I wanted to especially

commend you for pointing out at the beginning of 1 2 these presentations the urgency of ensuring that when a recommendation is made and voted on and 3 one, that it doesn't just get forgotten in the 4 5 transition even just by forgetfulness, not for bad faith. Just a new commission or a new staff 6 7 comes in, and these recommendations wind up on 8 the website, nothing happens.

9 Two quick examples. Supplier diversity recommendations were made unanimously 10 11 on the 2008 diversity committee, and they're 12 still sitting there 7 dockets later, even though 13 best practices were put into a book that the 2004 14 committee got funded to publish and published it. 15 Those best practice recommendations were 16 subsequently ignored, and it's been what, you 17 know, 20-something years.

So the first thing that I think
anybody that's created, it was just new and
although it is a continuation it is new, ought to
do is be sure that someone in the Chairman's
office will look at this vast array of adopted

recommendations that are on the website under adopted recommendations, reports and resource guides from the (audio interference) of 2017.

There are over 40 that have been 4 5 ignored in this way, and just bring everyone up to speed on which ones have the potential for 6 7 fulfilling the mission of the new body and should 8 be looked at again or are ready to be voted on by 9 the Commission or ready for an MPRM or even an Otherwise, everyone who is always 10 NLI. volunteers will have volunteered in vain. 11

12 CHAIR GATE: Thank you. Thank you 13 David for those insights. Your camera was 14 frozen, so I didn't know if you were still going. But thank you for that reminder, that we do have 15 16 to look in and not miss on very good ideas and 17 insights and hard work of other committees that 18 are -- and really now is the time to bring them 19 up front and make sure that we address them when 20 we have the opportunity.

21 So I want to move on to Chris. I see 22 your hand's up.

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1	MEMBER WOOD: Thank you so much, and
2	I do agree. I'm excited to dig into this. I
3	want to ask a point of clarification based on the
4	working group definition. Bullet 3 for the
5	Diversity and Equity Committee actually talks
6	about proposing solutions and approaches of how
7	the FCC can affirmatively advance equality, civil
8	rights, racial justice and equal opportunity in
9	the telecommunications industry.
10	But in every other bullet, it talks
11	about media communications and technology sector.
12	So for a point of clarification, I just wanted to
13	make sure that we can also propose solutions and
14	approaches of how the FCC can affirmatively
15	advance equality in civil rights, you know,
16	racial justice, equality and opportunity across
17	the other points that are outlined within our
18	working group definition.
19	CHAIR GATE: I don't see any issue
20	with that. Jamila, I would defer to you on that.
21	MS. JOHNSON: No, I don't see an issue
22	with that either. I think it wasn't meant to be

exclusive in the wording, because as Chairwoman 1 2 Rosenworcel says, at every turn we're enlarging our territory. So yes, I think that's 3 4 appropriate and then as you all attempt to get 5 more granular in your working group meetings, you all can make some decisions about which direction 6 Thanks Chris. 7 you want to go in. 8 Thank you so much for MEMBER WOOD: 9 that clarification. 10 CHAIR GATE: Okay. Any more comments, 11 questions, statements of outrage? 12 MEMBER ROBERTS: Yeah. Steve Roberts, 13 how are you guys? 14 CHAIR GATE: Hi Steve. 15 Yeah, hi. MEMBER ROBERTS: I'm going 16 to try not to do a spoiler, but NABOB and BIA and a number of black broadcasters and my 17 18 information-based broadcasters are working on a 19 significant report that will discuss the 20 inequalities for particularly minority-owned 21 broadcasters in the United States. 22 And somewhere in the future, Madam

Chair, we almost need to devote a session on
 that, because no one has ever done an extensive
 report like this one.

And so the preliminary numbers that I see, because I'm a part of the team writing it, is pretty frightening, and it's something that this board needs to be aware of, because probably the majority of folks don't understand how bad it is out here for, particularly black-owned broadcasters today in 2021.

11 So as we -- as this develops, I would 12 hope Jamila that we can create an opportunity to 13 discuss this with the Committee or do a workshop 14 on it. We can go either way with it.

Absolutely, and those are 15 CHAIR GATE: 16 the type of activities that we want to be doing, 17 to make sure that we're really gathering data and 18 understanding the issues using studies that are 19 really relevant to today. And so I urge the 20 working group chairs as they develop their 21 agenda, to make sure that you are really creating 22 a platform for these conversations.

1	We also want to use the full
2	Committee's platform to bring forth speakers and
3	presenters that can really give us a picture of
4	where things are, because I think things are
5	moving so fast right now, and I don't we
6	should not we should not make assumptions and
7	we should be, we should be on top of what's
8	happening and what's being said and what's being
9	released right now.
10	So I think thank you for letting us
11	know, and because one of the biggest challenges
12	we've always had in digital equity particularly
13	sometimes is that the data and the discussions
14	that we're looking at are two years ago, and in
15	the world of technology two years is a long time.
16	The kids, connectivity for kids in January and
17	December of 2020 was completely different, and
18	it's already moved again, you know, when schools
19	opened. It's a whole different situation.
20	So one of the things that I talked
21	about with Jamila was not my preference is
22	that we don't wait till the very end to make our

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recommendations, that we target, you know, being 1 2 part of the conversation and part of the solution as things are happening right now, because 3 waiting until 2023 to drop all our 4 recommendations, we may miss a window that is 5 open right now. 6 7 So I'm very excited to meet you at the 8 working group chair so we can create frameworks, 9 and get everybody to work. And I believe, Jamila did you leave? We're all hoping that the working 10 11 groups can have at least one meeting before the 12 end of the year. 13 (Laughter.) 14 MS. JOHNSON: Yes, exactly. Absolutely. No, I was going to make that point 15 16 as we were wrapping up. But as you all probably 17 saw in the charter when we emailed it out to you, 18 Chairwoman Rosenworcel has asked this group to 19 meet at least three times a year publicly, kind 20 of in the way we're meeting right now. 21 So that means the work will go apace, 22 and so that means we probably need to have each

of the three working groups meet before the end of the year, and we will certainly turn around your balance as quickly as possible. So if we don't get them back pretty quickly, you know, Rashann is probably going to ping you and ask you for it.

So yeah, we wholly support Heather's
thinking that recommendations should be made on
an ongoing basis, and we're happy to support that
work.

11 CHAIR GATE: Okay, thank you Jamila. 12 I think one more thing that I would like to point 13 out from a procedural housekeeping perspective is 14 that I feel our first meeting in 2022 should be 15 an opportunity for the working groups to at least 16 present a framework of their workstreams and what 17 they're going to do.

So one thing that we're going to do is sort of get with the working group chairs and give them a framework to populate with ideas and things that we want to achieve.

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I think with a group like ours, we

want to be very deliberate and this is -- I'm a 1 2 project manager by trade, so I'm a task master. So just having those frameworks which are the 3 4 living, breathing documents, meaning we can 5 change them. But as long as we have them in front of us, it's going to be a guiding light for 6 7 us for the next couple of years. So I think that will be really, 8 9 really, really a great opportunity. Susan, go 10 ahead. 11 VICE CHAIR ALLEN: Yes. Time goes so 12 fast, and we have a limited number of public, of together meeting. We had talked about this a 13 14 couple of weeks ago, that perhaps we, you, Nicol and I and of course Jamila, will meet with the 15 16 working group chairs, have a small meeting and 17 figure out, find out what is in their mind and 18 their members' mind, and even if the polling 19 comes, the questionnaire comes back later. 20 But with the chairs hearing from us 21 again as to what we think is important based upon 22 our experience, so that when they meet with their

members, they have some idea of what is urgent
 for us based upon the --.

But of course there are a lot of 3 4 veteran members here who's been -- who predate 5 many of us and have the experience of getting all 6 the work done, recommendation, nothing. There's no movement, it sit on shelf like a lot of the 7 8 research papers sit on a university shelf, right? 9 If we could do that, then we can start 2022 10 really ready to run. 11 CHAIR GATE: Yes. 12 VICE CHAIR ALLEN: If we do something 13 like that. 14 CHAIR GATE: Yes, definitely. We 15 fully intend to engage with the working group 16 chairs prior to the full working group first 17 meeting. 18 VICE CHAIR ALLEN: In the meantime, 19 the working group chairs could also, to the best 20 they could as they know who their members are, 21 begin to talk to them, because this beginning 22 part will pave the foundation of our knowledge

base of who the members are, what their interests 1 2 are, what they'd like to see, and then we can also see whether they could really help us to 3 continue the work that we've done the last two 4 5 years, not just the last two, for all of these years in the past and with some good results. 6 7 CHAIR GATE: Okay. Thank you. Thank 8 you to all the members. Jamila, I'm happy to 9 move to the Public Comment section of our agenda. 10 Do we have any comments or questions? I don't 11 That's fine. MS. JOHNSON: 12 think we have any questions. 13 CHAIR GATE: Uh-huh. 14 MS. JOHNSON: Or comments. Hold on one Let me double-check my email. Thank you. 15 second. 16 CHAIR GATE: Okay. 17 (Pause.) 18 MS. JOHNSON: Okay, no. That was a 19 personal question for me. So I will answer that 20 offline. Thank you. No, we have no public comments or questions Heather. 21 22 CHAIR GATE: Okay. So before we adjourn

the meeting, any matters, any other matters we 1 2 need to address? One more time Jamila? Thank you so much, 3 MS. JOHNSON: 4 Heather. Thank you all so much. Well, I've 5 enjoyed the meeting. I really hope you all have. I've enjoyed hearing the introductions again of 6 7 people I know well and regard highly, and I've 8 certainly enjoyed getting to know those of you 9 who are new to the Council, and just truly 10 thankful that you were nominated by your organization and you all sound very, very ready 11 12 to engage in this process, so I'm excited. So I wanted to thank a number of 13 14 people because you really cannot do a meeting 15 like this without many, many hands. And so I 16 wanted to thank the FCC Media Bureau Chief, 17 Michelle Carey, wanted to thank Media Bureau 18 Deputy Chief Hillary DeNigro, Media Bureau 19 Industry and Analysis Division Chief Brenda 20 Holland. 21 The Commission meeting room team of 22 Jeff Riordan, Steve Balderson and Greg Huff,

1	thank you all so much. The FCC Office of General
2	Counsel, Sharon Kelley, Richard Williams and
3	Paula Silberthau. Office of the Managing
4	Director, Deborah Klein and Darice Gamble, who
5	you all heard from today.
6	Media Bureau staff Brenda Lewis and
7	Christina Gavin, and of course again we want to
8	thank Chairwoman Rosenworcel, Commissioner Starks
9	and Commissioner Simington for their engagement
10	with this Council. And just as a final reminder,
11	Rashann is going to send those ballots out. We
12	just ask you to make your selection as quickly as
13	your schedule will allow.
14	We're going to put the list together.
15	We're going to let you know which committee
16	you're on, we're going to let the working group
17	chair know who's on his or her committee, and
18	then we're looking again, as Heather mentioned,
19	for everyone to set a meeting date before
20	December 31st, so that we can have a conversation
21	and get started on this.
22	So again, my sincere thanks to

everyone for attending today, for listening, for sharing your remarks and to indicating for all the public to see your dedication and commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion. So thank you Heather, and thank you Nicol and thank you Susan. Heather, back to you.

7 CHAIR GATE: Thank you. Thank you 8 Jamila, and our co-DFOs. Thank you so much to 9 Esther Millisted (phonetic), to all the FCC staff that worked really hard to put this together. 10 And again, thank you to Chairwoman Rosenworcel 11 12 for bringing us together so we can continue this 13 important work, and thank you all for accepting 14 this challenge and being here. This is in 15 addition to your regular job, so that's not lost 16 on us.

And so I apologize in advance before we get you to work. So thank you again for bringing your expertise and I look forward to a good two years. May we, may we succeed in bridging the digital divide and bringing business owners opportunities, and making this world just

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a little bit better for those that have found 1 2 themselves on the tougher side of life. And on that note, I just want to make 3 4 sure my co-chair, Susan, doesn't have any closing 5 comments and we can adjourn. VICE CHAIR ALLEN: Well Heather, thank 6 you very much. Welcome to all of you, and I 7 8 can't wait to meet you all in your committee chair seats and the committee members' slots. 9 There's a lot to learn, a lot to do and a lot to 10 11 offer because the money's there. 12 We just have to follow the money and take it into our community of underserved, under-13 14 represented and build America with a future of 15 youngster who can actually make us the most, 16 again competitive economy in the world. We need 17 them. 18 CHAIR GATE: Thank you. With that, 19 I officially adjourn the first meeting of the 20 CEDC. I hope you all have a good day. 21 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter 22 went off the record at 1:42 p.m.)

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