

Disability Advisory Committee (DAC)

Meeting Minutes

June 28, 2022

Certified by DAC Co-Chair Brian Scarpelli

On June 28, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. EDT, the fourth virtual meeting of the fourth term of the DAC was opened by DAC Co-Chair Isidore Niyongabo of the National Black Deaf Advocates (NDBA).

Alejandro Roark, Chief of the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau (CGB), welcomed the members, noted that today's meeting occurs during the Helen Keller DeafBlind Awareness Week which runs from June 26 to July 2, and stated that the DAC is a prime example of the progress that can be made when a diverse group of stakeholders have a forum in which to freely exchange ideas about accessible communication issues. He then recognized DAC co-chairs Brian Scarpelli and Isidore Niyongabo and working group chair, Kyle Dixon. Diane Burstein, Deputy Bureau Chief of CGB, expressed her gratitude next.

Joshua Mendelsohn, DAC Designated Federal Officer (DFO), summarized the DAC meeting communications protocols and housekeeping rules. DAC Co-Chair Brian Scarpelli of ACT | The App Association then led a roll call of members, where the DAC members then introduced themselves and their organizational affiliations.

Lyle Ishida, Chief, Consumer Affairs and Outreach Division, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, then gave an overview of the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) and discussed how each DAC member can help increase awareness of this program.

Suzy Rosen Singleton, Chief of the Disability Rights Office (DRO), and Eliot Greenwald, DRO Deputy Chief, shared briefings from DRO and discussed topics of interest, including matters concerning new broadband programs, emergency access, telecommunication access, relay services, and video programming accessibility.

Kyle Dixon of NCTA – The Internet and Television Association, Chair of the Internet Protocol Closed Captioning Files Working Group, then gave an update on the progress being made by this working group.

After break, DAC Co-Chair Brian Scarpelli called on each member organization to provide some accessibility-related highlights for up to two minutes each. The meeting opened for public comments. Joshua Mendelsohn responded to a question about how tenants sharing one Internet service can qualify for the ACP. Joshua Mendelsohn also shared a comment from an individual representing an organization on the NER metrics to measure caption quality and which wishes to engage with FCC on this topic.

Closing remarks were made by DAC Co-Chairs Isidore Niyongabo and Brian Scarpelli.

The meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Disability Advisory Committee Members in Attendance

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Organization	Representative
ACT – the App Association	Brian Scarpelli
American Council of the Blind	Clark Rachfal
Apple, Inc.	James Craig
The Arc	Katy Schmid
AT&T	Linda Vandeloop
Bridge Multimedia Corporation	Matthew Kaplowitz
City of Boston	Carl Richardson
ClearCaptions	Michael Strecker
Comcast Corporation and NBCUniversal Media, LLC	Thomas Wlodkowski
Communications Service for the Deaf, Inc	Juli Robinson
Consumer Technology Association	Rachel Nemeth
Convo Communications, LLC	Amanda Montgomery
CTIA - the Wireless Association	Sarah Leggin
DeafBlind Citizens in Action	Divya Goel
Dicapta	Maria Victoria Diaz
Hamilton Relay, Inc.	Beth Slough
Hearing Loss Association of America	Lise Hamlin
IBM	Mary Jo Mueller
Mezmo Corporation dba InnoCaption	Cristina O. Duarte
National Association for State Relay Administration	Travis Dougherty
National Association of Broadcasters	Joshua N. Pila
National Association of the Deaf	Zainab Alkebsi
National Black Deaf Advocates	Isidore Niyongabo
National Emergency Number Association	Richard Ray
National Federation of the Blind	Everette Bacon
NCTA - The Internet & Television Association	Kyle Dixon
Perkins School for the Blind	Kristyn Leigh
Sorenson Communications, LLC	Michael D. Maddix
Telecommunications for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Inc.	Blake Reid
T-Mobile US, Inc.	Shellie Blakeney
Trace Research and Development Center	Gregg Vanderheiden
ZP Better Together, LLC	Mark Stern
U.S. Access Board	Bruce Bailey
U.S. Department of Education	Brianne Burger
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Community Living	Lisa Bothwell
U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency	Aaron Kubey

CGB Staff Speakers

Alejandro Roark

Diane Burstein

Suzy Rosen Singleton

Lyle Ishida

Eliot Greenwald

Josh Mendelsohn