

Disability Advisory Committee (DAC)
Meeting Minutes
February 26, 2019

Certified by Co-Chair Brian Scarpelli – March 24, 2020

On February 26, 2020, the third meeting of the third term of the DAC was opened by DAC Co-Chair Isidore Niyongabo of National Black Deaf Advocates. Welcoming remarks were given by Patrick Webre, Chief of the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau (CGB). Mr. Webre recognized the hard work performed by the two working groups of the DAC. Diane Burstein, Deputy Bureau Chief of CGB also provided welcoming remarks and acknowledged the efforts of the DAC members, including the working group chairs and the co-chairs of the DAC. Next, Will Schell, DAC Designated Federal Officer (DFO), followed up with welcoming remarks of his own. Mr. Schell also thanked ACT | The App Association for its sponsorship of refreshments and lunch.

Roll call was taken and followed by updates from Suzy Rosen Singleton, Chief of the Disability Rights Office (DRO) and Eliot Greenwald, Deputy Chief of DRO, on DRO's recent activities. Some of the DRO updates discussed included proposed rulemakings for a new technical standard for determining whether a wireless handset is hearing aid-compatible and for the establishment of a new 3-digit dialing code for a national suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline, the issuance of a limited waiver of the Commission's audio description rules for USA Network, a report to Congress on audio description, an order to make permanent the video relay service (VRS) at-home call handling pilot program, an order modifying the cost recovery rules for IP CTS, among other announcements.

Next, the DAC heard from Lise Hamlin of Hearing Loss Association of America and Mike Strecker of ClearCaptions, Co-Chairs of one of the two the working groups, on a report and recommendation regarding best practices for the IP CTS user registration database, the recommendation was voted upon and passed as amended.

Next, the DAC heard from Heather York of VITAC, a Co-Chair of the other working group, on a report on best practices for access to live programming in smaller markets.

Next, Paul Schroeder of Aira presented and lead a discussion on artificial intelligence and the impact for people with disabilities.

The meeting was opened for public comment, and one person commented about difficulties using TTYS in prisons.

Closing remarks were made by the Co-Chairs, Mr. Niyongabo and Mr. Scarpelli, and Mr. Schell, DFO.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:00 PM.

Disability Advisory Committee Members in Attendance
September 24, 2019

Last Name	First Name	Organization Represented
Alkebsi	Zainab	National Association of the Deaf
Bacon	Everette	National Federation of the Blind
Burger	Brianne	U.S. Department of Education
Creagan	Tim	U.S. Access Board
Davis	Townsend	ABC, Inc./The Walt Disney Company
Diaz	Maria	Dicapta
Dillner	Ian	Verizon Communications, Inc.
Garrow	Rochelle	National Association for State Relay Administration
Hamlin	Lise	Hearing Loss Association of America
Hlibok	Gregory	CSDVRS, LLC
Joehl	Samuel	Level Access
Jones	Gay	U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Kirby	Maria	Apple, Inc.
Kozma-Spytek	Linda	Gallaudet Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center
Leggin	Sarah	CTIA - the Wireless Association
Maddix	Michael	Sorenson Communications, LLC
Malaier	Sarah	American Foundation for the Blind
Nemeth	Rachel	CTA
Niyongabo	Isidore	National Black Deaf Advocates
Parker	Darlene	National Captioning Institute, Inc.
Pila	Josh	National Association of Broadcasters
Richardson	Carl	City of Boston
Rosen	Jeff	Convo Communications, LLC
Scarpelli	Brian	ACT - the App Association
Schroeder	Paul	Aira Tech Corporation
Selznick	Dennis	Sprint Corporation
Slough	Beth	Hamilton Relay, Inc.
Snyder	Joel	Audio Description Associates, LLC
Stephens	Anthony	American Council of the Blind
Stout	Claude	Telecommunications for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Inc.
Strecker	Michael	ClearCaptions
Trager	Brian	Rochester Institute of Technology, NTID Center on Access Technology
Vandeloop	Linda	AT&T Services, Inc.
York	Heather	VITAC

CGB Staff
Patrick Webre
Diane Burstein

Suzy Rosen Singleton
Eliot Greenwald
Debra Patkin
Will Schell