**Disability Advisory Committee (DAC)**

**Meeting Minutes**

**November 1, 2022**

*Certified by DAC Co-Chair Brian Scarpelli – November 8, 2022*

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

Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel welcomed the members, reviewed FCC’s recent achievements, and congratulated the DAC on its accomplishments over the past two years. She also shared that we are in the process of renewing the DAC for a fifth term. Commissioner Nathan Simington discussed how it is our duty to ensure functional equivalence in communications for individuals with disabilities. Commissioner Starks (via video) discussed the upcoming working group report and recommendation on the seamless transition of captioning files for online video programming.

Alejandro Roark, Chief of the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau (CGB), welcomed the members, provided a brief summary of the DAC working group providing a recommendation today, and then shared gratitude to 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.

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 introduced the working group’s report and recommendation. The recommendation was voted upon and passed.

Will Schell, DRO Deputy Chief, and Darryl Cooper, DRO Attorney Advisor, led a facilitated conversation on Requests for Dispute Assistance (RDAs). The meeting opened for public comments. Joshua Mendelsohn responded to a question about whether FCC jurisdiction has been extended beyond tv programming as it pertains to closed captioning for online digital streaming platforms such as Google's YouTube.

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

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Disability Advisory Committee Members in Attendance

November 1, 2022

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| **Organization** | **Representative** |
| ACT – the App Association | Brian Scarpelli |
| American Foundation for the Blind | Sarah Malaier |
| Apple, Inc. | James Craig |
| The Arc | Katy Schmid |
| AT&T | Linda Vandeloop |
| Bridge Multimedia Corporation | Matthew Kaplowitz |
| Cerebral Palsy and Deaf Organization | Mark Hill |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| Verizon Communications, Inc. | Zachary Bastian |
| ZP Better Together, LLC | Gregory Hlibok |
| U.S. Access Board | Timothy P. Creagan |
| U.S. Department of Education | Brianne Burger |
| U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Community Living | Lisa Bothwell |

CGB Staff Speakers

Alejandro Roark

Diane Burstein

Suzy Rosen Singleton

Eliot Greenwald

Will Schell  
Darryl Cooper

Josh Mendelsohn