

2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: Disability Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency

Federal Communications
Commission

2. Fiscal Year

2024

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Disability Advisory Committee

3b. GSA Committee

No.

2518

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

5. Current Charter

6. Expected Renewal Date

7. Expected Term Date

No 12/14/2022 12/14/2024

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

8b. Specific Termination Authority

No

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority

Agency Authority

12. Specific Establishment Authority

13. Effective Date

14. Committee Type

14c. Presidential?

Request from Consumer &

Governmental Affairs Bureau 09/02/2014 Continuing No
to the Managing Director

15. Description of Committee

National Policy Issue Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for
this Fiscal Year

17a. Open

0

17b. Closed

0

17c. Partially Closed

0

Other Activities

0

17d. Total

0

Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

Issues or questions to be considered by the DAC may include, but are not limited to, the following: • Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS) (Section 225 of the Communications Act of 1934 (Communications Act)); • Telecommunications Services and Equipment (Section 255 of the Communications Act); • Advanced Communications Services and Equipment (Sections 716 and 718 of the Communications Act); • Hearing Aid Compatibility (Section 710 of the Communications Act); • Access to Telephone Emergency Services (9-1-1) (Section 106 of the

Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act); • National Deaf-Blind Equipment Distribution Program (Section 719 of the Communications Act); • Video Description (Sections 303(u), (z), and 713 of the Communications Act); • Closed Captioning (Sections 303(u), (z), and 713 of the Communications Act); • Access to Televised Emergency Information (Sections 303(u), (z), and 713 of the Communications Act); • Accessible User Interfaces on Video Programming Apparatus/Access to Program Guides and Menus Provided by Navigation Devices (Sections 303(aa) and (bb) of the Communications Act); • The Impact of Internet Protocol and Other Network Transitions on People with Disabilities.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

Members will represent a wide variety of entities with interests in disability access, including TRS, closed captioning, video description, access to emergency information, accessible user interfaces on video programming apparatus, access to program guides and menus provided by navigation devices, communications access, hearing aid compatibility, access to emergency services, the National Deaf-Blind Equipment Distribution Program, and IP and other network transitions as they impact individuals with disabilities. Members will include representatives of organizations and entities representing people with disabilities, as well as representatives of state or local governments and industry, and, if serving as Special Government Employees, individuals with significant expertise in the issues to be addressed by the DAC. Together, these members will be selected to represent a balance of viewpoints that are necessary to address

effectively the issues to be considered by the DAC.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

Estimated Number of Meetings per Year - 3. The DAC has a two-year term, with approximately 3 meetings each year for an estimated total of 6 meetings for the entire term.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The mission of the DAC is to make recommendations to the Commission on its full range of disability access issues and to suggest ways to facilitate the participation of consumers with disabilities in proceedings before the Commission. This Committee is intended to provide an effective means for stakeholders with interests in this area to exchange ideas and develop recommendations for accessibility solutions, which will in turn enhance the Commission's policy making on disability access issues.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

Not Applicable

21. Remarks

Not Applicable

Designated Federal Officer

Joshua Mendelsohn DFO

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Abou-Zahra, Shadi	12/14/2022	12/13/2024	Principal Accessibility Standards and Policy Manager	Representative Member
Alkebsi, Zainab	12/21/2020	12/13/2024	Policy Counsel	Representative Member

Bacon, Everett	12/21/2020	12/13/2024	President of the National Federation of the Blind of Utah Manager, Public Policy and Strategic Alliances	Representative Member
Bastian, Zack	12/21/2020	12/13/2024	Director, Federal Regulatory Affairs Department	Representative Member
Blakeney, Shellie	12/21/2020	12/13/2024	Program Analyst, Office of Policy Analysis and Development	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Bothwell, Lisa	12/21/2020	12/13/2024	Director and Liaison to the Special Institutions, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Burger, Brianne	12/21/2020	12/13/2024	Executive Director, Perkins Library	Representative Member
Charlson, Kim	12/14/2022	12/14/2024	Accessibility Standards Manager	Representative Member
Craig, James	12/21/2020	12/13/2024	Senior Accessibility Specialist, U.S. Access Board	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Creagan, Timothy	12/21/2020	12/13/2024	Coordinator of Technology, Research and Innovation Center	Representative Member
Davert, Scott	12/14/2022	12/14/2024	President	Representative Member
Diaz, Maria	12/21/2020	12/13/2024	Director	Representative Member
Ding, Dan	12/14/2022	12/14/2024	Vice President of Program Network Policy, and Deputy General Counsel	Representative Member
Dixon, Kyle	12/21/2020	12/13/2024	Director of Public Engagement	Representative Member
Dorsette, Theodore	12/14/2022	12/14/2024		

Duarte, Christina	12/21/2020	12/13/2024	Director of Regulatory Affairs	Representative Member
Hamlin, Lise	12/21/2020	12/13/2024	Director of Public Policy	Representative Member
Hill, Mark	12/21/2020	12/13/2024	President	Representative Member
Hlibok, Gregory	12/21/2020	12/13/2024	Chief Legal Officer	Representative Member
Killian, AnnMarie	08/04/2023	12/14/2024	CEO	Representative Member
Kubey, Aaron	12/21/2020	12/13/2024	Communication Access Specialist, External Affairs	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Leggin, Sarah	12/14/2022	12/14/2024	Director, Regulatory Affairs	Representative Member
Leigh, Kristyn	12/21/2020	12/13/2024	Manager, MA and RI, National Deaf-Blind Equipment Distribution Program	Representative Member
Maddix, Michael	12/21/2020	12/13/2024	Director of Government and Regulatory Affairs, Sorenson Communications, LLC	Representative Member
Malaier, Sarah	12/21/2020	12/13/2024	Public Policy and Research Advisor	Representative Member
Montgomery, Amanda	12/21/2020	12/13/2024	Chief Legal Officer	Representative Member
Nemeth, Rachel	12/21/2020	12/13/2024	Director, Regulatory Affairs	Representative Member
Parker, Darlene	12/14/2022	12/14/2024	Director of Partnership Development	Representative Member
Pellerin, Rene	12/14/2022	12/14/2024	Member	Representative Member
Pila, Joshua	12/21/2020	12/13/2024	General Counsel, Local Media Group, Meredith Corporation	Representative Member
Rachfal, Clark	12/21/2020	12/13/2024	Director of Advocacy & Governmental Affairs	Representative Member
Ray, Richard	12/21/2020	12/13/2024	Accessibility Committee Member	Representative Member

Richardson, Carl	12/21/2020	12/13/2024	Member of Boston Disability Commission Advisory Board	Representative Member
Robinson, Juli	12/21/2020	12/13/2024	Vice President, CSD Contact Centers	Representative Member
Schmid, Katy	12/21/2020	12/13/2024	Director, Education and Technology	Representative Member
Slough, Beth	12/21/2020	12/13/2024	Director, Account Management and Compliance	Representative Member
Strecker, Michael	12/21/2020	12/13/2024	Vice President of Regulatory and Strategic Policy	Representative Member
Stull, Megan	12/14/2022	12/14/2024	Senior Manager, Regulatory Policy and Government Affairs	Representative Member
Tegtmeyer, Brian	12/14/2022	12/14/2023	Coordinator	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Urasky, Annie	12/14/2022	12/14/2024	Secretary	Representative Member
Vandeloop, Linda	12/21/2020	12/13/2024	Assistant Vice President External Affairs and Regulatory	Representative Member
Wlodkowski, Tom	12/21/2020	12/13/2024	Vice President, Accessibility and Multicultural Technology and Products	Representative Member
York, Heather	12/14/2022	12/14/2024	Vice President	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 43

Narrative Description

The Disability Advisory Committee supports the FCC's strategic goals of 100% broadband and promoting diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility (DEIA). The pandemic shined a light on the digital divide which especially impacts people with disabilities. In addition, the FCC is doing a deep dive into how the FCC's rules, policies, and programs may promote or inhibit advances in the DEIA space. The DAC serves in an advisory capacity to the FCC to enable the FCC to meet these strategic goals.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if
Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

Not Applicable

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cost Savings Comments

Not Applicable

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

40

Number of Recommendations Comments

The DAC has had five two-year terms and has been in operation for nine years. A total of 40 recommendations were made across all 9 years (five terms). Breaking down these recommendations by each term: 20 recommendations were made during the DAC's first two-year term (2014-2015). 8 recommendations were made during the second term (2016-2017). 6 recommendations were made during the third term (2018-2019). 5 recommendations were made during the fourth term (2020-2022), with the fifth recommendation made during FY23. 1 recommendation was made during the fifth term (2023-2024).

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

35%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

14 recommendations have been fully implemented.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

28%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

11 additional recommendations have been partially implemented.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

The agency provides feedback through the Designated Federal Officer, via the web, or through correspondence between the Commission and the DAC. The public can find feedback on DAC's website (fcc.gov/dac), by examining DAC's public filings (www.fcc.gov/ecfs), or by emailing the DFO at DAC@fcc.gov.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities ☐

Reallocated resources ☐

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|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Issued new regulation | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proposed legislation | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Approved grants or other payments | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Action Comments

Not Applicable

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

Not Applicable

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

- | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Contact DFO | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Online Agency Web Site | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Online Committee Web Site | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Online GSA FACA Web Site | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Publications | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Access Comments

Not Applicable