



# PUBLIC NOTICE

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## FCC ANNOUNCES WORKING GROUP MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNICATIONS EQUITY AND DIVERSITY COUNCIL

Consistent with the Federal Advisory Committee Act,<sup>1</sup> Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel has appointed the individuals listed in the Appendix to this Public Notice to serve as members of the three working groups of the Communications Equity and Diversity Council (CEDC or Council) that were previously announced by the Commission: Innovation and Access, Digital Empowerment and Inclusion, and Diversity and Equity. The working groups include members of the CEDC, additional working group members, and independent subject matter experts. The working groups will assist the CEDC in carrying out its mission.

The CEDC's mission is to focus on diversity and equity across the tech sector. The Council will provide the Commission with recommendations on advancing equity in the provision of and access to digital communication services and products for all people of the United States. The Innovation and Access Working Group will recommend solutions to reduce entry barriers and encourage ownership and management of media, digital, communications services and next-generation technology properties and start-ups to encourage viewpoint diversity by a broad range of voices. The Digital Empowerment and Inclusion Working Group will make recommendations for addressing digital redlining and other barriers that impact equitable access to emerging technology in under-served and under-connected communities. The Diversity and Equity Working Group will propose solutions and approaches on how the FCC can affirmatively advance equity, civil rights, racial justice, and equal opportunity in the telecommunications industry to address inequalities in workplace employment policies and programs.

Members of the public may submit written comments to the CEDC using the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System, ECFS, at [www.fcc.gov/ecfs](http://www.fcc.gov/ecfs). Any comments should be filed in GN Docket No. 17-208.

More information about the CEDC is available at <https://www.fcc.gov/communications-equity-and-diversity-council>. You may also contact Jamila Bess Johnson, the Designated Federal Officer for the Communications Equity and Diversity Council, at (202) 418-2608, or [Jamila-Bess.Johnson@fcc.gov](mailto:Jamila-Bess.Johnson@fcc.gov); or Rashann Duvall, Co-Deputy Designated Federal Officer, at (202) 418-1438, or [Rashann.Duvall@fcc.gov](mailto:Rashann.Duvall@fcc.gov); or Keyla Hernandez-Ulloa, Co-Deputy Designated Federal Officer, at (202) 418-0965 or [Keyla.Hernandez-Ulloa@fcc.gov](mailto:Keyla.Hernandez-Ulloa@fcc.gov).

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<sup>1</sup> 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

## APPENDIX

## COMMUNICATIONS EQUITY AND DIVERSITY COUNCIL

## WORKING GROUPS

Jamila Bess Johnson, Designated Federal Officer  
Rashann Duvall, Co-Deputy Designated Federal Officer  
Keyla Hernandez-Ulloa, Co-Deputy Designated Federal Officer

**Chair:**

Heather Gate, Vice President of Digital Inclusion  
*Connected Nation*

**Vice Chairs:**

Nicol Turner Lee, Ph.D., Director – Center for Technology Innovation, Senior Fellow – Governance Studies Program  
*Brookings Institution*

Susan Au Allen, Chairman, National President and CEO  
*US Pan Asian American Chamber of Commerce Education Foundation*

**Innovation and Access Working Group****Chair:**

Robert Brooks, Digital Solutions Specialist  
*WHUR-FM, Howard University*

**Members of the CEDC Appointed to the Innovation and Access Working Group:**

Matthew Bauer, Vice President and Executive Director of Connected Communities  
*Wireless Research Center*

Caroline Beasley, CEO  
*Beasley Media Group, LLC*

Milton Clipper, Founder  
*Clipper and Company*  
*Representing America's Public Television Stations*

Anna Gomez, Partner, Wiley Rein LLP, ACDDE Chair *Emeritus*  
*Representing Hispanic National Bar Association*

Cecelia Gordon, Vice President, Distribution  
*Starz*

David Honig, President and CEO  
*JulGlo Productions, LLC*

Sherman Kizart, Managing Director and Founder  
*Kizart Media Partners*

Henry Rivera, Partner, Wiley Rein, LLP  
*Representing Emma Bowen Foundation*

Steven Roberts, President and Principal  
*The Roberts Companies*

Joycelyn Tate, Senior Policy Advisor  
*Black Women's Roundtable, National Coalition on Black Civic Participation*

**Additional Individuals Appointed Members of the CEDC Innovation and Access Working Group**

Barbara Ciara, Managing Editor  
*WTKR-TV, Norfolk, VA*  
*Representing the National Association of Black Journalists*

Susan Corbett, Founder  
*National Digital Equity Center*

Tripp Crouse, News Director  
*KNBA, Anchorage, Alaska*  
*Representing the Native American Journalists Association*

Monica Desai, Global Head, Connectivity and Access Policy  
*Facebook*  
*Representing INCOMPAS*

Jorge Figueredo, Executive Director  
*Edu-Futuro*

Charles Harrell, II, President and CEO  
*The IT Architect Corporation*

C. Howie Hodges, II, Co-founder and Sr. Vice President of Government and External Affairs  
*Centri Tech*

Jennifer J. Jackson, Executive Vice President  
*Stellar TV and Central City Productions*

Leticia Latino-Van Spluteren, CEO  
*Neptuno USA*

Eve Lewis, Assistant City Attorney  
*City of Coconut Creek, Florida*

**Independent Subject Matter Experts Appointed to the CEDC Innovation and Access Working Group:**

Dr. Jon Gant, Dean  
School of Library and Information Sciences  
*North Carolina Central University*

Dr. Diane Lynch, President  
*Stephens College*

**Digital Empowerment and Inclusion Working Group**

**Chair:**

Dominique Harrison, Ph.D., Director, Technology and Racial Equity  
*Citi Ventures Studio*  
*Representing the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies*

**Members of the CEDC Appointed to the Digital Empowerment and Inclusion Working Group:**

Clayton Banks, CEO  
*Silicon Harlem*

Robert Branson, President and CEO  
*Multicultural Media Telecom and Internet Council*

Joi Chaney, Executive Director of the National Urban League Washington Bureau and Senior Vice President for Policy & Advocacy  
*National Urban League*

Michele Cober, Director of External Affairs & Strategic Alliances in Public Policy Group  
*Verizon*

Sarah Kate Ellis, President and CEO  
*GLAAD*

Chris James, President and CEO  
*National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development*

Broderick Johnson, Executive Vice President for Public Policy and Executive Vice President for Digital Equity  
*Comcast Corporation*

Nicole Lazarre, Vice President of Policy and External Affairs  
*Charter Communications*

Louis Peraertz, Vice President of Policy  
*Wireless Internet Service Providers Association*

Vickie Robinson, General Manager – Airband Initiative  
*Microsoft*

Felicia West, Policy Advisor  
*DC Public Service Commission*

**Additional Individuals Appointed Members of the CEDC Digital Empowerment and Inclusion Working Group:**

Bridgette Daniel Corbin, CEO  
*Wilco Electronics Systems, Inc.*

Leo Fitzpatrick, Policy Counsel  
*Free Press*

Anisa Green, Director  
Federal Regulatory  
*AT&T*

Jenifer Nelson, Senior Manager  
Corporate Communications and Community Engagement  
*CGI*

Brian Thorn, Senior Researcher  
*Communications Workers of America*

Angela Siefer, Founder and Executive Director  
*National Digital Inclusion Alliance*

John C. Yang, President and Executive Director  
*Asian Americans Advancing Justice*

**Independent Subject Matter Experts Appointed to the CEDC Digital Empowerment and Inclusion Working Group:**

Dr. Christopher Ali, Associate Professor  
Department of Media Studies  
*University of Virginia*

Dr. Rockell Brown Burton, Dean  
School of Communications and Associate Professor  
*Texas Southern University*

Dr. Jon Gant, Dean  
School of Library and Information Sciences  
*North Carolina Central University*

Dr. Gooyang Kim, Assistant Professor of Communications Arts  
*Cheney University of Pennsylvania*

**Diversity and Equity Working Group**

**Chair:**

Christopher Wood, Executive Director  
*LGBT Technology Partnership & Institute*

**Members of the CEDC Appointed to the Diversity and Equity Working Group:**

Melody Spann Cooper, Chair and CEO  
*Midway Broadcasting Corporation*

Graham “Skip” Dillard, Brand Manager  
*Audacy New York 94.7 WXBX-FM*

Jill Houghton, President and CEO  
*Disability:IN*

Ronald Johnson, Ph.D., Senior Advisor and Chief Strategist for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion  
*Wireless Infrastructure Association*

Rosa Mendoza, Founder, President & CEO  
*ALLvanza*

Aama Nahuja, Legal Counsel  
*A Wonder Media Company, LLC*

Brian Scarpelli, Senior Policy Counsel  
*ACT/The App Association*

Charlyn Stanberry, Vice President, Government Relations  
*National Association of Broadcasters*

Antonio Tijerino, President and CEO  
*Hispanic Heritage Foundation*

James Winston, President  
*National Association of Black Owned Broadcasters*

**Additional Individuals Appointed Members of the CEDC Diversity and Equity Working Group:**

Jenny Alsayegh, Senior Director of Strategic Initiatives & Partnerships  
*US Telecom*

Joon Bang, CEO  
*Iona Senior Services*

Faith Bautista, CEO  
*National Diversity Coalition*

Kelley Dunne, Board of Directors and Co-Chair Membership Committee  
*Rural Wireless Association*

Lili Gangas, Chief  
Technology Community Officer  
*Kapor Center*

Virginia Harris, Immediate Past National President  
*National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc.*

Otto Padron, President and CEO  
*Meruelo Media*

Catherine Nicolaou, External Affairs and Marketing Manager  
*Sacred Wind Communications*  
*Representing NTCA-The Rural Broadband Association*

Randi Parker, Senior Director of Partnership Engagement  
*Creating IT Futures*

Phyllis Peters, Senior Director for Communications  
*Mediacom*

Ellen Schned, CEO  
*Strong Women Alliance*

Dr. Cathy Schubert, Fellow  
*American Geriatric Society*

Dr. Fallon Wilson, Co-Founder  
*Nashville Digital Inclusion and Access Taskforce*