



Please Note: Since a quorum was not achieved, this is an unofficial record of proceedings.

DHHCAN Meeting

March 4, 2020

Gallaudet University Peikoff Alumni House Conference Room

(Thanks to Alumni Relations/GUAA for allowing DHHCAN to use the Conference Room)

ROLL CALL

Voting Members	Organizational Partners	Others
Eric Kaika, TDI	Eileen McCartin, NVRC	Ron Sutcliffe, CSD
Mark Hill, CPADO	Michelle Morris , CSD	
Art Roehrig, AADB	Eric Raff, NASADHH	
Lise Hamlin, HLAA		

Meeting called to order: 12:29p.

Quorum: Not met

Chair's Report

Zainab is absent due to her sick daughter so Eric K is chair. He has no report.

Secretary's Report

Marcia is absent and due to lack of quorum minutes can't be approved. Mark H. identified 2 mistakes, will be shared at the next meeting when voted to approve those minutes.

Eric R. is volunteering to be Secretary for today.

Treasurer's Report

Al S, Treasurer, is testifying in Maryland so he is absent.

Policy Reports

CIVIL RIGHTS PROTECTION AND ENFORCEMENT

Absent, no report

EDUCATION

Absent, no report

Eileen – talked about Virginia legislative bill, aka LEAD-K, died in appropriation committee

EMPLOYMENT

Michelle Morris of CSD, has no report. Was curious if others have news.

HEALTH CARE

No report

HOUSING

Absent, no report

TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INFORMATION SERVICES, AND VIDEO PROGRAMMING

Consumer Groups had 4 filings since January 2020:

1. 3/6/2020 - reply comments to Pluto. Pluto identified three of their platforms, in which it was not economically feasible to comply with IP captioning requirements. Consumer Groups continue to oppose Pluto's request and suggest Pluto suspend service on non-compliant platforms until it can fully comply with captioning requirements.
2. 2/21/2020 - opposition for waiver by Pluto. Pluto re requested a waiver for closed captioning of their internet based programming. Consumer Groups opposed their waiver on grounds that it is neither economically burdensome nor good cause. Their requests failed to demonstrate those two issues, thus we encourage the FCC to reject their request.
3. 1/17/2020 - ex parte: TDI, NAD, TAP & HLAA met with FCC to discuss Declaratory Rulemaking on Live Closed Captioning Quality Metrics and use of ASR in Closed Captioning.
 - a. continued a request for short term guidance on how ASR can work with FCC's existing quality standards and best practices
 - b. continued a request for long term guidance on how to improve caption quality by replacing best practices with objective, technology- and methodology- neutral quality metrics.
4. 1/17/2020 - ex parte: TDI, NAD, TAP & HLAA met with the FCC to share our concerns about pending applications for potential IP-CTS providers that will solely be using ASR

in their relay environment. Consumer Groups expressed belief that ASR will play a critical role in IP-Relay the future, but this time we are concerned regarding:

- a. adherence to quality, privacy, and 911 connectivity for all IP CTS providers
- b. ASR's quality, privacy and 911 connectivity are not addressed in FCC's existing minimum standards
- c. encourage FCC to require pending ASR applicants to provide evidence supporting their commitment and practice to quality, privacy, and 911 connectivity
- d. consumers may be harmed if information is not made available to the public regarding ASR-only providers in IP-CTS marketplace

Eileen asked where to find filings (FCC website: <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs>) . She also asked what *Ex Parte* meant which was explained that anytime FCC has a meeting with stakeholders, must publicly acknowledge the meeting.

Transportation

Absent, no report

New Business

Due to lack of quorum, cannot vote on motions but can discuss.

Art – HR224 National Deaf History Month -- explained that trying to preserve 3/13-4/15 dates but Kat Brockway opposed that timeframe. She wants it to be the full month of April. Kat is claiming that Virginia had the first school for the deaf but Art countered that it only lasted a few years whereas American School for the Deaf (ASD) lasted many years. Art explained that the Deaf President Now (DPN) opened many doors for the deaf. Mark of CPADO agreed with Art. Joyce Beatty is the Congresswoman involved.

Close new business

Announcements

Mark H with CPADO - March is now Cerebral Palsy (CP) month. Brought sample visor from Oregon. There will be an Access Board meeting on 3/10. There is a NPRM about visual information at train stations. Can send comments until May deadline

Eileen with NVRC – Lunch and Learn at NVRC on 3/14. EEOC will be presenting and it will be webcast. Celebrate Communication event on April 25 at Springfield mall.

Michelle with CSD – CSD has a 'SignVote' initiative and they are looking for political vlogs to tag

Eric K. with TDI – TDI Training Institute event is on April 7th, very likely to be cancelled, will send formal notice this week. Art inquired when TDI will announce a new CEO. Should be very soon.

Meeting adjourned at 1:28 pm