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## **Acting Chairman Copps Announces Membership and Initial Meeting of Federal Advisory Committee on Diversity for Communications in the Digital Age**

Washington D.C. – Michael J. Copps, Acting Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission announced the full membership of the Commission’s Advisory Committee on Diversity for Communications in the Digital Age. The members are:

Henry Rivera, Emma Bowen Foundation for Minority Interests in Media (Chairperson)  
Raúl Alarcón, Jr., Spanish Broadcasting System  
Jenny Alonzo, Mio.TV  
James M. Assey, Jr., National Cable and Telecommunications Association  
Geoffrey C. Blackwell, Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc.  
Matthew Blank, Showtime Networks  
Maria E. Brennan, American Women in Radio and Television  
Kathy Brown, Verizon  
Toni Cook Bush, Virgin Mobile  
Alan B. Davidson, Google, Inc.  
Ralph de la Vega, AT&T Mobility and Consumer Markets  
Steve Hillard, Council Tree Communications  
David Honig, Minority Media and Telecommunications Council  
Rodney Hood, National Credit Union Administration  
Ronald Johnson, Ronson Network Services  
Debra Lee, BET Holdings, Inc.  
Jane Mago, National Association of Broadcasters  
Robert Mendez, ABC Television Network  
Marc H. Morial, National Urban League  
Karen K. Narasaki, Asian American Justice Center  
Melissa Newman, Qwest  
Jake Oliver, Afro-American Newspapers  
Susan K. Patrick, Patrick Communications  
Lisa Pickrum, The RLJ Companies  
Rey Ramsey, One Economy Corporation  
Michael V. Roberts, Roberts Broadcasting Companies LLC  
Andrew Schwartzman, Media Access Project  
Anita Stephens Graham, Opportunity Capital Partners  
Diane Sutter, Shooting Star Broadcasting  
Charles Warfield, Inner City Broadcasting  
James Winston, National Association of Black Owned Broadcasters

The Diversity Committee's mission is to make recommendations to the FCC regarding policies and practices that will further enhance the ability of minorities and women to participate in telecommunications and related industries. Issues to be considered by the Committee will include, but are not limited to, financial issues such as access to capital, transactional transparency, career advancement, and the impact of new and emerging technologies on diversity issues. The Diversity Committee is organized under, and will operate in accordance with, the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App 2 (1988). The committee is re-chartered through December 16, 2010.

"I am extremely pleased to announce the membership of this vital Advisory Committee," Acting Chairman Copps stated, "which will provide an important and independent voice for strengthening our commitment to diversity. The sad truth is that the diversity of this great nation is not reflected in the ownership of its media and telecommunications facilities. The time has come to chart a new course, to roll up our sleeves and get to work to craft sustainable solutions. I would like the Committee to convene as quickly as possible and, along with whatever priorities it has, to take up two issues that I believe warrant immediate attention: (1) recommendations regarding the state of past Commission *Adarand* studies and the nature, scope and methodology of any additional studies or updates that are necessary; and (2) recommendations on a "full file review" process that the FCC can implement on an interim basis and that builds on the work done by the prior Diversity Committee."

The Diversity Committee is scheduled to hold a meeting on May 7, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., Eastern Standard Time, in the Commission Meeting Room at the headquarters of the Federal Communications Commission, TW-C305, 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20554. The meeting is open to the general public. Real Audio access to the meeting will be available at [www.fcc.gov/](http://www.fcc.gov/).

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