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Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (IGA)

Mission:

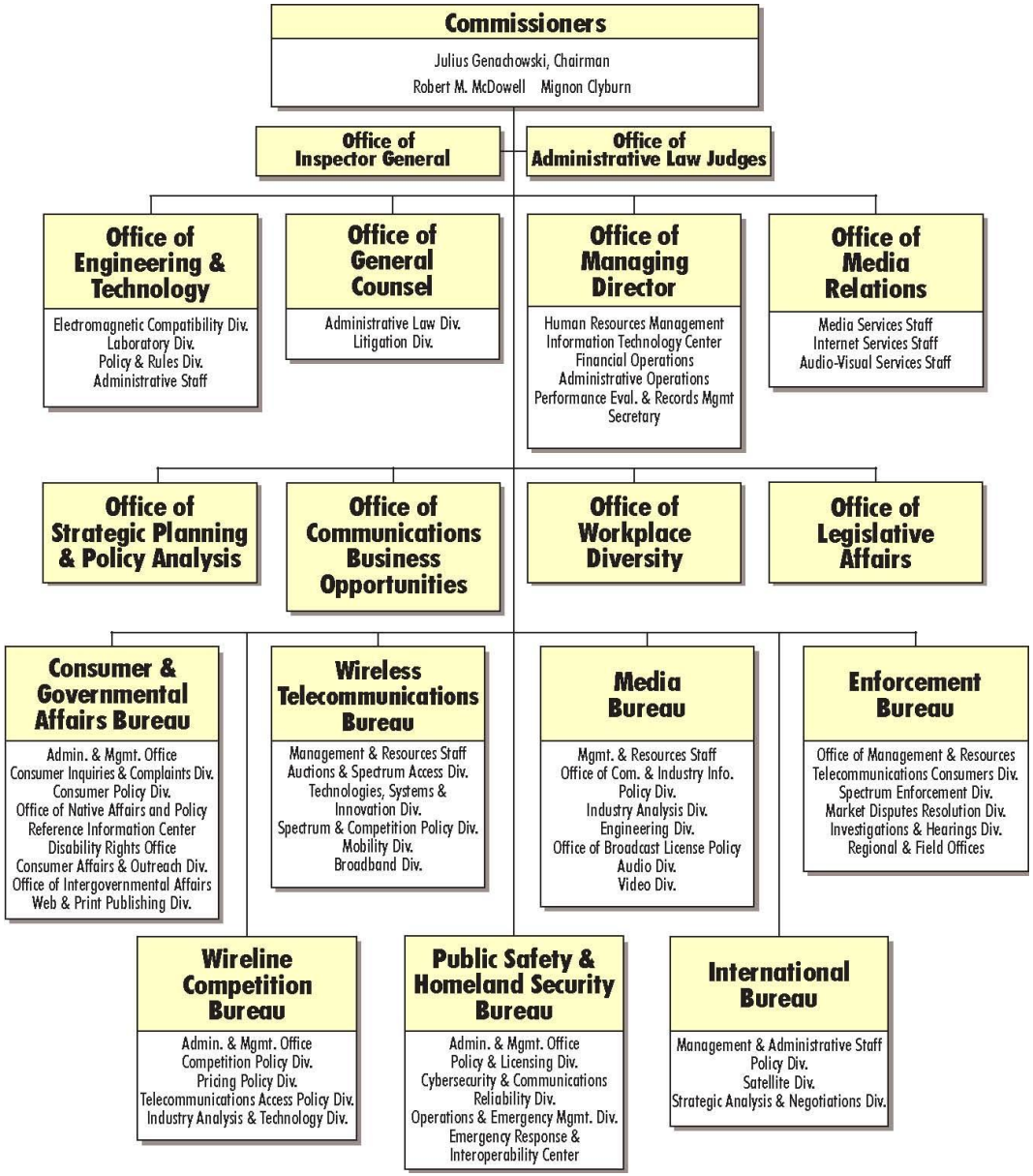
- **Conduct outreach to state and local governments and other federal agencies**
- **Foster better understanding of FCC programs, policies and rules**
- **Facilitate two-way communication, cooperation and coordination on telecommunications issues of mutual interest**

History:

- **Created in April 2004 as part of the then new Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau (CGB) (see next two slides: organizational charts of FCC and CGB)**
- **Established to serve as chief liaison between the FCC and state, local and tribal governments and their organizations as well as other federal agencies**
- **Reorganized in 2010 to focus on liaison to just state and local governments and organizations with the creation of the FCC Office of Native Affairs and Policy also in CGB**

Overview:

- **Conducts direct stakeholder outreach, e.g. coordinates and staffs quarterly meetings of the Intergovernmental Advisory Committee; holds Webinars for stakeholders; responds on a daily basis to various inquiries from states and municipalities, as well as informs stakeholders of Commission actions**
- **Supports Consumer Policy Division of CGB in consumer rulemakings by assuring the inclusion of state and local government data and perspectives into the deliberative process, e.g., the anti-cramming rulemaking proceeding**
- **Works on various state and local government telecommunications issues with other FCC Bureaus and Offices as well as outside staffs of state attorney general offices and state public service or utilities commissions.**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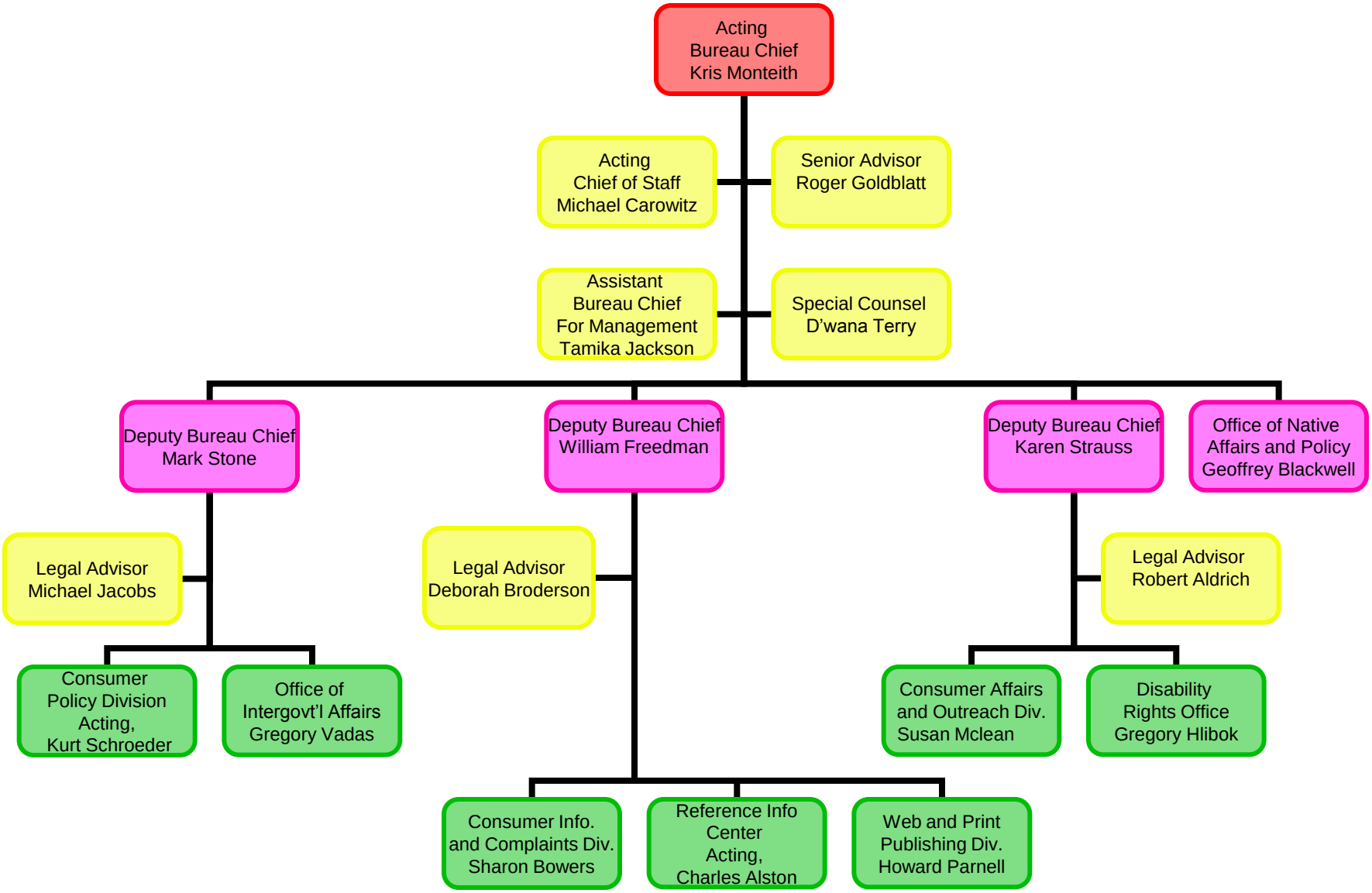
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IGA Stakeholders

- Council of State Governments (CSG)
- National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG)
- National Association of Counties (NACo)
- National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC)
- National Association of State Chief Information Officers (NASCIO)
- National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates (NASUCA)
- National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors (NATOA)
- National Black Caucus of State Legislatures (NBCSL)
- National Conference of Black Mayors (NCBM)
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- National League of Cities (NLC)
- United States Conference of Mayors (USCM)

and **International Municipal Lawyers Association**

IGA Outreach Examples

- Conducts Webinars and Briefings for State and Local Government Staff and Organizations
- Responds to Daily Inquiries from State and Local Governments
- Distributes to State and Local Government Organizations FCC Decisions and Action Items

IGA Assures State and Local Government Input into CGB Rulemaking Process

- Anti-Cramming Proceeding
- Consumer Disclosure NOI

Monthly State AG and PUC Calls

- National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG) Calls

- State National Action Plan (SNAP) Calls

Intergovernmental Advisory Committee Mission and History

- The mission of the IAC is to make recommendations to the Commission on the many communications issues affecting local, state and Tribal governments that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission.

- These issues range from major Commission policy priorities such as implementation of the National Broadband Plan, specifically expanded broadband adoption and deployment, especially in unserved and underserved rural and urban areas and Tribal lands.

- Issues also include improved public safety communications, facilities siting, universal service reform, and public rights-of-way.

- The IAC and its predecessor, the LSGAC, have a nearly 15 year history of policy recommendations to the FCC.

IAC Leadership

- Committee Chair - Joyce M. Dickerson, Commissioner, Richland County Council, South Carolina

- Committee Vice Chair - Marlin Blizinsky, Government Relations Officer, King County Department of Information Technology, Seattle, Washington

IAC Membership

- 47 CFR 0.701(b) Membership. Composed of 15 government officials (or their designated employees):
  - 4 elected municipal officials (city mayors and city council members)
  - 2 elected county officials (county commissioners or council members)
  - 1 elected or appointed local government attorney
  - 1 elected state executive (governor or lieutenant governor)
  - 3 elected state legislators
  - 1 elected or appointed public utilities or public service commissioner
  - 3 elected or appointed Native American Tribal representatives.

Current IAC Members

- State Executive (1)
  - Patrick Joseph Quinn, Governor, State of Illinois represented by Designee: Ryan Croke, Deputy Chief of Staff, Governor's Office, State of Illinois

- Municipality Representatives (4)
  - Michael R. Bloomberg, Mayor, New York, New York represented by Designees: Bruce Regal, Attorney, New York City Law Department; and Radhika Karmarkar, Attorney, New York City Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications
  - Andy Huckaba, City Councilman, Lenexa, Kansas
  - Gary I. Resnick, Mayor, City of Wilton Manors, Florida
  - Arlanda Williams, Councilwoman, Terrebone Parish, Houma, Louisiana

- County Representatives (2)
  - Dow Constantine, County Executive, King County, Washington represented by Designee: Marlin Blizinsky, Government Relations Officer, King County Department of Information Technology
  - Joyce M. Dickerson, Commissioner, Richland County Council, South Carolina

Current IAC Members (continued)

- City Attorney Representative (1)
  - Kenneth S. Fellman, City Attorney, Cherry Hills Village, Colorado

- State Legislative Representative (3)
  - Chris Perone, State Representative – District 137 Connecticut
  - Thomas J. Sloan, House of Representatives – District 45 Kansas
  - Michael L. Vaughn, House of Delegates – District 24 Maryland

- State Public Utility Commission Representative (1)
  - Ronald Brisé, Chairman, Florida Public Service Commission

- Tribal Representative (3)
  - Cherie Moomaw, Colville Business Council Member, Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, Washington
  - Thomas Brandon Stephens, Deputy Housing Officer, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, North Carolina
  - Brian Tagaban, Executive Director, Navajo Nation Telecommunications Regulatory Commission, Arizona

Current IAC Policy Agenda

- Expand broadband adoption and deployment
- Expand digital literacy
- Compile best practices for delivery of e-government and other broadband services
- Develop non-regulatory approaches to improve state, local, tribal and federal government Rights-of-Way (ROW) policies and procedures
- Improve telecommunications services on Tribal lands
- Strengthen protections for consumers of telecommunications services
- Continue monitoring and provide input on updated public safety services such as Next Generation 911 and implementation of the new auctions authority to create expanded spectrum for mobile broadband services.

Committee Meetings

- Chartered for 2 years – 47 CFR 0.701(a) states the IAC is authorized to undertake its mission for a period of two years.
- Location and frequency of meetings – 47 CFR 0.701(c) states the IAC will meet in Washington, DC four times a year.
- First meeting December 2, 2011
- Second meeting March 8 and 9, 2012
- Next Meeting Spring/Summer 2012
- Current IAC authorization expires in December 2013

IAC Meeting Process and the Intergovernmental Communications Exemption from FACA

- Pursuant to Section 204(b) of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995, 2 U.S.C. 1534(b), the IAC is not subject to, and is not required to follow, the procedures set forth in the Federal Advisory Committee Act. 5 U.S.C., App. 2 (1988).

- This FACA exemption is designed to foster informal and frank "intergovernmental communication" between the FCC and representatives of state and local governments.

- 47 CFR 0.701(d) states that participation in IAC meetings will be limited to IAC members or employees designated by IAC members to act on their behalf. With the exception of Commission staff and individuals or groups having business before the IAC, no other persons may attend or participate in an IAC meeting.

IMLA Input into the IGA and IAC

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