National Artificial Intelligence Advisory Committee Briefing Minutes June 20, 2023

The National Artificial Intelligence Advisory Committee (NAIAC) held a virtual public briefing on Tuesday, June 20, 2023. The briefing was recorded and is <u>available online</u>.

NAIAC Committee Members:

- Miriam Vogel, Chair
- Amanda Ballantyne
- David Danks
- Susan Gonzales
- Paula Goldman

- Janet Haven
- Ramayya Krishnan
- Ashley Llorens
- Haniyeh Mahmoudian
- Liz O'Sullivan

NIST Staff Members Present

- Kathy Pham, NIST
- Melissa Taylor, NIST
- Rachel Trello, (acting) Designated Federal Officer (DFO), NIST

Invited Briefers

- Maria Town, President and CEO, American Association for People with Disabilities
- Emily Chi, Senior Director of Telecommunications, Technology, and Media, Asian Americans Advancing Justice
- JudeAnne Heath, National Programs Director, Hispanic Technology and Telecommunications Partnership
- Patrice Willoughby, Vice President, Policy and Legislative Affairs, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
- Lisa Rice, President and CEO, National Fair Housing Alliance
- Frank Torres, Civil Rights Technology Fellow, Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights

Meeting Minutes

Opening Remarks

- The Designated Federal Officer called the meeting to order at 2:05 PM eastern time and confirmed the committee is operating under the Federal Advisory Committee Act and accessible to the public via livestream.
- NAIAC Executive Director, Kathy Pham, welcomed the session participants and explained the goal of NAIAC: to provide advice to the President of the United States and the National Artificial Intelligence Initiative Office on matters related to the National Artificial Intelligence Initiative. Pham added that biographical information of members of the newly-formed Law Enforcement Subcommittee can be found at www.ai.gov/naiac

- Miriam Vogel (Chair) thanked the panel of invited speakers for sharing their expertise and insights and informed viewers that the NAIAC Year 1 Report is available at the NAIAC website: www.ai.gov/naiac.
- Vogel introduced the Year 2 NAIAC working groups:
 - Engagement, Education and Inclusion (led by Reggie Townsend and Susan Gonzales);
 - AI Futures: Sustaining Innovation in NextGen AI (led by Ramayya Krishnan and Haniyeh Mahmoudian);
 - AI in Work and the Workforce (led by Trooper Sanders);
 - AI Regulation and Executive Action (led by Daniel Ho and Victoria Espinel);
 - Generative and NextGen AI: Safety and Assurance (led by Paula Goldman and David Danks);
 - Rights-Respecting AI (led by Janet Haven and Liz O'Sullivan);
 - International Arena: Collaboration on AI Policy and AI-Enabled Solutions (led by Victoria Espinel);
 - and the Law Enforcement Subcommittee (led by Jane Bambauer).

Presenter Remarks

- Presenters were invited to give three minutes of prepared remarks to the Committee. Each of the presenter's remarks may be viewed in full in the accompanying recording of the briefing. (Watch Remarks)
 - Maria Town, President and CEO, American Association for People with Disabilities discussed the potential of AI technology to help people with disabilities but warned of its potentially negative externalities such perpetuating bias and ableism. Town provided examples of how AI can help and harm disabled communities.
 - **Emily Chi**, Senior Director of Telecommunications, Technology, and Media, Asian Americans Advancing Justice discussed the impact of how data is collected, processed, and used impacts the Asian American community.
 - JudeAnne Heath, National Programs Director, Hispanic Technology and Telecommunications Partnership noted that U.S. Latinos are online and participate in the digital economy at a rate that outpaces other groups. Heath added that the community impact of AI, and generative AI, should be assessed for both ensuring that the technology does not exacerbate existing inequalities and ensuring that the community can partake in and enjoy AI's future.

Patrice Willoughby, Vice President, Policy and Legislative Affairs, National
Association for the Advancement of Colored People raised concerns with AI technology
being used to disenfranchise voters. Willoughby went on to provide reaction to the
NAIAC's year one report and urged the NAIAC to reinforce its year-two plans with
significant civic engagement, through third parties that are skilled at reaching members of
their communities.

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- Lisa Rice, President and CEO, National Fair Housing Alliance noted that technology is an emerging area in the civil rights space. Rice discussed the National Fair Housing Alliance's previous success using enforcement actions to eliminate algorithmic bias from the housing and financial services space, but emphasized the unique challenges of mitigating harms from bias in algorithmic systems.
- **Frank Torres**, Civil Rights Technology Fellow, Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights suggested several recommendations for the Committee to consider in order to ensure AI technologies are centered on equity and civil rights.

Question and Answer Session

- The NAIAC Executive Director thanked the presenters for their insights and invited Members to ask follow up questions from each presenter.
 - Members invited presenters to discuss feedback they have received from their membership or affiliates on their concerns related to AI.
 - Members asked presenters to share their experiences with biased algorithms and to expand on comments made during the presentation.

Closing Comments

- The NAIAC Chair thanked everyone for their work, insights, and participation. She invited the speakers to continue the conversation after the session and emphasized NAIAC's commitment to amplifying the presenters' voices and thoughts.
- The Designated Federal Officer adjourned the meeting at 3:00 pm Eastern Time.