

IEEE 802
Local and Metropolitan Area Network Standards Committee

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TO: Jean-Philippe Faure, 2017 SASB Chairman **CC:** 2017 SASB Members, Dave Ringle IEEE Staff

SUBJECT: November 2016 IEEE 802 Executive Committee 802.11ax remedial action – response to the 01 February 2017 follow up request by SASB

DATE: 17 March 2017

Dear SASB Chairman and SASB Members,

In response to your 01 February 2017 follow up requestⁱ, the following observations have been made since the IEEE 802 Executive Committee 802.11ax remedial action:

- a) All the companies affiliated with the DensiFi Special Interest Group (SIG) ceased participating in the SIG and have declared so to the WG (see <https://mentor.ieee.org/802.11/dcn/16/11-16-1575-07-0000-entire-submissions-related-to-tgax-special-measures.doc>)
- b) IEEE 802 Working Groups held Sessions in January 2017 and March 2017
- c) The 802.11 Working Group letter ballot 225 on P802.11ax D1.0 failed (145 yes, 106 no, 25 abstain) and received approximately 7000 comments.
- d) The approved remedy took effect after the November 2016 Session. Individuals affiliated with the SIG regained 802.11 voting rights as soon as their affiliated company withdrew from the SIG. All were eligible to vote as individuals on the 802.11ax letter ballot and from the January 2017 802.11 Session onwards. Because of the timely response to the remedy the individuals were able to participate, without interruption, in the 802.11ax activities.
- e) 802.11ax task group operations are more open and there has been a positive impact (WG chair observation of operation of the task group)
- f) Participants are keenly aware of the need to avoid creating potential dominance situations (WG chair hallway conversations with participants)
- g) Participants are encouraged not to leave complaints to the last moment so that aberrant behavior can be nipped in the bud (WG chair commentary to WG participants during WG plenary session)
- h) A slide describing the requirements on individual participation is presented at all IEEE 802 meetings. It was presented at the January and March Sessions (<https://mentor.ieee.org/802.11/dcn/16/11-16-1579-00-0000-2nd-vice-chair-report-january-2017.pptx> slide 8, <https://mentor.ieee.org/802.11/dcn/16/11-16-1562-01-0000-january-2017-802-11-supplementary-material.ppt> slides 5 and 9).
- i) One participant commented that the need for IEEE to highlight the requirements for participating as an individual was long overdue.
- j) The SASB action supporting the 802 EC action was appealed.
- k) The appeal was rejected by SASB appeal officers with the observation that the SASB is open to requests for further corrective action.
- l) IEEE 802 Executive Committee straw poll "Were the actions taken by the IEEE 802 Executive Committee regarding the finding of dominance in IEEE 802.11ax effective and sufficient?"
 17 March 2017 802 LMSC Closing Executive Committee Result: ___ YES, ___ NO, ___ ABSTAIN

Regards,

/s/ Paul Nikolich

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 Chairman, IEEE 802 LAN/MAN Standards Committee

¹ Dear Paul, Chairman, IEEE 802 LAN/MAN Standards Committee Sponsor,
At the SASB March meeting I would like to follow up on the Dec. SASB ratification of the actions taken by the IEEE 802 LMSC Sponsor in connection with the 802 TGax complaint and check if actions were effective and sufficient. Can you please prepare inputs for the SASB discussion? Best regards, Jean-Philippe Faure, 2017 SASB Chair

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