DBE and SBE Subcommittee

2026 APTA TRANSform & EXPO

Sunday, Oct. 4, 2026, 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. CDT

Location: Salon A3 (Lower Level), Hilton Chicago

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Committee Officers:
Chair: Carl Kirkland, Jr., Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority
Vice Chair: Meshelle Howard, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA)
Staff Advisor: DeeNaye Williams, (dwilliams@apta.com)

MEETING AGENDA

1. **Welcome and Call to Order** – Carl Kirkland, Chair

2. **Introduction of Leadership –** Carl Kirkland

3. **APTA Update** – DeeNaye Williams, Staff Advisor

4. **Featured Panel –** Meshelle Howard

   DBE Program Status and Update
   - **Legal Landscape** - Subash Iyer, Partner, Kaplan Kirsch, LLP
   - **Strategic Initiatives for Transit Agencies and DBEs/SBEs -** Vince Malone, Chief of Staff and Administration, WeGo Public Transit
   - **Coordination among Public Agencies and State DOTs -** Michael Bryant, Director, Civil Rights Division, Texas DOT

5. **Roundtable Discussions - ALL**

6. **Adjournment**